

# Arachnologische Gesellschaft



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The 'Arachnologische Gesellschaft e.V.' (**AraGes**) is a German-speaking scientific society for people interested in Arachnology. It supports the dissemination of knowledge about arachnids (i.e. spiders, harvestmen, pseudoscorpions, scorpions, palpigrades, etc., with the exception of mites and ticks), arachnological research, students working on arachnids and presentation of scientific results to the public.

Highlights:

- The society publishes the journal '**Arachnologische Mitteilungen**' (since 1991 twice a year – members of the **AraGes** get the journal for free). In 1995 a special volume was published with a register of the Arachnida of Germany ('Verzeichnis der Spinnentiere Deutschlands').
- The website <http://www.AraGes.de> contains, as well as the aims and structure of the 'Arachnologische Gesellschaft', a list of contents for the journal ('**Publikationen**'). Additionally, individuals responsible for particular arachnid taxa in the German-speaking region are listed. Regional, national and international **meetings and colloquia** are announced. Updated **checklists** for the Arachnida in Europe and **distribution maps** with photos are available. Information about the **spider of the year** is distributed. A special part is dedicated to **spiders for beginners** ('Spinnen für Einsteiger', Virtual Spider). Surfing in Arachno-sites is possible with the **arachno-links**. Moreover there are **products** on offer (T-shirts, cups, etc.) which are available online.
- **Konrad-Thaler Memorial Award** for excellence in diploma or doctoral theses in the field of arachnology .
- **Support for students** (e.g., scientific meetings, workshops; see below).
- **Contacts and literature** search by officials of the society (the AraGes is a scientific society, but many amateurs are members and more are welcome!).
- **Collection of scientific literature** (such as exchange of publications, so-called 'grey literature' = unpublished works such as diploma or doctoral theses, etc.).
- Annual selection of a **spider of the year** (in Germany and Europe).
- Compiling data for the **distribution maps** of the arachnids (base units: topogr. maps 1 : 25 000), which are available in the internet. Everyone can participate!

## Scientific meetings / general meetings:

Members meetings takes place every three years together with the **meeting of the German speaking arachnologists**. These meetings are held in the years of the International congresses of the **ISA** (International Society of Arachnology, formerly CIDA), as these often take place in countries outside continental Europe and in these years there is no European colloquium of the **ESA/SEA** (European Society of Arachnology/Société Européenne d'Arachnologie). Presently the following **regional working groups** exist within the AraGes:

SARA (Southern **AR**achnol. group),  
NORA (**NOR**theastern **Ar**achnol. group) and 'Hallescher Arachnologentag',  
NOWARA (**NO**rth**W**estern **AR**achnol. group)

The **annual meetings** of these groups are organised individually (invitations are sent to all members). Founding new thematic groups is possible. The **AraGes** supports the aims of **ISA** and **ESA/SEA** and transfers their information to AraGes members.

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Annual dues are 25,- € for regular members, 15,- € for students. Membership in the German-speaking arachnological society covers a subscription to 'Arachnologische Mitteilungen' (ISSN 1018-4171) is published twice each year. Annual subscription für non-members costs 25,- €. Payment has to be at the beginning of the year within the first three months to the following account

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