



Dear colleagues.

We would like to inform you of the second announcement and invite all of you to attend the **"11th International Conference on Toxic Cyanobacteria"** (ICTC 11), which will be held in Kraków, Poland, from 5 to 10 May 2019. All those interested in ICTC 11 will find detailed information about the conference at <u>http://www.ictc11.org</u>.

The theme of ICTC 11 is "Learning from the past to predict the future" which will include the recent and most important findings from the different topics (occurrence, ecology, physiology and molecular biology of toxic cyanobacteria; significance and biotechnological application of secondary cyanometabolites; toxicity and harmful effects; risk identification and water management). ICTC 11 will promote new tools, methods, most original findings and hypotheses as well as original ideas presented by a new generation of scientists. The schedule of all the sessions and other related events will be available in January 2019. The Local Organizing Committee has set the fees and deadlines as well as provided information about sightseeing and accommodation in selected hotels of various standard. Below you can find some important information. Please visit our website for the details.

Fees and Deadlines:

Registration and payment are already open. The deadline for early-bird registration with reduced fee is 14th December 2018. A regular registration fee is available until 15th February 2019. You are encouraged to register soon as late registration does not guarantee that your abstract will be accepted as an oral presentation. The Abstracts for consideration as Oral Presentations and Poster Presentations submitted before the deadline (15th January 2019) will be assessed by the members of the Scientific Committee on the basis of scientific merit and novelty as well as practical application.

Invited speakers:

The Local Organizing Committee has selected some invited speakers and asked them to give plenary lectures. We have tried to find a balance between recognized scientists and new faces and we believe that our choice is an additional strength of the event. Information about the invited speakers is available at the ICTC website.

Special issues:

Together with three well-known journals (Toxins, Limnologica and PSEP) we have prepared proposals for special issues and we encourage ICTC11 participants to submit papers related to your oral or poster presentation. For detailed information about these issues please go to: http://ictc11.org/special-issues/.

Sightseeing and cultural program:

All the participants may attend 3 events:

1) guided tour of the historic centre of Krakow and the former Jewish quarter of Kazimierz (Tuesday afternoon)

2) guided tour outside the city (Thursday, about 6 h); one of the three available options:

- Wieliczka salt mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

- Ojców National Park

- a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Benedictine Abbey in Tyniec and the unique town of Lanckorona

3) cultural event and party with a folk show and traditional food and drinks (Thursday evening)

In only six months' time we will meet in the former capital of Poland, the historical and cultural heart of our country. We believe that all of you that will decide to visit Kraków in May 2019 will enjoy their stay and benefit from participation in this unique event.

We look forward to welcoming you at ICTC 11, Kraków, Poland!

Local Organizing Committee