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### **EFP Board:**

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### **ICOPA 2018 SOON IN SOUTH KOREA!**

Looking forward to see many of you in two weeks in Daegu, South Korea, at the International Congress of Parasitology, ICOPA 2018! ICOPA is the main event of the World Federation of Parasitologists (WFP), organized once in four years (alternating with our EMOP).

### **ICOPA 2022 COULD BE IN EUROPE!**

During the upcoming ICOPA, WFP members (which most of you are) will decide on the next venue in 2022. After an internal WFP selection process, two finalists for the location have emerged: there is a Canadian bid (Montreal, Canada), and there is a European bid (Copenhagen, "ICOPAnhagen", Denmark). Two EFP member societies, the Danish Society for Parasitology (DSP) and the Scandinavian-Baltic Society for Parasitology (SBSP), are behind the ICOPAnhagen bid. The previous ICOPA was held in the Americas, the one in two weeks is in Asia... it would be wonderful to have ICOPA in 2022 here in Europe!

Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, is one of the most popular convention cities in the world, and easy to reach from all parts of Europe and the world. ICOPAnhagen will be a wonderful networking opportunity for all EFP member societies.

### **IT IS FOR YOU TO DECIDE...**

The location of the next ICOPA will be decided by ballot vote on August 23, at ICOPA 2018. Each WFP member society has one vote. If your society is not yet a member of WFP, it is a good time to join (requirements are having a website and paying the membership fee of 100 USD for 4 years).

Information on how to vote is available on the ICOPAnhagen webpage

<http://icopaxv.dk/documents.html>. If the President of your society will not attend ICOPA 2018 to vote in person, please feel encouraged to use the option to vote using a Letter of Authorisation. Based on experience from earlier years, the decision will be close and each vote is valuable!

The EFP Board encourages all EFP member societies to use their vote, and wishes the best of success for the ICOPAnhagen bid!

Thomas Romig & Olgica Djurkovic

### **...and don't forget to reserve the dates of our next EMOP:**

#### **25-29 August 2020, Belgrade, Serbia**

EMOP XIII will be organized by the Serbian Society for Parasitology (SSP).

The EFP Board shares the hope of the SSP that it will have the privilege to host you all at this major scientific event that will take place in the easily accessible, historic yet vibrant city of Belgrade.

All information: [www.emop2020.org](http://www.emop2020.org) (soon!)