

# Participant Information

**Welcome to IMC12 - the 12th edition of the International Mycological Congress!**

## OPENING HOURS

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Sunday, 11 August	15:00 – 18:30	15:00 – 18:30	15:00 – 19:30	16:30 – End of Welcome Reception
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- See the overview of sessions and speakers
- Receive real-time updates
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