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Dear ISPMF Members

This is a shorter than usual newsletter to highlight and update members on the **revised timetable** and [program](#) for the ISPMF conference, to be held in Helsinki later this year. I would like to remind people that bursary opportunities are also available for this meeting, for both students and early career scientists. To be considered for a bursary please send a short email to [Ann Depicker](#) outlining your request. Successful applicants will be encouraged to present either a poster or oral presentation at the meeting.

George Lomonosoff.
ISPMF President

Membership renewals

Membership renewals are due on the 1st April 2018. The price of membership will remain the same as for last year.

You may pay by bank transfer or via Paypal as before.

For new members, the membership form will be updated onto our website shortly.

Julian Ma. ISPMF Treasurer

3rd ISPMF International Conference

HELSINKI, FINLAND,

June 11th – 13th, 2018

It is our pleasure to announce the 3rd ISPMF conference to be held in Helsinki, Finland hosted by VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd (www.vtt.fi). Helsinki is the precious jewel of Baltic Sea that can be conveniently reached with direct flights from most of the European metropolis. Helsinki is also called “Daughter of the Baltic” and it is located on the tip of the peninsula and on 315 islands. Helsinki is Finland’s major political, educational, financial, cultural, and research centre.

The conference [program](#) will be structured to cover both plant-produced biopharmaceuticals and other protein groups as well as latest achievements in biotechnology of natural products. We will invite internationally recognised top professionals and visionaries as keynote lecturers from both academia and industry. In addition, we will select approximately 25 talks based on submitted abstracts and have a separate poster session with 5-minute elevator talks for selected 5 to 8 posters.

Please follow the updates in the ISPMF website.

The conference venue will be located in the Heart of the Helsinki City Centre at Helsinki Congress Paasitorni: www.paasitorni.fi
The venue is a culturally and architecturally interesting granite Jugend building dating back to 1908.



In connection to the conference venue there are several suitable hotels (Scandic Paasi, Cumulus Hakaniemi, Hilton Helsinki Strand and Arthur) for accommodation and we have made a preliminary booking in them. More information will be available on the conference web page available soon.

Important dates:

15 th March, 2018	Submission deadline for oral presentations
16 th April, 2018	Notification of oral presentation acceptance
23 rd April, 2018	Deadline for applying ISPMF bursaries
4 th May, 2018	Deadline for submission of poster abstracts only
11 th May, 2018	Notification of ISPMF bursaries
14 th May, 2018	Deadline for registration
25 th May, 2018	Notification of poster acceptance and selected elevator talks
1 st June, 2018	Final program released
11 th - 13 th June, 2018	Conference

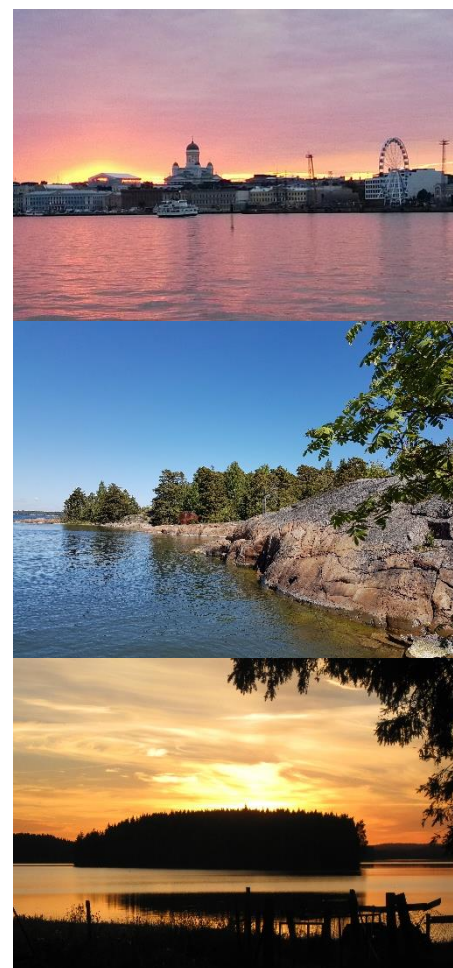
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www.visitfinland.com/about-finland/

What makes Finland special?

- Aurora Borealis
- Midnight Sun
- Finnish Sauna
- Clean lakes
- Wild nature
- Finnish design
- The one and only real Santa Claus!

Please mark the dates in your calendars and start preparing your fabulous talks. We hope to see you all in our beautiful capital at the time of the Midnight Sun.



For details about sponsorship and advertising opportunities for this meeting please contact the conference hosts [Kirsi-Marja Oksman and Anneli Ritala](#)

Deadline for contributions to the next Newsletter is 31st March 2018

- ◆ Want to contribute to the next ISPMF newsletter?
- ◆ Share your news with the ISPMF research community
- ◆ Write an article or review
- ◆ Advertise a meeting
- ◆ Promote your research

We welcome and encourage contributions from all members.

Please [email](#) us using the header 'ISPMF news'

