



## V European Congress of Protistology

and

## XI European Conference on Ciliate Biology

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### WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear colleagues!

V European Congress of Protistology and XI European Conference on Ciliate Biology are held in St. Petersburg – the former capital of Russia, a famous scientific, cultural and historical center, a city with remarkable architectural style, world-wide known art galleries and museums, dense network of rivers and canals, and unforgettable splendor of bridges and white nights.

V European Congress of Protistology and XI European Conference on Ciliate Biology will be hosted by the academic and university institutions, a number of which are located in the very heart of St. Petersburg and therefore provide the peculiar environment of the historical city center with a special „scientific atmosphere“.

In the framework of our meeting, we would like to offer you a scientific program that covers a vast field of research issues of classical and modern Protistology, including taxonomy, phylogeny and evolution, biodiversity, biogeography and ecology of aquatic and soil protists; general morphology and cell biology of protists; molecular biology, genetics and genomics of protists; symbiosis involving protists; parasitic protists, with special emphasis on physiology, biochemistry, and molecular biology of Microsporidia from invertebrate and vertebrate hosts; host-parasite relations, and others. Special session “History of Protistology” will introduce to you some outstanding names and remarkable faces of Russian protistological science in St. Petersburg.

You will meet many colleagues-protistologists from European and other countries, and thus find opportunity for communication, lively discussions on emerging new ideas and diverse protistological topics, as well as initiation of new prospective research projects.

Participate in the congress and get the protistological feeling!

On behalf of the organizers,

Dr. Sergei O. Skarlato,  
Chairman

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