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***B.V.C. INTERNATIONAL SHELL SHOW***

***19 – 20 MAY 2018***

***Edegem - Belgium***

For information and reservations please contact :

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**Opening hours (public):**

**Address:**

**Saturday: 10.00 – 18.00**

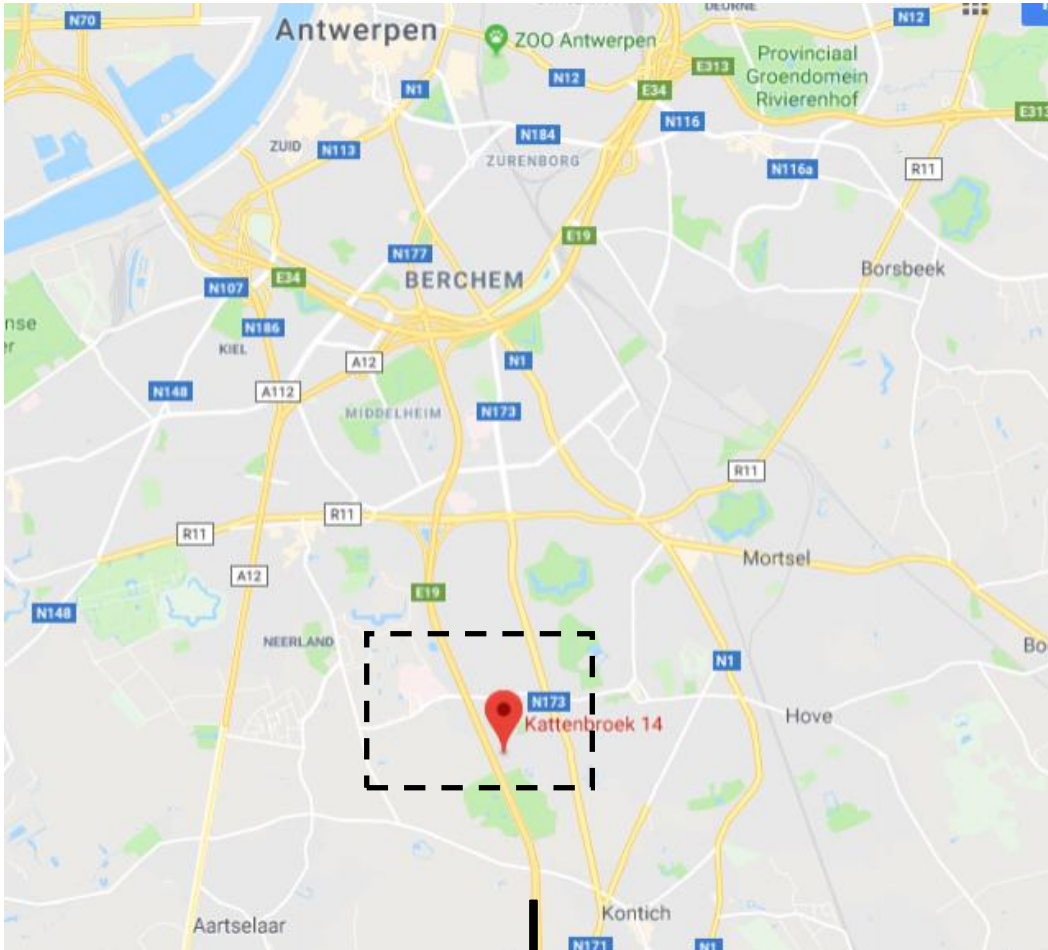
**Sunday: 10.00 – 16.00**

**Sports hall Kattenbroek**

**Kattenbroek 14**

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## **Important information and rules for the BVC-Shell Show !**

