

6th Symposium “Entomology in Belgium” December 2nd

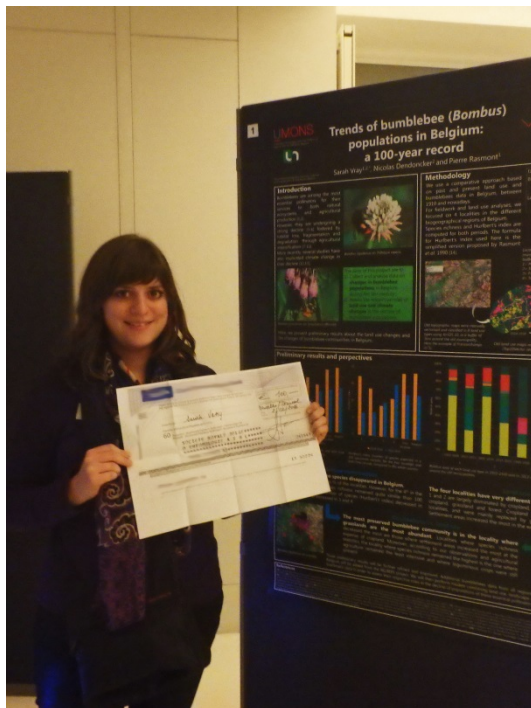
On Friday December 2nd the 6th edition of the Symposium “Entomology in Belgium” took place at RBINS. For this edition more than 50 people attended 16 presentations and were able to have a look at 20 posters in four sessions : Conservation and Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution, Tropical Entomology and Applied Entomology. All four sessions were chaired by invited speakers who also presented a plenary session on the specific topics. We want to thank the four chairmen Dr Dirk Maes (Conservation and Biodiversity session), Prof. Dr Dries Bonte (Ecology and Evolution session), Dr Maurice Leponce (Tropical Entomology session) and Prof. Dr Frédéric Francis (Applied Entomology session).

As always on our Symposium Entomology in Belgium we also encouraged young entomologists to present their work during this edition. A scientific committee has chosen amongst those young researchers the best oral presentation and poster presentation. The winners were : Ricardo C. Oliveira (from Laboratory of Socioecology and Social Evolution, Zoological Institute, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium/Departamento de Biologia, Faculdade de Filosofia, Ciências e Letras de Ribeirão Preto, Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto, SP, Brazil) with his presentation on Diploid male production and queen replacement in the stingless bee *Scaptotrigona depilis* and Sarah Vray (from Laboratory of Zoology, University of Mons, Belgium) with her poster on Trends of bumblebee (*Bombus*) populations in Belgium: a 100-year record.

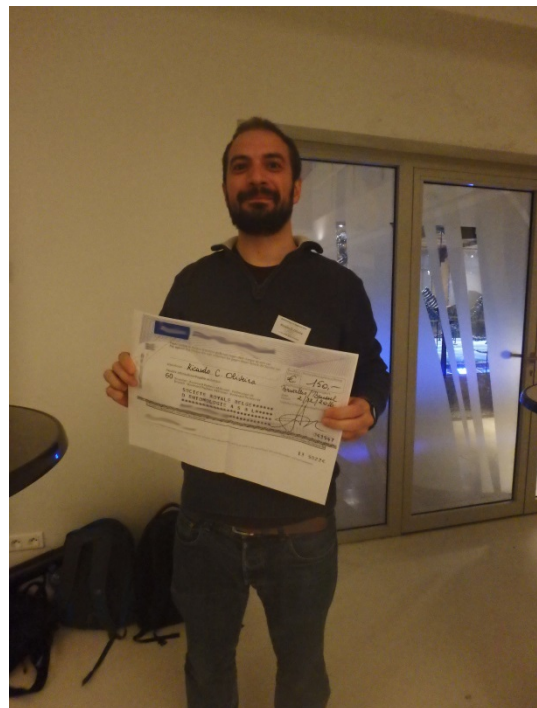
As for all previous editions this Symposium was again a very successful opportunity for young and older entomologists to meet and share their research. This year we had participants of almost all Universities in Belgium where entomological research is done: KULeuven, Ghent University, University of Mons, Université de Liège, Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech, University of Antwerp, Université libre de Bruxelles as well as several research institutes like INBO, RBINS, Royal Museum for Central Africa, Natuurpunt, Pôle recherche-action CRABE asbl Jodoigne, Centre Wallon de Recherches Agronomiques (CRA-W), Département Sciences du vivant, Unité Amélioration des Espèces & Biodiversité, Ecole Industrielle et Commerciale de la Ville de Namur, ...

The organisation wants to thank all chairmen for their plenary talk and for chairing a session, all entomologists who presented their research, all entomologist for their presence and last but not least also RBINS for the hospitality and use of the auditorium and VIP room.

On behalf of the organisation, Wouter DEKONINCK



Sarah Vray (photo: C. Locatelli)



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