



Dear Colleagues,

We look forward to meet you next summer in Porto Heli at the East Coast of Peloponnese in Greece for **the 7th EPSO Conference (1-4.9.)!** We have 37 excellent speakers confirmed and will select one speaker per session from the abstracts you submit.

Please remind your students from a European country or senior scientists from an Eastern European country, to apply for a **support grant until the 31 March 2013**. With this grant, EPSO is covering the accommodation and the registration fee. As a support grant holder you will also submit a poster abstract.

Contact us to hold your project / network meetings as side events at low price on 5 and 6 September at the conference venue. First examples are the EPPN Workshop (05.09.) and the ERA-CAPS meetings (05.09., closed) and some more are already in the pipeline.

Exhibitors and sponsors are welcome to raise their visibility among the conference participants and to support the conference.

The **early registration deadline is 30 April 2013**. We recommend you to register and book your accommodation in time.

Recommended arrival date is the 31.8. and departure either the 5.9. or 7.9.2013.

Please, bring the conference to the attention of your colleagues.

Looking forward to meet you there,

Karin Metzloff
EPSO Executive Director
Brussels, Belgium

George Skaracis
Local Conference Organiser
Agricultural Univ., Athens, Greece

Heribert Hirt
EPSO President
INRA, Evry, France

And the members of the Organising and the Local Committee

The Plant Conference not to miss!

The European Plant Science Organisation (EPSO) welcomes you to the

**7th EPSO Conference: "Plants for a Greening Economy"
Porto Heli, Greece, 01 - 04 September, 2013**

<http://www.epsoweb.org/7th-epsos-conference-1-4-september-2013-greece>.

Support grant applications deadline 31 March 2013
Early registration deadline until 30 April 2013
Register online and submit your abstract to be considered for oral presentation
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Support the Conference as a Sponsor or Exhibitor

AIM: The 7th EPSO Conference 'Plants for a Greening Economy' will be held at the beautiful coast of Porto Heli, at the east side of the Peloponnese, in Greece, from 1 to 4 September 2013. The Conference will address many of the challenges faced by the plant research community in an evolving world: basic research as well as applied research on climate change, preservation of the environment and of natural biodiversity, as well as the food and feed demands of a growing world population. Non-food crops for energy, biomaterials, biopharmaceuticals and other new products will also be an important focus of the conference.

TOPICS: Regulatory networks in plants ▪ Plant response and adaptation to biotic stresses ▪ Plant response and adaptation to abiotic stress ▪ Plant response and adaptation to low resource availability ▪ Climate change—the mitigating role of plants ▪ Global food security—sufficiency and affordability ▪ Global food security – nutritional quality and safety ▪ Plant breeding and sustainability ▪ Plant driven bioeconomy—bioenergy, biofuels, molecular farming, biomaterials ▪ Plant evolution—biodiversity and ecosystems ▪ Science policy – plant science and environment ▪ Two dedicated poster sessions

LIST OF CONFIRMED SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS: Eva-Mari Aro, Jose-Pio Beltran, Philip Benfey, Malcolm Bennett, Ton Bisseling, Marc de Block, Alain Charcosset, Jordi Comadran Trabal, Jan Delcour, Xinnian Dong, Matthias Erb, Eckhard George, Jean-Christophe Glaszmann, Wilhelm Grisse, Jacek Hennig, Heribert Hirt, Jonathan Jones, Angela Karp, Sandy Knapp, Mauricio A. Lopes, Cathie Martin, Karin Metzclaff, Maurice Moloney, John Mundy, Rodomiro Ortiz, Bruce Osborne, Javier Paz-Ares, Merja Penttilä, Christophe Plomion, Marcel Prins, Edward Rybicki, Uli Schurr, George Skaracis, Theodoros Skylakakis, Gregory Staphanopoulos, Chiara Tonelli, Athanasios Tsaftaris, Alina-Stefania Ujupan, Rens Voeseneck, Olivier Voinnet, Tom Whitham, Dan Yakir, Kazuko Yamaguschi-Shinozaki and Jian-Kang Zhu.

PROGRAMME at <http://www.epsoweb.org/7th-epsa-conference-1-4-september-2013-greece>

REGISTRATION: The number of participants is limited to 400. A reduced registration fee applies to EPSO Personal Members. Registration deadlines: **30 April 2013 (early)**, 30 June 2013 (late) Online registration application at https://www.regonline.co.uk/EPSO_7thCF2013_GR. Registration starts at 575 € (Academia), 725 € (Industry) and at 310 € (students) for early registration only.

ACCOMMODATION: 3 different hotels are recommended by the Conference Organisers: AKS Porto Heli Hotel (at the conference venue), AKS Hinita Bay Hotel (4km from venue), Nautica Bay Hotel (300m from venue). Prices start at 88,20€ (single room), 98,00€ (double room), 50,00€ (shared double room) at AKS Hotels and at 64,00€ (single room), 75,00€ (double room), 40,00€ (shared double room) at Nautica Bay.

SUPPORT GRANTS: Students from any European country and senior scientists from the recent EU Member States^[1] and Eastern European countries^[2] can apply for an EPSO Conference Support Grant. The number of grants will be distributed equally between the two groups. Preference will be given to applicants from EPSO member institutions (<http://www.epsoweb.org/membership/members>) and Personal members (<http://www.epsoweb.org/membership/join/personal-registration-information>). The deadline for the application is **31.03.2013**.

^[1] Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia.

^[2] Albania, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine.

POSTER AVAILABILITY AND SELECTION OF ORAL PRESENTATIONS: There will be a permanent poster exhibition. Two poster sessions will be held, the three best posters will be awarded. For each conference session one speaker will be selected from the poster abstracts.

ABSTRACTS: Once you have registered you can submit your abstracts online. Deadlines abstract submission: 25 April 2013 (for oral presentation selection); 11 May 2013 (for posters only).

SIDE EVENTS: You can hold your project / network meetings as side-events at the conference venue at preferred price on Thursday, 5.9. and/or Friday, 6.9.2013. Please contact the EPSO Conference officer.

SPONSORS and EXHIBITORS: Please contact us if you would like to sponsor the conference or participate as an exhibitor.

MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE: Jose-Pio Beltran, Ton Bisseling, Eckhard George, Jacek Hennig, Heribert Hirt, Jonathan Jones, Bruce Osborne, Christophe Plomion, Karin Metzloff (EPSO coordinator), Eva-Mari Aro and Chiara Tonelli.

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE: George N. Skaracis (Local coordinator), Nickolas Panopoulos, Epaminondas Paplomatas, Polydefkis Chatzopoulos, Filippos Aravanopoulos , Nicolas Ioannou (CY), Zach Adam (IL), Avraham Levy (IL), Hillel Fromm (IL).

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