- Participants can access the exhibition hall to prepare their stand
  - on Friday evening 18 May between 16h00 and 19h00,
  - on Saturday 19 May starting at 08h00, and
  - on Sunday 20 May starting at 09h00.
- The Shell Show will be open for the public
  - on Saturday 19 May from 10h00 until 18h00, and
  - on Sunday 20 May from 10h00 until 16h00.
- **We would appreciate you staying until the end of the Shell Show on Sunday !**
- ALL SPECIMENS MUST BE LABELED (species name, locality, price,.....)
- The currency must be very clearly indicated on your table (US \$ or euro).  
If prices are not indicated, you must show a price-list to your clients
- The BVC declines all responsibility in case of damage, loss or theft.
- To avoid troubles with theft: Please, be careful !! Don't leave your tables unattended!! If you want to leave your table for a short time, you can ask somebody of the BVC-board to guard your material !!
- The BVC only organizes the Shell Show and does not take any responsibility in financial matters (taxes, etc.)
- All participants must comply with the CITES-REGULATIONS (Convention of Washington) e.g. Tridacnidae, Strombus gigas, all stony corals, ...
- Participants must be a member of the B.V.C., the Belgian Society for Conchology. The membership rate for 2018 is: for Belgium 35 Euro, for The Netherlands 38 Euro and for all other countries 45 Euro.
- Participants will receive 2 badges for the first 2 meters of table and 1 additional badge for each additional 2 meters. Price per meter 30 euro.
- Only the tables provided by the organisation may be used to exhibit your material. Extension boards or side tables will be charged according to the surface.
- All boxes are to be stored under the tables.
- All participants must respect the rules of the organisation. The president or the board can order to leave the exhibition hall (in case of problems or persona non grata).
- Waste disposal bags can be obtained in the pavillion of the organisation.

## **2. Competitions**

You are invited to take part in the competitions the « Shell of the Show » and « Conchologists of America (COA) Award ».

- **The « Shell of the Show » awards:**

During the Shell Show, international experts will give points to select the « Shell of the Show ». The 3 winners will receive *the* « BVC Award ». But also the public can give points to select their « Shell of the Show ». The 3 winners of this competition will receive the « Award of the Public ».

The winners of these competitions will receive their award on Sunday.

<b>Rules for the BVC competition for the “Shell of the Show”</b>
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Everyone who takes part in the Shell Show and all members of the BVC can take part in the competition for the “Shell of the Show”. In order to make the competition objective and attractive, the following rules are adopted:

- All shells taking part in the competition are brought together in one or two glass showcase cabinets at the entrance of the Shell Show. This gives an overview of all shells, which should enable the visitors and members of the international jury to compare them more easily and pick out the ones that really stand out from the rest.
- All shells get the same kind of label. Participants receive this label in the envelope with their badge etc. and should hand it in together with the shell before the show opens on Saturday morning.
- The winners will receive their award before the closing of the Shell Show on Saturday evening. This gives them the opportunity to put the shell on their table again on Sunday, together with the award. This will provide the perfect publicity for the shell if you want to sell it.

## • **The Conchologists of America Award (COA)**

is given to the shell exhibition that manages best to encourage people to start collecting shells. The selection is done by the international jury. For this exhibition we have glass-cases available (contact: Frank Celen at [frank.celen@skynet.be](mailto:frank.celen@skynet.be) or tel. ++32 3 663 01 50).

The winner of this competition will receive the award on Sunday.

### **Rules for the COA Award**

(Amended 9 July 1990, COA Executive Board)

The Conchologists of America Award, consisting of a trophy and a pin, has been **established to encourage open participation by shell collectors at shell shows and to stimulate improvements in shell exhibits**. Based on sound and impartial judging processes, this award **is given at a shell show to a single scientific vs. artistic exhibit which best advances interest in shells and shell collecting**.

The COA Award may only be given to a blue ribbon (1<sup>st</sup> prize) winner. It may NOT be given to:

- any exhibit receiving another major award (i.e. the DuPont, Smithsonian, American Museum of Natural History, etc.) at the same show, i.e. on the same occasion.
- an exhibit that has previously won a COA award at any show, unless 50% or more of the contents and format has been changed or added.
- any shell dealer, unless the exhibit consists entirely of self-collected material.
- any professional malacologist.

There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the COA Award with various exhibits.

The COA Award may be given only at shell shows open to the public and where no restrictions are placed on the club or regional affiliations of the exhibitors. This award may be given to a shell club for its shell show no more than once a year. It is sent free of charge upon approval of a trophy request. Sponsoring clubs are advised to incorporate these guidelines into their respective shell show rules and to make them available to all prospective exhibitors. All clubs are likewise encouraged to obtain membership in Conchologists of America.

**The COA Award Committee Chairman shall be responsible for receiving and processing trophy requests in a timely manner and for overseeing adherence to the guidelines.**