



ICHNEUMONID WASPS WORKSHOP

Oslo, June 7–8, 2012



A workshop on identification of Ichneumonid wasps will be held at the Natural History Museum, University of Oslo, Norway, on June 7–8, 2012.

The workshop is intended for insect systematists, ecologists, conservation biologists, insect identifiers, museum curators, naturalists, students and amateurs interested in a better understanding of Ichneumonid wasp biodiversity.

For less advanced entomologists the workshop will emphasize subfamily-level classification. For more experienced, the focus will be on tribe and genus level identification. The workshop will be based on the Northern European fauna. Lectures will cover phylogeny of Ichneumonid wasps, their diagnostic characters, classification, and host-parasite interactions. Planned activities include a field trip in the Oslo area to practice techniques for sampling parasitic wasps. Laboratory work will provide instruction on specimen sorting, preparation, identification and curation.

The workshop will be run by two experts in systematics of the family Ichneumonidae, Andrey Humala and Alexey Reshchikov. To apply, please email Vladimir Gusarov <vladimir.gusarov@nhm.uio.no>. Any questions about the workshop and accommodation transportation in Oslo should be addressed to Dr Gusarov. There is no registration deadline, but late applications may be rejected if all the available spaces are taken.

The workshop is open to all individuals interested in parasitic wasps. The instructors will select participants based on the application materials, which should include the name, address, email, institutional affiliation, and a paragraph explaining why the applicant wishes to participate. Priority will be given to applicants whose research, teaching or job-related duties will benefit from the workshop. An entomological background is not required. The workshop will be given in English.

There is no workshop fee, but participants cover their own travel expenses and accommodation in Oslo.