Dear colleagues,

the XV EUCARPIA Fruit Breeding and Genetics Symposium is in full process of its preparation. All those interested in XV EUCARPIA FBGS will find detailed information about the conference at www.eucarpiafruit2019.org

Venue
The XV EUCARPIA Fruit Breeding and Genetics Symposium will be held in the Study and Information Centre (SIC) of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague – Suchdol. The symposium venue is easily accessible by public transport by bus. The name of the bus stop nearest to symposium venue is “Zemědělská univerzita”. For your travel planning, you can use following link (information also in English) to find your optimal traffic connection by Prague public transport: https://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/praha/spojeni/

Campus of the Czech University of Life Sciences (CULS) in Prague is in close proximity of both recommended hotels and both bus stops of public transport. For better orientation, the map of this area is attached.
The location is convenient for a good traffic connection to Vaclav Havel Airport Prague and at the same time with a good background for Symposium participants. **Prague is famous for its cultural and scientific heritage for centuries!** For the travel to the city centre by public transport, you can use buses no. 107 or 147, which take you to the transport junction Dejvicka. From the station Dejvicka take metro (subway) line A leading to the city centre (downtown) for example to station Staroměstská (Old Town). The travel time from symposium venue to the Prague city centre using public transport is approximately 30 minutes.

Registration and fees:
As we informed you last time, the symposium fee was reduced due to financial support of new sponsors. Early bird registration was also extended to the 30th April 2019.

**Fee participants (EUR)**

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Full registration fee (ISHS/EUCARPIA members and non-ISHS/EUCARPIA members) includes:
- Welcome reception
- Official Symposium program and participant’s package
- All lunches (3) and mid-session coffee/refreshments breaks
- Technical tour (June, 7)
- Acta Horticulturae proceedings volume
- Gala Dinner (June, 5)

**PRELIMINARY DAILY PROGRAM**
**Monday, June 3**
16:00 ........................................... beginning of registration
19:00 ........................................... official opening by the organizing committee and welcome address by institutional representatives, opening scientific presentation, Welcome reception
Tuesday, June 4  Study and Information Centre at Czech University of Life Sciences Prague  
since 8:00  registration and poster putting up  
since 9:00  oral and poster session  
17:00  Prague Tour  

Wednesday, June 5  Study and Information Centre at Czech University of Life Sciences Prague  
9:00 – 17:00  oral and poster sessions  
20:00  Hotel Galaxie - Gala dinner  

Thursday, June 6  Study and Information Centre at Czech University of Life Sciences Prague  
9:00 – 16:00  oral and poster sessions  
15:00  Closing remarks and end of the symposium  

Friday, June 7  Whole day Technical tour to Research and Breeding Institute of Pomology Holovousy Ltd. (RBIPH)  
8:00  Departure from Hotel Galaxie by bus  
10:30  Excursion in RBIPH  
12:30  Excursion in fruit plantations of RBIPH  
16:00  Departure of buses back to Prague  

During technical tour, you will see one of the leading European fruit research workplace including the most modern laboratory equipment (sequencing line - NGS, IonTorrent and Sangers sequencer, ICP-MS, GC/MS, LC/Coul Array, Cryogenetic lab etc.), you will be introduced to world leading sweet cherry breeding programme (Kordia, Tamara).

Scientific programme

Topics
- Biodiversity and Genetic resources
- Fruit Breeding
- Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology
- Resistance to biotic and abiotic stress
- Fruit safety and quality

Key speakers and presentations
- Francois Laurens, INRA, France, molecular genetics and biotechnology - innovative plant variety testing
- Markus Kellerhals, Agroscope, Switzerland, cultivars - genetic resources and biodiversity
- Yuanwen Teng, Zhejiang University, China, fruit breeding - interspecific hybridization
- Charles-Eric Durel, INRA, France, fruit breeding
- Marc Lateur, CRA-W, Belgium, genetic resources and biodiversity
- Lubor Zelený, RBIP, Czech Rep., Sweet cherry breeding programme in Holovousy and new cultivars

Scientific committee members: Jiri Sedlak (Czech Republic), Markus Kellerhals (Switzerland), Francois Laurens (France), Maria Jose Aranzana (Spain), Stefano Tartarini (Italy), Michela Troggio (Italy), Eric van de Weg (Netherlands), Alena Gajdosova (Slovakia), Pavel Vejl (Czech Republic), Andreas Peil (GER), Kate Evans (USA), Vincent Bus (New Zealand), Marc Lateur (Belgium), Matthew Ordidge (UK).

The final symposium programme is still under construction, but it will certainly be worth the trip, and especially if you present your work!
Important dates
Conference dates
June 3-7, 2019

The reservation of accommodation option is open
March 1, 2019

Abstracts submission deadline – extended!!
April 30, 2019

Early Bird Registration ends
April 30, 2019

Late Registration starts
May 1, 2019

Fulltext paper submission
June 3, 2019

Accommodation
June is already high season in Prague so we would recommend that you book hotels or apartments in advance. On our website you will find some information about offered accommodation in two selected hotels. We encourage you to reserve your accommodation at one of these facilities. The reservation option is already open. It is necessary to mention that you are a participant of the Eucarpia 2019 conference when making your reservation.

For further accommodation possibilities in Prague, you can use following link:

All EUCARPIA symposium participants are invited to submit their abstracts online with indication of the preference of either oral or poster presentation. Poster size is portrait oriented not bigger than 82 x 56 cm.
The abstracts have to be submitted in English and electronically through the ISHS System ROSA - (Responsive Online System for Acta Horticulturae submission, before the April 30, 2019). The presenting author must register in full for the Symposium no later than 30th of April 2019 or the abstract will be withdrawn from the program. Once the abstract has been accepted for oral or poster presentation, authors are expected to submit their papers in English, following the ISHS Authors Guidelines. The papers presented at the Symposium will be peer-reviewed and published in Acta Horticulturae. Acta Horticulturae (ISSN 0567-7572 print and ISSN 2406-6168 electronic) is a peer reviewed series, mainly the proceedings of ISHS Symposia and the International Horticultural Congress. The entire Acta Horticulturae library comprising some 70,000 papers is available online and services the needs of thousands of researchers worldwide, who use the www.actahort.org site! Acta Horticulturae is fully indexed by major online search engines including Google and GoogleScholar.

Feel free to widely circulate this announcement in your Institution, to interested Colleagues.
Looking forward to seeing you in Prague!

Jiri Sedlak, convener, on behalf of the Organizing Committee
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