



15th European Moth Nights 10th-14th May 2018

I N F O R M A T I O N

The Hungarian Lepidopterological Society and the Entomological Society of Luzern (Switzerland) announce the 15th European Moth Nights for **10th to 14th May 2018**.

As in earlier years, the program has several purposes:

1. Once again, **connections and community work deserve prime emphasis**. In the previous years this project managed to bring together a high number of European lepidopterists, conservationists, hikers, and many other people with an interest for a few days of wide-scale cooperation. We are convinced, that this is not a superfluous activity, as it strengthens unity and mutual understanding, while also offering an insight into the lepidoptera-fauna of the different countries and the local methods of collecting.
2. We wish to present a **wide-ranging snapshot on the macro-moths flying in a given period of time**, with particular attention to species possibly or actually needing protection and those traditionally considered as migratory species.
3. The data and the results obtained as well as their evaluation **are to be made available to the general public**. It is important to underline, that we publish all the results of the program, not only derived data.

Important: Participants are reminded of having at their disposal **five nights for the purposes of observation**. This is mainly because we don't want bad weather or personal duties to stand in the way of the program. But if you can and feel like, you can either collect at the same place over 5 nights, or at 5 different places in the same period.

Regarding the technical questions of the 8th European Moth Nights, please follow the instructions below about sending data and tables to make summarizing and systematisation easier.

1. The data should preferably be submitted in the form of the Excel tables we have designed, to be downloaded from the following addresses (may also be ordered by regular mail):
http://euromothnights.uw.hu/15emn_2018_tab.xls

The table include all the data of importance in the project and by using them, you make the work of evaluating and summarizing the results easier. Naturally, we also accept data in other forms.

Data are expected primarily **in e-mail** or if that's not possible, by regular mail to one of the following addresses:

**Entomologische Gesellschaft Luzern (Schweiz)
Entomological Society of Lucerne (Switzerland)
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Natur-Museum Luzern
CH-6003 Luzern, Kasernenplatz 6**

In the different countries or groups of countries we have special representatives, **"EMN Ambassadors"** helping our work. Their names and addresses can be found in the following regularly updated tables:

- http://euromothnights.uw.hu/emn_ambassadore_2008.xls

It is their accepted duty to coordinate the project in their own territory, to sort out and verify the data received and forward them to the EMN-HQ. Consequently, all data, questions and suggestions may also be sent to the territorial ambassadors.

2. The table should include the following data (the categories in **bold** are obligatory to fill in):

- **Observer's name, postal and e-mail address**
- Family, **genus, species name** (use of the checklist of KARSHOLT & RAZOWSKI 1996 or LERAUT 1997 is advised) In the course of our project, we have to confine ourselves to macro-moths (Macroheterocera) in the traditional sense of the term, therefore also including the families **Hepialidae, Cossidae, Limacodidae and Psychidae**. Justification can be found in the Evaluation of the 1st EMN.
- **Country, region, locality, exact location, elevation above sea level, date and method of collecting** (type and performance of lamp, type of trap or bait if any and length of observation)
- **Frequency** of species (in the form of approximate data by use of the categories found in the invitation or that of exact figures)

Once again, it is necessary to stress two **very important conditions** regarding the realization of the program.

- On the one hand, for the accuracy and authenticity of the summary, **only data of reliably determined specimens are expected**. If you are uncertain regarding your determination of a specimen, ask for help from a professional or don't send the data at all!

- Another important condition is the full **respect of the requirements of nature conservancy**, thus it is especially inadvisable to collect specimens of protected species and to disturb natural habitats.

In the realization of the project, we especially count on the participation of entomological, mostly lepidopterological societies, groups, conservationists, hiking organizations and individuals who, not unlike us, believe that with the help of the data they provide they can increase our knowledge regarding this uniquely wonderful group of animals, reveal their habitats and secure their appreciation and protection from society.

Please inform of this project as many people as possible and make the activity of all participants - collectors and observers by lamp alike - accessible to others, including schoolchildren, nature lovers and all those interested. **The work of organizing the publicity of this activity is fully left to the participants.**

Let's use the possibility of this event to once again call public attention to the wonderful world of moths as well as to the fact that under the current conditions of civilization, moths are in many places in need of man's well-considered protection.

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The planned dates for further European Moth Nights are:

16th EMN: 1st – 5th August 2019 - **17th EMN: 16th – 20th April 2020**