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The First Circular

Dear Colleagues –

The International Society of Arachnology and the American Arachnological Society invite you to the 20th International Congress of Arachnology to be held in [Golden, Colorado USA](#) “Where the West Lives”!



Golden was settled in the mid-19th century when gold was discovered in beautiful Clear Creek. The town quickly became an important supply stop for miners seeking their fortune in the gold and silver mining camps high up in the mountains. It became the capital of the Colorado Territory in 1872. In 1876, when Colorado became a state, Golden vied with Denver for the honor of becoming the new state’s capital city but it lost, much to the chagrin of its business owners. Golden is just a 15 minute drive to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

If you plan on attending the 20th ICA in Golden, Colorado, please check the box below, write your name on the following line, and email this form in its entirety to 2016.Arachnology@gmail.com

I plan to attend the 20th International Congress of Arachnology

Name: _____

Schedule of Events

Attendees should plan to arrive July 2nd. That evening, attendees will be welcomed at an evening social on the Colorado School of Mines campus. The oral and poster sessions will be held July 3rd through 5th with a mid-week excursion scheduled for July 6th. The evening of the 4th of July, attendees will enjoy a barbeque on the grounds of the campus followed by fireworks. After the mid-congress excursion, attendees can relax in horse drawn carriages as they are transported to the various brew pubs in town or they can be dropped off to enjoy the traditional Russian Party. After another day of talks on July 7th, attendees will be taken to the [Butterfly Pavilion](#) for an evening social event. The last day of sessions will be on Friday, July 8th followed by a banquet at the [Denver Museum of Nature & Science](#). Attendees interested in visiting the DMNS arachnology collection will have an opportunity to do so that day. Attendees should plan to depart on Saturday July 9th (except those planning on attending the post-congress excursion).

Transport

Meeting attendees arriving by air should fly into Denver International Airport (DIA). Those arriving by train should arrive in Union Station in Denver, Colorado. From DIA, attendees can catch a light rail train to Union Station and from Union Station, they will take a train to Jefferson County Government Center in Golden, Colorado where the organizing committee will arrange for pickup to the meeting venue.

Registration and costs

Registration will be between \$300 - \$350 US for non-student attendees and \$200 - \$250 US for student attendees. Accompanying adults who plan on attending the socials or the pre-organized daily trips will pay \$50 - \$75 US. Accompanying children 12 – 18 years old will cost \$20 - \$30 US if they will be attending the socials or daily organized events. Children under 12 will attend for free.

Excursions

A mid-congress excursion is planned to either the high country above timberline in the Rocky Mountains or to the plains to see a bison herd up close. A three day post-congress excursion is planned to visit some of the most stunning natural and cultural areas in the state of Colorado. The costs of the mid- and post-congress excursions are TBD. If you and/or your accompanying persons plan to attend either of these excursions, please mark the box below.

- I plan to attend the mid-congress excursion July 6th with _____ # accompanying persons.
- I plan to attend the post-congress excursion July 9 – 11 with _____ # accompanying persons.

Scientific Program

[Linda Rayer](#) and [Ingi Agnarsson](#) are the program organizers for the 20th ICA. They are soliciting ideas for symposia and have already lined up five extraordinary plenary speakers. You should have received a notice soliciting ideas for symposia. If you have symposium suggestions, email Linda or Ingi directly.

Further Information

Accommodation for most attendees will be in a new dormitory on the campus of the [Colorado School of Mines](#) in Golden, a minute or two walk from the meeting venue. Additional accommodation will be available at [Table Mountain Inn](#) or at the [Golden Hotel](#) in town (also short walks from the meeting site). Several Bed & Breakfasts are available in the city of Golden. More information about accommodations will be posted soon on the newly developed ISA website. It is strongly recommended that attendees planning to stay in one of the hotels or Bed & Breakfasts in town make their reservations early next year.

Accompanying persons

If you plan on making this a family vacation, please indicate below how many accompanying persons (older than 12) will be traveling with you and please have those accompanying persons read and check the five most interesting activities in the list below. One list per family, please.

- I will be traveling with _____ # of accompanying persons 12 or older

Questionnaire for Accompanying People – please check up to five of the following activities that would be of most interest during your time in Colorado*:

- [Air Force Academy tour near Colorado Springs](#)
- [Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave](#)
- [Celestial Seasonings tea factory tour](#)

- [Clyfford Still Museum](#)
- [Cog Railway ride up Pikes Peak](#)
- [Colorado State Capitol tour](#)
- [Denver Art Museum](#)
- [Denver Botanic Gardens](#)
- [Denver Mint](#)
- [Denver Zoo](#)
- [Forney Museum of Transportation](#)
- [Garden of the Gods near Colorado Springs](#)
- [Goldmine tour](#)
- [History Colorado Center](#)
- [Hot springs visit](#)
- [Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Arts](#)
- [Molly Brown House](#)
- [Railroad Museum in Golden](#)
- [Rocky Mountain National Park](#) day trip
- [Roxborough State Park](#)
- [Stranahan's Colorado Whiskey tour](#)

*A visit to the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, the Butterfly Pavilion, and the local sites in Golden are already part of the schedule. The mid-week excursion will include either a trip up in the high country above timberline or a trip to the plains to see a bison herd. The post-congress excursion will take attendees on a three day trip through the state to visit some of the most striking natural and cultural places.

Please return this form (filled out) to 2016.Arachnology@gmail.com. The host needs estimates of attendees for planning purposes.