

# IX Symposium



**European Association of Acarologists**

Code: W343022699

Seat:

Montpellier SupAgro, 2, place Pierre Viala  
34060 Montpellier, France

---

Dear Colleagues,

we would like to share with you the updated schedule of the IX EurAAC Symposium entitled “**Acarology 1.0 to 2.0: progress in changing times**” and invite you again to participate in one of the major World scientific event for the presentation and communication of research on mites and ticks.

The 2020 edition will take place in **Bari, Italy, on July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2020**, lasting five days. As it has been customary since 1987, hundreds of specialists from around the world will debate the “hottest issues in Acarology” of the modern days.

The proposed **sessions** of the symposium are the following:

- Agricultural and forestry acarology
- Behavior, Ecology and Life History Strategies
- Biogeography and Biodiversity
- Biological Control and IPM
- Biological Control of Weeds
- Chemical Control, Resistance and Toxicological aspects
- Forensic Acarology
- Genetics and Biotechnology
- Medical and Veterinary Acarology
- Morphology and Anatomy
- Taxonomy, Systematic and Phylogeny

The **special session** “Utilization of soil predatory mites for the biological control of soil pests: advances and challenges” proposed by **Eric Palevsky** (Agricultural Research Organization ARO, Israel) was approved and has been added to the previous ones.

We welcome and solicit any further suggestions and proposals for including other issues, seminars or sessions.

The opening lecture will be held by **Antonella DI PALMA** (University of Foggia, Italy) and is entitled “Prof. Dr. Dr.h.c. G. Alberti: ultrastructure and anatomy as a way to read the incredible diversity of mites”.

Some of the leading experts in fields of current interest have accepted to provide extensive lectures on selected issues as invited speakers:

- **George PAPADOULIS**, Agricultural University of Athens (Greece): “Rating of morphological characters for the identification of phytoseiid mites”
- **Anna SKORACKA**, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland): “Ecological and evolutionary aspects of host specialization in phytophagous mites”
- **Rotislav ZEMEK**, Biology Center CAS (Czech Republic): “Mycophagy in Phytoseiidae”

Other few invited speakers might be selected.

Given we are still organizing the event, follow the official symposium website ([www.eur-aac2020.com](http://www.eur-aac2020.com)) where you can find updates and further information regarding the event.

**“Save the date”** and we look forward to meeting you in Bari.

Best regards,

Bari, 1<sup>st</sup> of July-2019

The Local organizer  
Enrico de Lillo  
University of Bari  
[enrico.delillo@uniba.it](mailto:enrico.delillo@uniba.it)

The President of EurAAc  
Salvatore Ragusa  
University of Palermo  
[salvatore.ragusadichiara@unipa.it](mailto:salvatore.ragusadichiara@unipa.it)