



Tentative Agenda IUSSI 2026

Monday, 17 August 2026						
	Hall 4	K6	K7	K8	K9	K10
08.45 - 10.00	Opening + Plenary 1: Jeremy Field					
10.00 - 10.15	Coffee Break					
10.15 - 12.15	S27 Host-microbe interactions in social insects	S28 Arthropod inquilines of social insects' colonies	S23 Social insects' responses and challenges in a changing world	S04 The evolution and regulation of reproductive division of labor across social insects	S25 Social insect invaders around the globe	S14 Complex phenotypes in a social insects: the interplay of genes and environment
12.15 - 13.15	Lunch Break					
13.15 - 14.15	Plenary 2: Jonna Kulmuni					
14.15 - 14.30	Coffee Break					
14.30 - 16.30	S27 Host-microbe interactions in social insects	S28 Arthropod inquilines of social insects' colonies	S23 Social insects' responses and challenges in a changing world	S04 The evolution and regulation of reproductive division of labor across social insects	S25 Social insect invaders around the globe	S14 Complex phenotypes in a social insects: the interplay of genes and environment
16.30 - 16.45	Coffee Break					
16.45 - 17.00	Joan Herbers Lecture					
17.00 - 17.45						
17.45 - 18.45						
18.45 - 19.30	Section Assemblies Freiburg Bingo					

Tuesday, 18 August 2026						
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08.45 - 10.00	Hamilton Award					
10.00 - 10.15	Coffee Break					
10.15 - 12.15	S27 Host-microbe interactions in social insects	S17 Chemical communication in social insects - mechanisms, evolution, and applications	S23 Social insects' responses and challenges in a changing world	S04 The evolution and regulation of reproductive division of labor across social insects	S20 Integrative evolutionary and ecological morphology	S07 Nutrition and insect health, from single individuals to colonies
12.15 - 13.15	Lunch Break + Mixer + Exhibition (All Day)					
13.15 - 14.15	Plenary 3: Yuko Ulrich					
14.15 - 14.30	Coffee Break					
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18.45 - 19.30	International Assembly					

Wednesday, 19 August 2026						
	Hall 4	K6	K7	K8	K9	K10
08.45 - 10.00	West-Eberhard Award					
10.00 - 10.15	Coffee Break					
10.15 - 12.15	S12 From simple rules to collective resilience in a changing world	S03 Stingless bees - emerging models for understanding life history diversity in highly eusocial bees	S10 Mechanisms facilitating the evolution of social behavior in insects	S19 Mechanisms and evolution of insect sensory systems: implications in the Anthropocene	S21 Transgenic approaches for studying the biology of social insects + S00 Open symposium	S26 The role of citizen science in social insect research
12.15 - 13.15	Lunch Break + Mixer + Exhibition (All Day)					
13.15 - 14.15	Plenary 4: Yahya Al Naggar					
14.15 - 14.30	Coffee Break					
14.30 - 16.30	S12 From simple rules to collective resilience in a changing world	S02 New frontiers in the study of division of labour in social insects	S10 Mechanisms facilitating the evolution of social behavior in insects	S05 Life-history in social insects - fertility and ageing	S15 Navigating the superorganism: molecular, behavioral, and computational perspectives on decision-making	S08 The role of brood in social insect colonies
16.30 - 16.45	Coffee Break					
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17.45 - 19.30	Poster Session B (Lobby)					

Thursday, 20 August 2026						
	Hall 4	K6	K7	K8	K9	K10
09.00 - 10.00	Plenary 5: Sarah D. Kocher					
10.00 - 10.15	Coffee Break					
10.15 - 12.15	S12 From simple rules to collective resilience in a changing world	S29 Tiny but mighty: viruses in social insects	S24 Social insect conservation	S06 From founding to function: early-stage dynamics in the life cycle of social insects	S13 Comparing miniature cognitions	S01 Adult phenotypic plasticity and the regulation of division of labor in social insects
12.15 - 13.15	Lunch Break					
13.15 - 14.15	Plenary 6: David Baracchi					
14.15 - 14.30	Coffee Break					
14.30 - 16.30	S16 The role of innate and experience-driven chemical communication in regulating insect social behavior	S29 Tiny but mighty: viruses in social insects	S24 Social insect conservation	S06 From founding to function: early-stage dynamics in the life cycle of social insects	S13 Comparing miniature cognitions	S01 Adult phenotypic plasticity and the regulation of division of labor in social insects
16.30 - 16.45	Coffee Break					
16.45 - 17.45	General Assembly					
17.45 - 20.00						
20.00	Conference Dinner (Ganter Biergarten)					

