



SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

Monday – October 12, 2026

- 13:00 – 18:00** **Registration** (reception of Academia Congress Centre, Stará Lesná)
18:00 – 19:00 **Welcome dinner** (dining hall)

Tuesday – October 13, 2026

- 9:30 – 10:20** **Plenary Session** (conference hall)
10:20 – 10:50 **Coffee Break** (lobby)

Session 1: Phenotypic Variation and Taxonomic Challenges in Thrips

(conference hall) – chair: Bert Vierbergen

- 10:50 – 11:10** **Same species, different size and shape? Geographic morphometric variation in Caucasian *Neoheegeria gigantea***
(Rudolf Masarovič)
- 11:10 – 11:30** **From macroptery to extreme wing reduction: dispersal polymorphism and morphological reduction in *Baliothrips dispar***
(Manfred Ullitzka)
- 11:30 – 11:50** **Updates about the onion thrips cryptic species complex**
(József Fail)
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Lunch** (dining hall)

Session 2: Advances in Biological Control of Thysanoptera

(conference hall) – chair: József Fail

- 13:00 – 13:20** **Approaches to promoting *Aeolothrips intermedius* for controlling *Thrips tabaci* in summer onions** (Elisabeth H. Koschier)
- 13:20 – 13:40** **Biological alternatives to conventional insecticides for the control of onion thrips in leek** (Maria Pobożniak)
- 13:40 – 14:00** **The efficacy of biopreparations based on entomopathogenic fungi against thrips on onion under field and laboratory conditions** (Marta Olczyk)
- 14:00 – 14:30** **Coffee break** (lobby)

Poster session (lounge) – chair: Martina Zvaríková

- 14:30 – 16:00** **each poster presentation – 5 minutes**



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List of posters

1. **First record of *Thrips parvispinus* (Karny, 1922) (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) in Hungary** (Klaudia Kőszegi, Szilvia Orosz, Miklós Bozsó, Attila Takács)
2. **Thrips assemblage of an urban green roof in Bratislava (Slovakia): ecological structure and functional diversity** (Jozef Balcerčík, Adrián Purkart, Martina Zvaríková, Rudolf Masarovič)
3. **Alien thrips in Germany: Recent records, outdoor occurrence and taxonomic challenges** (Ulitzka, Manfred R.)
4. **Occurrence of *Gynaikothrips ficorum* (Marchal, 1908) (Thysanoptera: Phlaeothripidae) on *Ficus macrocarpa* in Hungary** (Szilvia Orosz, Miklós Bozsó, Gyula Both)
5. **Optimization of DNA extraction methods of *Frankliniella occidentalis* (Pergande, 1895)** (Margarita Tigranyan, Hasmik Gevorgyan, Valeriya Vavilova)
6. **Observations on Thysanoptera collected by coloured bowl traps in an urban area in Hungary - Preliminary results** (Ágnes Kukorellyné Szénási, Magyar Donát, Rita Ábrahám, Bert Vierbergen, Szilvia Orosz)
7. **New host plants of *Hercinothrips femoralis* (Reuter, 1891) (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) in a Hungarian greenhouse** (Anna Kovács, Szilvia Orosz, Patrik Plank)
8. **Plant part matters: Comparing the efficiency of leaf and seed essential oils against *Hercinothrips femoralis* (Reuter, 1891) (Thysanoptera: Thripidae)** (Viktor Knapec, Dominik Haško, Jakub Jarabica, Jozef Balcerčík, Martina Zvaríková, Rudolf Masarovič)
9. **First record of *Scirtothrips ginkgoe* (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) in Europe and development of diagnostic tools for its identification** (Saskia Bastin, Pascal Rouse, Philippe Reynaud)
10. **From 61 to 129 species: an updated checklist of the Thysanoptera of Thuringia, Germany** (Ulitzka, Manfred R)

18:00 – 19:00 Dinner

Wednesday – October 14, 2026

One day trip – start - lobby (day trip participants)

19:00-21:00 sky observation (Astronomic centre of Slovak Academy of Sciences) – start - lobby (all participants)

17:30 Dinner



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Thursday – October 15, 2026

Session 3: Exploring and Conserving Thysanoptera Diversity

(conference hall) – chair: Manfred Ulitzka

- 9:30 – 9:50** **From overlooked to redbooked** (Peter Fedor)
9:50 – 10:10 **Thrips diversity of various peatland types in Slovakia with emphasis on wetland-associated species** (Jakub Jarabica)
10:10 – 10:30 **The current state of knowledge on Thysanoptera in Poland** (Halina Kuchraczyk)
10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break** (lobby)

Session 4: Environmental Thysanopterology

(conference hall) – chair: Angelos Mouratidis

- 11:00 – 11:20** **Thrips reading a peatland: Community responses to habitat type and pH gradients** (Rudolf Masarovič)
11:20 – 11:40 **One man´s trash, another thrips paradise** (Martina Zvaríková)
11:40 – 12:00 **Thrips road ecology: case study of Nitra Selenec, preliminary results** (Viktor Knapec)
12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch** (dining hall)

Session 5: Pest Thrips Dynamics and Management Strategies

(conference hall) – chair: Rudolf Masarovič

- 13:00 – 13:20** **Alternative host plants of *Scirtothrips aurantii* and associated thrips communities in Mediterranean citrus vegetation** (Angelos Mouratidis)
13:20 – 13:40 **Exotic thrips pests in The Netherlands: past, now and tomorrow** (Gijsbertus Vierbergen)
13:40 – 14:00 **Thrips management in modern crop production** (Ivana Tločková)
14:00 – 14:20 **Practical Aspects of Thysanopterology in the Czech Republic** (Pavel Tóth)
14:30 – 15:00 **Coffee break** (lobby)
18:00 – 22:00 **Gala Dinner** (dining hall)

Friday – October 16, 2026

Closing Notes (conference hall)

9:30 **Until we meet again** (Martina Zvaríková and Rudolf Masarovič)

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