

The 21st International Symposium on Chironomidae – 2022

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 21st International Symposium on Chironomidae has been postponed to summer 2022. Since several other international conferences are expected in a similar schedule, such as the International Congress of Entomology or the Congress of the International Society of Limnology, we fixed the dates of the symposium trying to avoid overlapping as much as possible.

The 21st International Symposium on Chironomidae is now expected to be held in Tsukuba, Japan, between the 3rd and the 9th of July 2022.

We hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will be under control next year and we plan to organize a physical symposium here in Tsukuba. However, we are still open to a hybrid meeting with online presentations for those who would not be able to come to Japan.

Early July in Japan is usually a wet season with daily rain, however the temperatures should be still comfortable for most participants, compared to the hottest, moist days of late summer.

We plan to organize the symposium through sessions focusing on different topics such as systematics, ecology, biomonitoring or recent advances in molecular biology. Tsukuba National Museum of Nature and Science is hosting Manabu Sasa's collection of Chironomidae specimens and we plan to make these specimens available for a Taxonomy workshop.

Basic information about Tsukuba was already published in Chironomus No32 (Cornette 2019) and we will provide further information as soon as the basic framework of the symposium is ready, but please note the dates of the Symposium in your calendars.

We wish you all good health and look forward to welcome all of you in Tsukuba next year!

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