



STI and ForBio arrange

International training course on identification of soil animals

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The aim of this course is to improve taxonomic skills of soil zoologists, and to offer a deeper knowledge of identification in at least one of the studied organism groups. The course will cover the most important soil fauna groups and consists of lectures by internationally renowned experts followed by practical seminars to give students hands-on determination experience. The course will be given in English to a maximum of 15 participants.

COURSE ELEMENTS

General introduction	Prof. Tryggve Persson, Dr. Astrid Taylor (SLU, Uppsala, Sweden)
Potworms	Prof. Tryggve Persson (SLU, Uppsala, Sweden)
Springtails	Dr. Arne Fjellberg (Norway)
Soil nematodes	Dr. Maria Viketoft (SLU, Uppsala, Sweden), Dr. Oleksandr Holovachov (NRM, Stockholm, Sweden)
Oribatid mites	Dr. Andrei Zaitsev (Institute of Animal Ecology, Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany)
Soil living insect larvae	Dr. Konstantin Gongalsky (A.N. Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Moscow, Russia)
Woodlice	Prof. Stefano Taiti (Institute of Ecosystem Studies, National Research Council, Florence, Italy)

TARGET GROUPS: PhD students, master students, researchers, consultants, government officials or museum staff with a relevant background in biology and zoology.

WORKING LANGUAGE: English. **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** Maximum 15. **RECOMMENDED COURSE CREDITS:** 1.5 ECTS.

FEES: No course fee. For members of ForBio (Research School in Biosystematics: <http://www.forbio.uio.no/>) travel and accommodation costs get refunded. Other participants pay for travel and accommodation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: The application should be accompanied by a short CV (in English, including all contact information) and a short, concise motivation letter (up to 500 words) describing your background, taxonomic interests and future benefits you would receive from the course. Applications should be sent via E-mail to Sanna Nordström (sanna.nordstrom@slu.se) at ArtDatabanken, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (**Swedish Taxonomy Initiative**). You will receive an electronic confirmation of receipt of your application. Priority will be given to members of ForBio if the maximum number of course participants is exceeded by the number of applications.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 20th, 2014.

QUESTIONS: Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Sanna Nordström, Coordinator STI (**Swedish Taxonomy Initiative**) E-mail: sanna.nordstrom@slu.se Telephone: +46(0)18672414.

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