

First Circular



You are cordially invited to participate in the

1st International Cameraria Symposium

Cameraria ohridella and other invasive leaf-miners in Europe

which will be held in **Prague**, Czech Republic
from **24 to 26 March 2004**

The symposium is organized within the framework of the EU project **CONTROCAM**, a multidisciplinary research project aimed at the control of the horse chestnut leaf miner, *Cameraria ohridella*, a moth of unknown origin which has spread recently over vast areas of Europe, causing severe damage to horse chestnut trees, *Aesculus hippocastanum*, both in urban areas and in natural stands (see <http://www.uochb.cas.cz/~natur/cameraria> and www.cameraria.de for more details).

In recent years, many independent groups initiated research programmes on various aspects of the biology, ecology, impact and control of the horse chestnut leaf miner in Europe. The objective of this symposium is to evaluate the current state of the art of research on *Cameraria ohridella*, to estimate the needs for future research and to build up new collaborations.

Beside *Cameraria ohridella*, other exotic leaf miners recently invaded Europe and became pests of trees, shrubs and orchards, e.g. *Phyllonorycter platani* on *Platanus*, *Phyllonorycter robiniella* and *Parectopa robiniella* on *Robinia*, *Argyresthia thuiella* on *Thuja* and *Chamaecyparis*, and the citrus leaf miner, *Phyllocnistis citrella*. All these invasive species share similar characteristics. Therefore, presentations on these leaf miners are strongly encouraged.

The symposium will cover all possible topics related to *Cameraria ohridella* and other exotic leaf miners in Europe, such as:

- Biology and ecology
- Impact on host trees, and on urban and natural ecosystems
- Natural enemies and other mortality factors
- Biological, mechanical and chemical control
- Monitoring
- Spread

Organization and sponsoring

The symposium will be organized by:

- the **Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry** (IOCB), Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (ASCR)
- **member teams** of the project **CONTROCAM**.

It will be sponsored by Klinge Pharma.

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Language

The official language of the symposium will be English.



Location

The symposium will take place in the lecture hall of the IOCB.



Registration

People who intend to participate should send, before **October 31, 2003** an e-mail/letter/fax to Dr. Blanka Kalinová (address above), with their name, institution, preference for presentation (oral/poster), and a tentative title. Those who have pre-registered will receive a second circular in **November**, with additional details on abstract submission, accommodation, travel arrangements, etc. The deadline for registration for an oral presentation is **December 31, 2003**. Your registration will be considered only when the money is paid.



Registration fee

The registration fee is: **EUR 50**

The fee will cover organization expenses, coffee breaks and the abstract book. Accommodation, meal, social and cultural programme will be charged separately.

Payments: bank transfer to the Česká národní banka, CZ-11503 Praha 1, Na Příkopě 28, account No. 11338-031/0710, vs 7001/8, swift: CNBACZPP



Accommodation and travel arrangements

Accommodation and travel service will be provided in cooperation with the travel agency **Golem Tour** (<http://www.golemtour.cz>). More details will be provided in the second circular.



Letter of invitation

On request, the secretariat of the symposium will send you a personal invitation to participate. This invitation is meant only to help participants to raise travel funds or to obtain a visa. It is not a commitment on the part of the organizers to provide any financial support.



Conference www page

You will find all needful information about the Cameraria Conference on the following web address: <http://www.uochb.cas.cz/~natur/camer2004/>.