

The Fourth International Symposium on Fig



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First announcement

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are very pleased to present the First Announcement on the IV International Symposium on Fig to be held at the National School of Agriculture of Meknès, Meknès (Morocco) from September 29 to October 3, 2009 under the auspices of the Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) and the Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM).

Program

All aspects related to Fig cultivation and growing (genetic resources, germplasm characterization, biotechnology and molecular markers utilisation, cultural practices, pest management, post-harvest, economics; etc.) will be covered taking into account the most recent scientific and technical findings.

The program will include thought-provoking lectures by invited speakers in each of the sessions covered, as well as a diverse selection of oral and poster presentations. During the symposium, you will have the opportunity to visit germplasm fig collections, fig nurseries, fig drying units and fig orchards through technical tours across the main fig production areas.

Information related to the symposium will be periodically upgraded on the symposium website. Therefore, interested participants are warmly invited to frequently visit this website (www.ficus2009.ma) in order to be informed about any program and deadlines change. Selected social events will be scheduled for participants and accompanying persons. A two days post-symposium tour will be arranged for interested participants.

English will be the official language of the symposium.

Registration

Different registration fees have been defined in relation to I.S.H.S. membership, time of registration (early, late and on desk), status of the participant and accompanying persons. You are invited to register as indicated in the Web page.

Contributions

The Scientific Committee encourages participants to make contributions on any aspect of Fig cultivation and growing. Provisional titles of the contributions must be submitted within January 31, 2009. Abstracts should be submitted to the Scientific Secretariat before March 31, 2009. The Scientific Committee will examine abstracts proposed by participants and take a decision concerning acceptance and type of contribution (oral or poster). Corresponding participants will be officially informed about this decision by April 30, 2009. Full papers must be sent before September 10, 2009. Accompanying persons and participants without contributions can mail directly to the secretariat of the symposium.

Scholarships

The CIHEAM (International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies) will award a limited number of scholarships that may cover registration fees, accommodation and travel. Therefore, it is advisable for potential participants to apply for such scholarships.

Accommodation and meals

A list of Hotel and accommodation facilities will be indicated on the web site. Offered meals during the symposium will be mainly based on Moroccan cuisine.

Deadlines and important dates

November 30, 2008	First announcement
January 31, 2009	Submission of provisional titles by participants
March 31, 2009	Submission of abstracts by participants
April 30, 2009	Decision of the Scientific Committee related to acceptance and type of contributions
Before June 15, 2009	Early Registration of participants
After June 15, 2009	Late Registration of participants
September 10, 2009	Submission of full papers by participants

You will enjoy the mild beginning fall temperatures of Meknès located on the Saïss Plateau. The organizing committee will do its best to make enjoyable your stay in Morocco. We look forward to having you join us to the IV International Symposium on Fig, September 29- October 3, 2009 at the National School of Agriculture of Meknès, Meknès, Morocco!

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