

**16<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS ON  
PARASITIC PLANTS  
10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Blended Meeting**

**Venue: Nairobi, Kenya**

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# Why Nairobi?



Nairobi is a major conference destination and has been named Africa's leading business destination twice (2016; 2019) by the Annual World Travel Award.

Nairobi is the only city in the world with a national park. A 10-minute drive from the metropolis, the park is home to a variety of game, including lions.



The famous Maasai Mara is only 4 hours away. The WCPP dates will coincide with the wildebeest migration, a spectacular and unique experience that has officially been defined as the 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World.

Nairobi is well served by a superb network of air, road and rail transport. The main international airport is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, located 17 Km from the city's central business district (CBD). For more information on tourism, shopping, banking and commuter services please see <https://nairobi.go.ke/explore-nairobi/>



# Conference Venue The Eka Hotel



Eka hotel (<https://www.ekahotel.com/>) is located 5 km from the airport and about 5 minutes drive to the city centre and to the Nairobi National Park <http://www.kws.go.ke/parks/nairobi-national-park>.

The standard room charges per night are USD170 (Bed and Breakfast) per person or USD200 per couple sharing a standard room.

100 Rooms will be reserved for conference participants once registration opens for a set time.

Eka Hotel is situated within walking distance to Ole Sereni Hotel <https://www.olesereni.com/> and the Boma Inn <http://www.theboma.co.ke/en/bnk.html>, should participants wish to stay at one of these hotels.

The hotel hosts a grill restaurant within its premises called The Soaring Eagle Spur and several other restaurants nearby, including:



Peppercorn restaurant <http://peppercornkenya.com/>



Johari restaurant and Tembo Bistro, both located at the Boma Hotel <http://www.theboma.co.ke/en/boma/eat-drink.html>

# Proposed Schedule

Sunday (10 <sup>th</sup> ):	Arrival, registration and welcome reception (evening)
Monday (11 <sup>th</sup> ):	Full day sessions, Evening Posters
Tuesday (12 <sup>th</sup> ):	Full day sessions, Evening Posters
Wednesday (13 <sup>th</sup> ):	Field trip to Embu (see details below)/Free day
Thursday (14 <sup>th</sup> ):	Full day sessions; Evening – conference dinner
Friday (15 <sup>th</sup> July):	Half-day session; Departure

## Field trip and conference dinner

We plan to visit fields in Embu county ([www.embu.go.ke](http://www.embu.go.ke)), about an hour and a half away. This region has *Alectra vogelii*. It will be a great opportunity to introduce this new kid on the block to WCPP. The trip will cost USD30 per person and will include a packed lunch, water and a soft drink.



We will have the conference dinner at the Carnivore restaurant, Lang'ata, Nairobi. Carnivore restaurant offers authentic Kenyan cuisine alongside a broad range of other cuisines including African, Mediterranean, Asian, European, vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options. The cost for dinner is included in the registration fees

## Registration Fee (USD)

	Early bird registration (Until 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2022)		Late registration	
	IPPS Member	Non-IPPS member	IPPS Member	Non-IPPS member
Students	450	500	550	600
Scientists	550	620	650	720
Industry	800	900	900	1000

*\*Accompanying guests are welcome at an additional cost of USD50*

The registration fee includes airport transfers, full conference participation including coffee/tea during breaks, lunches, 3 buffet dinners at the conference hotel restaurant and official conference dinner.

# COVID-19 Protocols and Preparedness

## **Cancellation Policy**

The Eka Hotel has agreed to a flexible cancellation policy in the event that the booked participant tests positive for COVID-19. Please note that full refund is only valid if the cancellation is due to a positive COVID-19 test.

## **Hosting a Meeting during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Eka Hotel has successfully hosted several large meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the recent World Under 20 Championships <https://www.worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-u20-championships/world-athletics-u20-championships-7136587>. The hotel observes strict COVID-19 protocols, which all residents have to adhere to. There will be a strict partition of the meeting facilities and food services to ensure no external contacts are made in order to reduce exposure to COVID-19.

## **Vaccinations and testing for COVID-19**

We encourage participants who plan to travel to be fully vaccinated, including African participants. In addition, every participant will be tested for COVID-19 upon checking in to the conference venue. The COVID-19 testing will be done in collaboration with Checkups Medical Hub <https://checkupsmed.com/>.

## **Blended Meeting**

The meeting will be streamed live for those joining virtually. EKA hotel has hosted several blended meetings and works jointly with Parklane Africa <https://parklaneafrica.com/> to enhance the experience.