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## Preface

The biannual International Entomophagous Insects Conference (IEIC) aims to bring together scientists worldwide to share information and new discoveries on the biology of parasitoids and predators. The conference originated from the merging of the International Entomophagous Insects Workshop and the European Parasitoid Workshop. It was first organized in Minneapolis (USA, 2009), followed by Antibes (France, 2011), Orford (Canada, 2013), Torre del Mar (Spain, 2015), and Kyoto (Japan, 2017). The IEIC6 was organized in Perugia (Italy, 9-13 September 2019) with about 145 participants from 43 countries spanning all continents. The organizers of the IEIC6 teamed up with the Editor-in-Chief of the journal to put together this special issue of Entomologia Experimentalis et Applicata as a meeting proceedings. The next meeting will be in Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 2021.

The conference was organized by a local committee (Eric Conti, Roberto Romani, Gianandrea Salerno, Gabriele Rondoni, and Valeria Bertoldi) and was structured into six sessions: Behaviour; Systematics and Biodiversity; Chemical Ecology; Population, Community, and Landscape Ecology; Biological Control and Integrated Pest Management; and Evolution, Genetics, and Physiology. There were six keynote lectures (one for each session), 93 oral presentations, and 46 posters. This special journal issue assembles 11 proceedings papers that where presented in the various sessions: two reviews and nine original research articles.

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