

# **31th International meeting on Systematics and Biology of Staphylinidae: general info and program**

## **1 General info**

### **1.1 Contact**

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**Collections Royal Museum for Central Africa (Tervuren):** Eliane De Coninck: [eliane.de.coninck@africamuseum.be](mailto:eliane.de.coninck@africamuseum.be). Note that this museum is not open during the meeting. People who want to visit this huge collection of mainly central African material need to contact this institute and make an appointment before or after the meeting.

### **1.2 How to get in Brussels**

#### **By plain**

Main airport is Zaventem (Brussels). Under the airport there is a train station with direct line to Brussels centre. For long distances you could also fly on Paris or Amsterdam and take the high speed train to Brussels (KLM and Air France can offer this combination in one ticket). Some low costs airlines claim to fly to “Brussels” but they send you actually to Charleroi, which is some distance.

#### **By car**

The museum has no parking for public! Traffic around and in Brussels is often problematic. Try to avoid it.

#### **By train**

Brussels has several high speed trains arriving at “Brussels South” coming from the Netherlands, France and Germany. The institute has another station (Brussels Luxembourg) nearby.

#### **Other information**

Brussels has two official languages: Dutch and French, most of the younger people speak English.

## 1.3 How to get in the institute

### Adress

Main place of the event is the “Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS)”, better known with local people as “the museum with the dinosaurs”. Adress: Vautierstraat 29, 1000 Brussels. Website: <https://www.naturalsciences.be/en>.

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### By train

It is near the train station “Brussel Luxemburg - Bruxelles Luxembourg” (Dutch and French spelling). When you ask for a train ticket, ask for “zone Brussels”. The name of the station is terrible chosen, because there is often confusion with “from Brussel to the city Luxembourg”: 300 km away. Watch out!

It is 5 minutes walking from the station. Starting in the train station there are signs directing to the museum with the following text:



Website: <http://www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx>.

### By metro

Line 1 or 5, metro station 'Maalbeek' or line 2 or 6, metro station 'Troon'. After this a 10 minutes walk. Website: <https://www.infotec.be/>.

## 1.4 Hotels

Please book your visit early. The weekend of 5-8 may is in Belgium holiday, so the hotels will be faster full.

### Hotel

There are more than 500 hotels in Brussels. Following larger hotels are near the institute:

Radisson Blu EU Hotel  
Rue d'Idalie 35, 1050 Brussels  
<http://www.radissonblu.com/euhotel-brussels>

Renaissance Brussels Hotel  
Rue Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/brubr-renaissance-brussels-hotel/>

An overview of other hotels you can find here: <http://www.booking.com/city/be/brussels.en-gb.html?sid=434b2dc99b81330d815b2b72a42539cc;dcid=1>

### Youth hostel:

There are several Youth hostels in Brussels. We recommend the following in the living centre of Brussels. This one also has single or double rooms. Visit to the institute can be done by train (station Brussels central) or on foot (2,3 km).

Jeugdherberg "Bruegel"  
H. Geeststraat 2 - 1000 Brussels  
<http://www.jeugdherbergen.be/nl/jeugdherbergen/in-de-stad/brussel-bruegel>

### Extreme low-budgetters

Contact the organization (Tim Struyve) to hear what's possible.

## 2 Program

### 2.1 Thursday 5 may: collection day

At the institute (RBINS) from 9.30 to 16.00 h.

Important notes!

- The collection itself is normally not open for visit. During this event there will be an exception. Tables and binoculars are limited. For a good organization we ask to make your request until 31 April at the organization (Tim Struyve) or directly at the institute (Wouter Dekoninck). This way we can prepare ourselves and put the requested material ready. It will be possible to request material at the moment itself but we want to keep this minimal.
- Loans are possible. It won't be possible to do the paperwork the last 5 minutes before closing, so it is recommended to make your requests before 31 April if possible. It will be possible to request loans at the moment itself but we want to keep this minimal.
- The beetle collection is divided over several places. Only the part with Staphylinidae will be open. Requests of other families are to be made before 31 April. It won't be possible to request non-Staphylinidae material at the moment itself.

At the evening you can find us at the bar "the First" Place Jourdan 40, 1040 Etterbeek (Brussels) (real Belgian fries and beers are available, also several other restaurants nearby). No reservation necessary.

### Friday 6 may: presentation day

At the institute (RBINS) from 10.00 to 16.30 h.

If you want to give a presentation please mail me the following information: name(s), title and planned duration (depending on total number of lectures you'll get more or less time).

At the evening there is a beer degustation and dinner at "Beer mania": 174-176 Chaussée de Wavre 1050 Ixelles. Reservation necessary: contact the organization (Tim Struyve).

### Saturday 7 may: excursion day

At the institute (RBINS) from 9.45 to 17.00 h.

We go by bus to salt marches near the coast: "Land van Saeftinghe". Please book your seat on the bus at the organization (Tim Struyve)! If you go by car: Scheldeweg at 4587 Kloosterzande, Netherlands: 51,363°N - 4,086°E (start excursion) or Havenstraat 50 at 4569 Graauw, Netherlands: 51,354°N - 4,109°E (end excursion).

Low tide near 11h. With normal shoes you can enter the border from the dike. If you want to enter deep: bring your boots, this place can be very muddy! There is a permission to collect Staphylinidae on this place.

## **Sunday 8 may: visit to the historical centre of Brussels**

**Guided tour trough Brussels 10-12 h, followed by a restaurant visit and after-talk.**

Please let inform the organization (Tim Struyve) if you want to attend so we have enough guides!