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June 24-28, 2019, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Dear Colleagues,

[Please circulate this <u>announcement</u> to interested members and groups within your institute.]

The organizing committee of the **The International Conference on Halophilic Microorganisms - Halophiles 2019** is happy to announce that the next halophile meeting will be held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania during **June 24-28, 2019**.

The aim of Halophiles 2019 meeting is to gather scientists around the world to share their enthusiasm and catalyze new lines of research in ecology, physiology, biodiversity, genetics, biochemistry, biophysics, biotechnology, and evolutionary biology of salt-loving organisms or 'halophiles'.

During **The 12th International Conference on Halophilic Microorganisms -Halophiles 2019** (Cluj-Napoca, Romania, June 24 - 28, 2019, <u>http://www.halophiles.eu</u>), the oral and poster sessions will traverse Taxonomy, Biodiversity, Biophysics, Ecology, Physiology, Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Genetics, Genomics, Biotechnology, and other fields. There will also be a joint meeting of the ICSP Subcommittees on 'Taxonomy of *Halobacteria*' and 'Taxonomy of *Halomonadaceae*'.

For more information about this event, access the official website of the conference: <u>www.halophiles.eu</u>.

Good to know:

• Abstract Submission:

For registration and abstract submissions deadline is **April 1st, 2019**. Abstracts will be evaluated and registrants will be notified of acceptance of abstracts <u>no</u> **later than April 15th, 2019**.

Abstracts will be published only for registered participants <u>who have</u> <u>paid the registration fee</u>.

Accepted abstracts will be published in *Studia UBB Biologia* (Volume 64, Issue 1, June, 2019), a journal which is indexed in Web of Science and other journal-indexing data bases (<u>http://studia.ubbcluj.ro/serii/biologia/index_en.html</u>).

• Payment:

For **accepted abstracts**, payment deadlines will be: EARLY payment by **May 1st, 2019**: <u>500 Euro</u> (Regular), <u>250 Euro</u> (Students). LATE payment by **June 1st, 2019**: <u>650 Euro</u> (Regular), <u>350 Euro</u> (Students).



The conference fees will include:

Conference materials (abstract book, printed program, badge, personalized gift); Meals and social events between June 24 and June 27, 2019: welcome dinner, coffee/tea breaks, 3 lunches, city tour, closing ceremony and farewell dinner.

- This meeting is selected by the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS) to offer grants for congress participation for Early Career Researchers. A number of ten FEMS Early Career Scientist Meeting grants will be provided following acceptance of abstract and registration. The conditions for applying to these grants are posted on conference website (<u>http://www.halophiles.eu/fems-sponsoredmeeting/</u>)
- The International Society for Salt Lake Research (www.isslr.org) has allocated the sum of US \$ 2000 to the organizers of Halophiles 2019, as follows:
 - Two travel grants of \$ 500 each.
 - $_{\odot}$ Two awards of \$ 500 each, one for the best oral presentation and one for the best poster.

All these are for students and early career scientists, up to the age of 35. When accepting the awards, the awardees will become members of the ISSLR.

- The proceedings of Halophiles 2019 will be published in special issues of 'Environmental Microbiology', 'Environmental Microbiology Reports', and of 'FEMS Microbiology Letters'. Presenters of oral presentations and posters are invited to submit manuscripts, prepared in the correct formats based in the instructions for authors for those journals, no later than September 1st, 2019. Papers will be reviewed following the normal procedures, and the editors of the journals, assisted by a team of guest editors for the special issues, will decide which papers can be accepted for publication.
- **Invitation letter**: If you need an invitation letter in order to obtain a visa please contact us.

<u>*only accepted participants who have paid the registration fee can send a request</u> for visa invitation letter.

• Conference venue: Grand Hotel Napoca (<u>http://hotelnapoca.ro/</u>)



• **Travel and accommodation**: Cluj-Napoca is 2nd largest city in Romania. It is well connected by motorways and airways with important European cities.

For travelling by air, we recommend either direct flights to Cluj-Napoca (*Avram lancu* International Airport, <u>http://airportcluj.ro/</u>), or by flight connections through Bucharest (city capital of Romania) or by major European airports (Frankfurt, London, Madrid, Milan, Munich, Paris, etc.).

There are many hotels and hostels throughout the city that may be found and booked online. However, we are trying to get the best accommodation deals for participants and suggest them on our website (Accommodation section).

We will be not responsible for any inconvenience during the travel or housing; the participants should check the recommendations (online reviews or other sources of information) prior to their booking.

• **Health insurance**: We do not provide health and life insurance. Each participant Needs to make their own health insurance.





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Looking forward to seeing you in June 2019!