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# Federation of European Protistological Societies

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## VIII ECOP-ISOP Joint Meeting 2019 Rome, Italy

### First announcement

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This is to announce you the next **VIII European Congress of Protistology (VIII ECOP)** which will be held on **July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 in Rome (Italy)** hosted by the **Italian Society of Protistology (SIPonlus)**. It is a pleasure to invite you to attend the Congress organized by the **Federation of European Protistological Societies (FEPS)** for the second time in partnership with the **International Society of Protistologists (ISOP)**. Venue of the **VIII ECOP-ISOP Joint Meeting** will be the Conference Center-Hotel Crowne Plaza St. Peter's ([www.crowneplaza.com/rome-stpeters](http://www.crowneplaza.com/rome-stpeters)) Via Aurelia Antica 415, Rome. ECOP meetings take place every four years (the last one was held at Seville, Spain, 2015, jointly organized with ISOP) with the aim to explore the state of the art in basic and applied Protistology, worldwide. The joint organization with the ISOP annual meeting let us include many scientific events regarding to different protistological topics. Specific sessions will be dedicated to topical issues such as climate change, globalization, environmental stress, symbiosis and parasitism, beyond basic research, ecology, and taxonomy issues. Plenary lectures and special symposia will be held in the morning and parallel sessions, with symposia and oral sessions, will follow in the afternoon. Workshops and poster presentations will complement the conference program. Special grants and awards will be available to promote participation of junior scientists.

We are very pleased to invite all of you to attend this key event for our scientific community and to assure that you will receive a warm welcome in our important historical city.

Please, visit the Congress website [www.ecop2019.org](http://www.ecop2019.org) for preliminary information on the meeting organization. A special group rate at the Conference Center-Hotel Crowne Plaza St. Peter's has been negotiated for **VIII ECOP-ISOP Joint Meeting** delegates and additional accommodations with variable costs will be arranged soon. We invite you to check the website regularly for updates. Notices in affiliated journals (European Journal of Protistology and Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology) and Societies' websites will also be posted over the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to meeting all of you in Rome!

Maria Cristina Angelici