



III International Symposium on Horticultural Crop Wild Relatives

Plovdiv (Bulgaria) October 15 - 17, 2018

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Invitation

Dear colleagues,

The International Society for Horticultural Sciences (ISHS) and the Organizing Committee of the III International Symposium on Horticultural Crop Wild Relatives are pleased to invite you to participate in this event that will be held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, October 15-17, 2018.

The wild horticultural relatives are important resource for improving agricultural production and for maintaining sustainable agro-ecosystems. The objective of the Symposium is to share knowledge about collection, characterization, and using of the horticultural crop wild relatives.

Hope to see you in Plovdiv, Bulgaria in October, 2018.

Stefan Gandev

Convener

Further Information:

E-mail: instov@abv.bg

Web site: www.symposium.fruitgrowinginstitute.com

Important dates

Abstract submission open date	02.01.2018
Abstract submission deadline	31.03.2018
Notification of abstract acceptance	30.05.2018
Early registration	31.07.2018
Submission of full manuscript	30.09.2018

COMMITTEES

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Language The official language of the symposium will be English.

SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

Plovdiv is situated in south-central part of Bulgaria on the two sides of the Maritsa River. The city has historically developed on seven hills, some of which are 250 meters high. Because of these hills, Plovdiv is often referred to in Bulgaria as "The City of the Seven Hills". The climate is humid subtropical with considerable humid continental influence. There are four distinct seasons, with large temperature jumps between seasons being common. Summer is hot, moderately dry. Autumn starts in late September; days are long and relatively warm in early autumn. The first frost occurs on average by November. Winter is normally cold and snow is common. Spring arrives in March but that season is cooler than autumn. The frost season ends in March or in April at the latest. The days are mild and relatively warm in mid spring.



Plovdiv is the second-largest city in Bulgaria, with a population of 341,567 inhabitants as of 2015, while 544,628 live in its urban area. It is an important economic, transport, cultural, and educational center. Plovdiv has evidence of habitation since the 6th millennium BC. There are many remains preserved from antiquity such as the ancient Plovdiv Roman theatre, Roman Odeon, Roman aqueduct, Roman Stadium, the archaeological complex Eirene, and others. On 5 September 2014, Plovdiv was selected as the Bulgarian host of the European Capital of Culture 2019.



Plovdiv is known as educational and research center. There are six universities, six research institutes belong to the Agricultural academy, number of state and private college, branches of other universities and institutes or laboratories belong to the Bulgarian Academy of Science.

The symposium will take place at the Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg, Plovdiv.



Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Programme
Sunday, October 14 Reception of the Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg, Plovdiv	16.00 – 18.00	Registration of participants
	18.00 – 19.00	Welcome Event
Monday, October 15, Hall Druzhiba of the Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg, Plovdiv	8.30 – 10.00	Registration of participants
	10.00 – 10.30	Opening of the Symposium
	10.30 – 11.00	Invited speaker lecture
	11.00 – 12.00	Oral presentations
	12.00 – 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 – 15.00	Oral presentations
	15.00 – 15.40	Coffee break
	15.40 – 18.00	Poster presentations and discussion
Tuesday, October, 16 Hall Druzhiba of the Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg, Plovdiv	9.00 – 10.00	Oral presentations
	10.00 – 11.00	Coffee break
	11.00 – 12.00	Oral presentations
	12.00 – 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 – 15.00	Oral presentations
	15.00 – 15.40	Coffee break
	15.40 – 17.00	Poster presentation and discussion
	17.00 – 17.30	FINAL DISCUSSION
	19.30 – 23.00	Official dinner
Wednesday, October, 17 Fruit Growing Institute and Old town of Plovdiv	9.00 – 11.00	Visit of the Fruit Growing Institute – Plovdiv where you will be able to see our trial orchards and the oldest pecan tree (<i>Carya illinoensis</i>)
	11.00 – 13.00	Visit to <i>old town</i> of Plovdiv with a professional guide

Invited speaker



Monday, October 15

Dr. Damiano Avanzato

Former Chair Isha Section Nuts and Mediterranean Climate Fruits

Former Chair Isha Commission Plant Genetic Resources

Former Resercher at Crea-Fruit Growing Institute of Rome

Role of Man and Climate change on the erosion of PGRs and actions to protect them, with special focus to Nuts.

REGISTRATION FEES

Category	Early bird Registration (before the 1st of August - 2018)	Late Registration
ISHS members	350 €	400 €
Non-ISHS members	430€	480 €
Students*	200 €	250 €
One-day registration **	150 €	180 €

Full registration fee includes:

- Access to all scientific sessions
- Book of abstracts
- Welcome reception event
- Lunches and coffee breaks
- Conference dinner
- Participation at the technical tour
- A copy of the Acta Horticulturae proceedings

* The students should present valid student-ID at the symposium. Without this documentation, regular fees will be applied. The student fee does not include a copy of the Acta Horticulturae proceedings.

