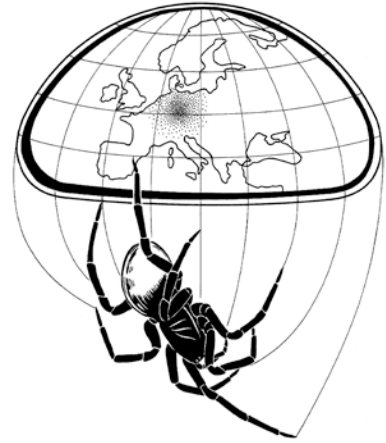


Arachnologische Gesellschaft



Short Information

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The 'Arachnologische Gesellschaft e.V.' (**AraGes**) has approximately 360 members, mainly in German speaking countries. It supports the dissemination of knowledge about arachnids (excluding Acari), arachnological research, students working on arachnids and the presentation of scientific results to the general public.

Highlights

- The society publishes the journal '**Arachnologische Mitteilungen**' (since 1991 twice a year – members of the **AraGes** get the journal for free, since 2005 in the format B5 [18x24cm], ca. 50 pp.). On the homepage the titles of the papers and the PDFs of all volumes are available as a database (<http://arages.de/aramit>),
- Updated **checklists** of Central European Arachnida (partitioned into countries) are available on the homepage,
- **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- **Collection of scientific literature** (such as exchange of publications, so-called 'grey literature' = unpublished works such as diploma or doctoral theses, etc.),
- Data collection for arachnid **distribution maps** (based on the **topographical maps** 1:25.000) (see <http://spiderling.de/arages>),
- **Support for students** (e.g., scientific meetings, workshops; see below),
- **Konrad-Thaler Memorial Award** for excellence in postgraduate theses (masters, diploma, PhD) in the field of arachnology,
- Annual selection of the **spider of the year** (since 2000 in Germany and since 2005 Europe) (European Spider of the Year 2011 is *Agelena labyrinthica* – see homepage).

Scientific meetings, general meetings

Members meetings takes place every three years together with the **meeting of the German speaking arachnologists**. The next meeting takes place in 2010 in Berlin.

The **annual meetings of the working groups** are organised individually (invitations are sent to **all** members of the **AraGes**). Presently the following **regional working groups** exist within the **AraGes**: SARA (**S**outhern **AR**Achnol. group), NOWARA (**N**Orth**W**estern **AR**Achnol. group), **Hallescher Arachnologentag**.

International Societies

The **AraGes** supports the aims of **ISA** (**I**nternational **S**ociety of **A**rachnology) and **ESA** (**E**uropean **S**ociety of **A**rachnology) and transfers their information to AraGes members.

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