



XIV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ACAROLOGY

**Kyoto, Japan
14–18 July 2014**

FIRST CIRCULAR

We are pleased to announce the XIV International Congress of Acarology will be held from July 14 to 18, 2014, at Kyoto TERRSA (<http://www.kyoto-terrsa.or.jp/>), in the city of Kyoto (<http://www.kyoto-travel.com/kyoto-access/access.html>), Japan.

(<http://www.kyoto-terrsa.or.jp/> is the top page of Kyoto TERRSA written in Japanese. Unfortunately, an English top page is not available, but you can see several photographs of the buildings and inside Kyoto TERRSA. English access guide and floor maps of Kyoto TERRSA are at <http://www.kyoto-terrsa.or.jp/floormap.html#aguide>.)

Kyoto is located in the center of Japan and easy to access from Tokyo and Osaka. Distance from Tokyo, the capital of Japan, is about 370 km; 140 min by the “Nozomi” bullet train (Shinkansen). From Osaka (Kansai) International Airport you can reach Kyoto Station in about 75 min by JR Haruka Limited Express.

The congress venue, Kyoto TERRSA, is a public convention center (<http://www.kyoto-terrsa.or.jp/floormap.html#aguide>) located in downtown Kyoto City, a 15 min walk from Kyoto Station (JR bullet train). If you take the subway or Kintetsu Line (Kinki Nippon Tetsudou (Railway Co.)) from Kyoto Station for about 5 min to “Kujo” subway station or “To-ji” Kintetsu line station, you can then walk to the venue in 5 min.

Kyoto was the former capital of Japan and served as the emperor's residence for over one thousand years (794–1868). Today, Kyoto is the seventh largest city in Japan with a population of 1.4 million people. In this historical place, you can see both the classic and modern faces of Japan (<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2158.html>) and experience much traditional Japanese culture at numerous beautiful sightseeing areas near the downtown area. In addition, you will enjoy one major festival in Japan, “Gion Festival (<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e3942.html>),” during the XIV ICA.

This historical city has also cultivated assets of intelligence. Kyoto accommodates 29 universities and 18 junior colleges, and approximately 150 international conferences are held in Kyoto every year.

More detailed information will be announced in the next circular and on the web site (<http://ica14.acarology-japan.org/>).

To receive future announcements about the Congress, please register for Mail Magazine at <http://ica14.acarology-japan.org/circular/mail-magazine>.

We are looking forward to your participation and are trying to organize a stimulating congress. As we begin planning sessions for the conference, your ideas are welcome. Please send your suggestions or any questions to the Local Organizing Committee (E-mail: contact-ica14@ica14.acarology-japan.org).

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