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- Conference dinner
- Participation at the technical tour
- Without publishing of the paper

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Beneficiary's name: Institut po ovoshtarstvo

Beneficiary's address: 4004, Plovdiv, Ostromila 12 str.

IBAN: BG90 UNCR7000 3405 1579 39

SWIFT Code: UNCRBGSF

Beneficiary's bank: UniCreditBulbank

Bank branch office: Plovdiv Trimontium

Bank address: 4, Ivan Vazov str., 4000 Plovdiv

VERY IMPORTANT!

On the Payment Order, please mention the first author's names and the reference "III Symposium"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

All abstracts must be submitted through ROSA - Responsive Online System for Acta Horticulturae submission and review.

Link for abstract submission: <http://www.actahort.org/members/symposiar?nr=541>

For more information about how to submit your abstract, see <http://www.ishs.org/sites/default/files/page-documents/onlinesubmissionauthorsguide.pdf>

The official language of the symposium is English so only abstracts written in English will be accepted for review.

Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and be based on original work. Should give full information on the objective, materials and methods and major results obtained.

Abstracts should be thoroughly checked for spelling (English) and grammar.

The deadline for abstract submission is **April 30, 2018**. Abstracts submitted by this date will be considered for evaluation. Authors will be notified of provisional acceptance of abstracts by **30 May 2018** and for the form of presentation as oral or poster presentation.

To be accepted, abstract authors must be registered and paid to attend the **WildRelatives2018, shortly after their positive acceptance notification**.

All presenters (oral and poster) are expected to submit a manuscript for publication in refereed proceedings, Acta Horticulturae, by **30 September 2018**.

For guidelines and instructions on how to prepare your manuscript for publication in Acta Horticulturae, see <http://www.ishs.org/authors>

Info on ISHS student awards: <http://www.ishs.org/student-awards>

General Information

Use limited number of references (e.g. Smith 2009), only if necessary

Two abstract submissions are permitted per author however please be aware that a maximum of one oral presentation and one poster presentation will be assigned per registered delegate for successful applicants. You will be required to complete the details for each abstract before submitting your next one.

Your abstract will be published in the Abstract Book as submitted. Please ensure you check your data carefully before submitting as changes or additions will not be possible after submission.

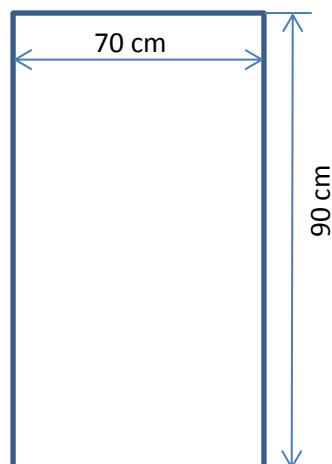
Oral presentations

Oral presentations duration is limited to 20 minutes, including 5 minutes for questions.

Presentations should be prepared in the programme Microsoft Power Point and saved on CD or flash memory. Authors are kindly asked to transfer their presentation at the symposium computer on time.

Posters

Posters size should be 90 (h) x 70 (w) cm. Posters should be placed no latter than 12.00 on Monday, October 15.



How to get to Plovdiv

Travelling

From Sofia Airport

Sofia Airport provides daily flights from and to many cities all over the world. Plovdiv is only a 70-minute-drive away from the airport. Sofia Airport provides all services necessary for completing your transfer.

For more information: <https://www.sofia-airport.bg/en/passengers>

Bus line No.84 links the airport with the city centre .

You have to get off at Hotel Pliska bus stop and change to bus line No.213 or 305 for the Central Bus Station and The Central Railway Station.

Sofia Airport [metro station](#) of M2 is next to the building of Terminal 2 of the airport.

Travelling by bus

From Central Bus Station Sofia

There is a bus going from Sofia to Plovdiv every hour till 20:00 h.

Last stop in Plovdiv - bus station South (Yug). Trip duration - 2 hours.

For more information: <http://www.centralnaavtogara.bg/#b>

The information is only in Bulgarian.

Travelling by train

From Central Railway Station Sofia

You can take both direct express or fast trains travelling from Sofia to Plovdiv and trains travelling the lines Sofia - Svilengrad and Sofia - Burgas.

The trip duration is 2,30 hours.

For more information: <http://www.bdz.bg/en/>

The distance to the Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg is around 5 km.

In front of the Plovdiv Railway Station or from the opposite side of the Bus Station South (Yug) you can take bus № 20 and get off after 10 (respectively 9) stops. The bus stop is opposite to the Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg. You can buy tickets in the bus. The ticket price is 1 leva (around 0.50 euro).

The symposium will take place at the Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg, Plovdiv.

Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg

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Note: When booking, be sure to denote that you are participants of the III International Symposium on Horticultural Crop Wild Relatives. This is valid only for the Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg.