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8th meeting of the IOBC-WPRS WG

“Integrated Protection of Olive Crops”

Florence, Italy, 4-7 June 2018

Second announcement

Dear Colleague,

we are pleased to inform you that registration is open for the 8th IOBC-WPRS meeting on “Integrated Protection of Olive Crops” to be held from 4-7 June 2018, in Florence, Italy.

Registration fees cover: admission to the sessions, delegate’s bag and documentation, program and abstracts book, lunches and coffee breaks according to the Congress program, certificate of attendance upon request, participation in the Welcome cocktail on Sunday 3th June and the professional tour, including lunch, on 5th June and the conference dinner.

Due to the system update of the University of Florence, the credit card payments were temporary suspended. In order to allow participants to register online at a more favorable fee, the organizing committee has extended the deadline for the early registration. Please, note that credit card payment has been restored.

The new deadline for early registration is **15th March 2018**.

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Category	Early Registration (before March 15 th , 2018)	Late Registration (from March 16 th , 2018)
Participant (IOBC Member)*	270,00 €	340,00 €
Participant (Non-IOBC Member)	390,00 €	460,00 €
Student	120,00 €	170,00 €
Accompanying Person	120,00 €	170,00 €

As a consequence, also the deadline for manuscript and extended abstract submission has been postponed.

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IMPORTANT DATES	
15th November 2017	Opening of early registration
15th March 2018	Deadline for early registration
1st April 2018	Deadline for manuscript and extended abstract submission
4-7th June 2018	Meeting venue

Please consider the possibility of becoming a IOCB member.

IOBC members have a reduction in payment and other benefits including:

- Access to the worldwide network of biocontrol and IPM collaboration of IOBC
- Free online access to IOBC-WPRS Bulletins and other publications
- Reduced registration fees for IOBC-WPRS meetings
- Reduced subscription fee for BioControl
- Support of the objectives, commissions and other activities of IOBC-WPRS

Accommodation information

The meeting website <https://www.eleducation.it/iobc2018/> has been updated with useful information on Florence accommodation availability for the participants in the 8th meeting of the IOBC/WPRS WG "Integrated Protection of Olive Crops".

Participants can find partner hotels, bed & breakfasts and holiday apartments at special conditions. The reservation, subject to room availability, should be arranged directly with the hotel. To book a room, please, use the accommodation email or the phone number displayed on the meeting website <https://www.eleducation.it/iobc2018/>. **Do not book directly from the hotel website as you will not be able to benefit from the special rate for meeting participants.** To book at the special price please indicate in your mail the booking code of the meeting "OLIVEFLY2018". In addition to the affiliated hotels, you will find a list of the closest accommodation to the meeting venue.

We are happy to have you as participants in the congress to present your research work, exchange ideas, start and develop collaborations and contribute to the further development of research on all aspects of olive crop protection.

We are happy to host you in Florence, one of the most beautiful Italian cities, and capital of the Tuscany region, which includes in its territory other cities of art, such as Pisa and Siena. Tuscany is a place of perfect balance between culture and nature, thanks to the splendid areas that characterize it.

Scientific sessions and topics

The 8th meeting on Integrated Protection of Olive Crops program will cover relevant disciplines ranging from basic knowledge to applied research. The scientific sessions and the topics of the meeting will concern:

Olive crop production under a changing scenario

- Climate changes and effects on olive pests and diseases
- New technologies in monitoring of olive pests and diseases
- Information technology, remote sensing and models for olive pest and disease management

Integrated management of *Xylella fastidiosa* in olive orchards

- Current and future perspectives in the surveillance and control strategies of *Xylella fastidiosa*
- Vectors and epidemiology of *Xylella fastidiosa*

Integrated Pest Management of olive pests and pathogens

- Chemical control of olive pests and diseases
- Soil management and olive crop protection
- Molecular approaches in olive crop IPM: from basic knowledge to practical applications
- Perspectives in pest and disease management in organic olive production
- Weed control in olive orchards
- Area-wide management of pests and diseases in olive crops
- Side effects of chemicals in pest and disease management
- Cultural practices and sustainability in the olive crop environment

Biological and biotechnological control of pests and diseases in the olive crop

- Natural enemies and biocontrol
- Biopesticides, biofungicides and biostimulants
- Semiochemicals in the olive crop protection
- Olive ecosystem microbiome: challenges and opportunities
- Biodiversity in olive orchards

The purpose of this meeting is to bring together scientists, researchers and all those are involved in the integrated protection of the olive tree. Participants will share knowledge, skills, technologies and experiences in order to contribute to the development and improvement of more environment-friendly control strategies of pests, diseases and weeds in olive crops.

The economic importance of this crop, in Mediterranean countries but also in new areas, requires a constructive exchange. Our goal is to contribute to the formation of a worldwide community dedicated to this important crop: a strong and collaborative community that points to the sustainability and production of superior quality products.

The Organizing Committee

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