



FIRST CIRCULAR

9TH EUROPEAN PHYCOLOGICAL CONGRESS (EPC9)

Kraków, Poland | 30 August – 3 September 2027

DEAR COLLEAGUES

It is our great pleasure to announce the **9th European Phycological Congress (EPC9)**, which will be held in the historic city of **Kraków, Poland**, from **30 August to 3 September 2027**.

The European Phycological Congress series, established in 1996, brings together researchers from across the world to discuss the latest advances in **phycology**, including the biology, ecology, evolution, and applications of algae and cyanobacteria, all kinds of ecosystems: marine, freshwater and terrestrial.

SCOPE OF THE CONGRESS

EPC9 will provide an interdisciplinary platform for scientists working on all aspects of phycology, including but not limited to:

- Biodiversity and biogeography of algae and cyanobacteria
 - Harmful Algae and Cyanobacteria
 - Ecology
 - Climate change, anthropogenic effect and mitigation
 - Evolution
 - Genes and genomes
 - Algal Biotechnology and Sustainable Innovation
 - Physiology and Metabolism
 - Algae and Society, algae in Art, Culture, and History
 - Algal Cultures collections: their increasing societal relevance and role as gene repositories
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific programme will include:

- Plenary lectures by internationally recognized experts
 - Thematic symposia covering key areas of phycology
 - Oral presentations and poster sessions
 - Workshops and discussions
 - Networking and early-career researcher events
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IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration and abstract submission opens: **15th November 2026**
- Special session proposals deadline: **1st October 2026**
- Early-bird registration deadline: **31st March 2027**
- Abstract submission deadline: **1st April 2027**
- Programme announcement: **June 2027**
- Late registration deadline: **July 2027**
- Congress dates: **30th August – 3rd September 2027**

PLEASE SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL SESSIONS BY 1st OCTOBER 2026 to:
EPC9@iop.krakow.pl

VENUE

The Congress will take place in **Kraków, Poland**, one of Europe's most historic and culturally rich cities. The main venue will be the **Auditorium Maximum of Jagiellonian University**, located near the city centre, ul. Krupnicza 6, Kraków.

Kraków offers excellent infrastructure, accommodation options, and a vibrant academic environment supported by one of the oldest universities in Europe.

SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The event is organised by an international team of researchers from leading European institutions, in cooperation with scientists from Institute of Nature Conservation Polish Academy of Sciences and Jagiellonian University of Biology Department, and the Federation of European Phycological Societies (FEPS).

CHAIRS OF THE CONGRESS:

Prof. Karin Rengefors from Lund University, Sweden

Prof. Per Juel Hansen from University of Copenhagen, Denmark



CONTACT INFORMATION

Conference office: info@9epc.pl

Local Organising Committee: EPC9@iop.krakow.pl

Website: <https://9epc.pl>

Fee

Early birds:

FEPS Member – 550€

FEPS non-members – 630€

Students, PhD students, retired researchers (not employed) – 400€

Accompanying person – 200€

Late registration:

FEPS Member – 700€

FEPS non-members – 780€

Students, PhD students, retired researchers (not employed) – 450€

Accompanying person – 250€

On site registration (without abstract) – 850€

How do you become a member of FEPS?

If you are a member of one of the Phycological Societies that make up the Federation, you are automatically a member of FEPS. Become a member of one of the 12 European Phycological Societies: <https://www.feps-algae.org/membership/>

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO KRAKÓW IN 2027!

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee

Elżbieta Wilk-Woźniak

