

## 9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMBIOSIS SOCIETY CONGRESS

July 15-20, 2018

Oregon State University

Corvallis, Oregon, USA



On behalf of the International Symbiosis Society, I would like to invite you to the 9<sup>th</sup> ISS Congress. The meeting will be held at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, USA. The ISS Congress is the sanctioned meeting of the International Symbiosis Society and is held every three years. It is the primary international meeting focusing on symbioses, including complex interactions between hosts and their microbiomes. The Congress is anticipated to bring together 400 symbiosis scientists from up to 20 nations to present the latest research in symbioses, their ubiquity in nature and their impact on all environments on the planet.

Please visit the [ISS Congress 2018 website](#) for more information on the meeting.

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**Abstract submission: January 1 – March 1, 2018**

**Registration begins: February 15, 2018**

The Congress will be organized around a series of cross-cutting themes:

- Susceptibility and resilience of symbioses in the Anthropocene
- Ecology of symbioses
- Mechanisms of host-microbiome interactions
- The host-microbe interface: signaling, recognition and regulation
- Tinkering with symbiosis: experimental insights into host-symbiont systems
- Rise and fall of symbiosis: evolutionary transitions
- New tools and approaches for studying symbiosis

Keynote speaker: Ed Yong, science writer and author of the book on symbiosis: *I Contain Multitudes*

There will be eight plenary speakers. Speakers to date:

- Betsy Arnold, U. of Arizona, USA
- Ruth Gates, University of Hawaii, USA
- Margaret McFall-Ngai, University of Hawaii, USA
- Joel Sachs, University of California at Riverside, USA
- Toby Spribille, University of Alberta, Canada
- Liping Zhao, Rutgers University, USA, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

**Some travel awards will be available to students**

Features to plan for:

- Field trips to the Oregon coast and mountains
- Farm-to-table banquet at a local orchard

Watch the website and follow social media for updates. I hope you can join us!

Sincerely,

Virginia Weis

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