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Working Group Meeting
“Integrated Control in Protected Crops, Mediterranean Climate”
11-15 October 2015, Rehovot, ISRAEL

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

January 2015

The 9th meeting of the Working Group will be held on the campus of the R.H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Rehovot, Israel. The meeting will comprise three days of oral presentations, poster sessions and discussions, and a professional visit to commercial protected vegetable operations.

The theme of our meeting will be:

Pest Management in an Ever-Changing World

Program

Constant changes in climate, consumer demand, economy, regulations, technology, as well as invasions of new pest species, continuously challenge researchers, extension officers, growers and the agro-businesses. These and other topics will be discussed at the meeting. The venue of the meeting, the program structure and the collegial atmosphere are designed to encourage informal interactions, explore common interests and possible collaborations, and facilitate learning and information sharing. Visits to Israeli protected crop operations will provide unique opportunities to explore new technologies and approaches, share knowhow, and interact with growers and extension officers.

Venue

The meeting will be held in Rehovot on the tranquil campus of the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment of the Hebrew University; its extensive gardens and modern lecture halls provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for international visitors. Rehovot is conveniently located in the center of the country with affordable, frequent train, bus and taxi service from Tel Aviv (ca. 20 km distant), Jerusalem (ca. 50 km) and Ben Gurion International Airport (15 km from campus). Many restaurants and cafés are within walking distance of the meeting venue.

Along with the program of professional activities, participants may take the opportunity to explore Israel in all its uniqueness, with its diverse historical landmarks, holy sites and vibrant cities, Mediterranean beaches and striking desert landscapes, and fascinating human cultures and wildlife.

Accommodations

Two options are available:

Reisfeld Residence: The Faculty's international guest house is an affordable on-campus housing facility. Two types of rooms are available: 1) Single room in an apartment of 4 or 5 rooms; 2) Double room (a limited number of double rooms is available). All rooms have a kitchenette and refrigerator and are supplied with bedding and towels.

Leonardo Boutique Rehovot Hotel: All rooms are furnished with either queen-size or twin beds, Plasma TV with cable, climate control, a well-equipped work area, and free Wi-Fi internet connection. The hotel is located at a short walking distance from the meeting venue.

Participants

Researchers, technical staff and extension personnel from the public and private sectors, as well as graduate and post-graduate students, are all welcome. The convening of participants of diverse backgrounds and experiences will enable discussion of the challenges associated with biological and integrated management of arthropod pests and diseases of protected crops in Mediterranean climates.

Proceedings

Proceedings will be published electronically as an IOBC/WPRS Bulletin prior to the meeting. Manuscripts should consist of short contributions of scientific or technical information that does not interfere or compete with data published in refereed journals. Authors are especially encouraged to submit contributions related to the conference theme. Papers should not exceed 6 pages, including tables, graphs and references. Submission of manuscripts is a prerequisite for oral or poster presentation.

Manuscripts should be sent before **15 May, 2015** by e-mail to **Dan Gerling** (Dange@tauex.tau.ac.il).

Full instructions for authors can be found at <http://www.iobc-wprs.org/pub/index.html>.

Presentations

Authors may express their preference of oral or poster presentation. Authors' preference will be carefully considered with the final decision to be made by the scientific committee, according to time constraints.

Registration and Fees

To join the mailing list and receive updates about the meeting, you may fill out the form "Add Me to Your Mailing List".

The registration fee includes participation in the sessions, an information package, coffee breaks, conference dinner, excursion, access to the electronic volume of the papers and a book of abstracts. **Accompanying person** payment includes the excursion and conference dinner.

Registration will open on **1 April 2015**, with the deadline for early registration on **1 July**. Applications may be cancelled until 1 September 2015, in which case an 80% refund will be made. There will be no refund for cancellations received after that date.

Registration rates and payment instructions, together with the registration form, will be posted in March on the meeting web site: <http://www.agri.huji.ac.il/icpc-working-group/>. The site will include information on accommodation options, the conference venue, transportation from and to the airport, pre- and post-meeting sightseeing excursions, climate, as well as other useful details.

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The WG meeting website: <http://www.agri.huji.ac.il/icpc-working-group/>

The HU Faculty of Agriculture, Food & Environment website: <http://www.agri.huji.ac.il/english/index.html>

Virtual tour of the HU campus in Rehovot: <http://multimedia.huji.ac.il/tour360/rehovot/index-e.html>

A short clip on Israel: <http://www.youtube.com/embed/tLgdb6r0MQ4?rel=0>