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International Russulales Workshop 2024

Saaremaa, Estonia

September 8th - 14th 2024



Liiva-Putla nature reserve, created for the protection of fungi, is rich in hydroid telephoroids.

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Dear Russulales friends,

We would like to announce that the next Russulales workshop will take place in Estonian island Saaremaa in a small town of Kuressaare situated on the southwest coast of this largest Estonian island. Saaremaa is covered for 40% by mixed or broadleaf forests, has a mild maritime climate and a variety of soils which offer high expectations for *Russulaceae* diversity. Every day two or three destinations will be offered for field collecting to get good variety of species and a silent forest experience for everybody. In Saaremaa, you can find stunted vegetation in limestone region that is covered with thin soil, heath forests, dry boreal forests and fresh boreo-nemoral forests. Typical ectomycorrhizal trees are *Pinus sylvestris*, *Betula pendula/ pubescens*, *Populus tremula*, *Picea abies*, *Quercus robur*, *Alnus glutinosa/ incana*, *Coryllus avellana*, *Tilia cordata*. Typical landscape of the island was wooded pastures dominated by *Juniperus*, but they have changed towards forests due to a lack of grazing management. More information about the island is available on: <https://visitsaaremaa.ee/en/>.



Some of the species found in Saaremaa: a) *Lactarius chrysorrheus*, b) *Lactarius citriolens*, c) *Lactarius sanguifluus*, d) *Russula luteotacta*, e) *Russula risigallina*, f) *Russula sardonica*. Photos: Vello Liiv.



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The workshop starts on **Sunday 8th September 2024** (arrival day) and ends the morning on **Saturday 14th September 2024**. The meeting in Saaremaa will be the 7th after previous workshops in Belgium (2010), Germany (2012), Slovakia (2014), Italy (2016), Sweden (2018) and Spain (2022). It will be another excellent opportunity to conduct fieldwork and to exchange knowledge about Russulales in Europe and worldwide. The meeting will consist of fieldwork in the morning, and microscopic work for identification in the afternoons, along with a few presentations on current trends in Russulales research.

Accommodation, laboratory and lectures

The conference will take place at Asa Spa hotel in Kuressaare, Pargi street 12 (<https://asaspa.ee/en/>), which is situated 1.5 km from Kuressaare bus station.

It is a spa hotel, so it is possible to swim in the mornings from 7:00. Bring swimwear and beach flip-flops. Sauna centre is open Mon-Thu 17.00-21.00, Fri 17.00-22.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-21.00.

The accommodation price includes unlimited use of the water amenities and sauna centre.

Accommodation, including breakfasts (6 nights):

single room: 306 EUR (51 EUR/ per night).

double room: 336 EUR (56 EUR/ per night); per person: 156 EUR (28 EUR/ per night).

Hotel costs are paid on the spot.

Conference fee

400 EUR/ per person. Includes lunches, coffee breaks and dinners, rent of conference room. If you need an invoice for the institution, please let us know when you register.

Payment by bank transfer:

In description please write: KP6LM Russulales workshop

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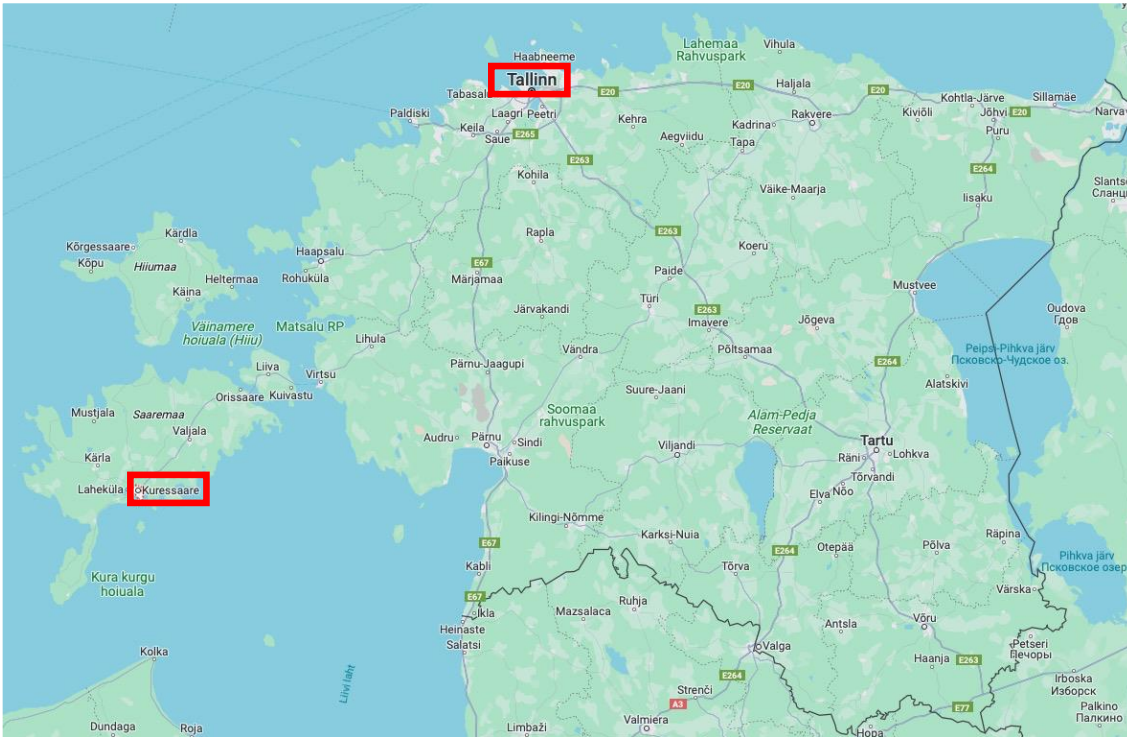
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Transport

If you travel by bus, the airport is connected to Tallinn coach station by buses (162, 120, 138) or tram (2), this local trip takes ca 15 minutes. Bus/ tram ticket can be bought by card in bus or tram. At both airport and Tallinn bus stations, there are machines where bus tickets to Kuressaare can be purchased. These cost 16-18€, ferry included. The distance from Tallinn to Kuressaare is approx. 220 km, which takes 3.5-4 hours to travel by bus, including 0.5-hour ferry ride from Virtsu to Kuivastu. The travel from Tallinn airport to Kuressaare takes ca 4.5 hours .



Kuressaare in Saaremaa Island and Tallinn (airport TLL) are marked with red boxes.

Please if you are interesting to participate, fill the online form :

- [Via the URL](#)
- Or through this QR-code



Important remark : We recommend to save the form for any future changes that will be possible until the final registration deadline on **15th June 2024**.

Read more information about Russulales [here](#).