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WPRS *International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control
West Palaearctic Regional Section*

SROP *Organisation Internationale de Lutte Biologique et Intégrée
Section Régionale Ouest Palaéarctique*

IOBC-WPRS Meeting on Citrus Pests, Diseases and Weeds

Nafplio, Greece | 4th – 6th April 2022

THIRD CIRCULAR

Corona Virus (COVID-19) Update

We sincerely hope that you are in good health and coping as well as possible with the unprecedented challenges from COVID-19. Regarding the new situation of COVID-19 the IOBC Citrus WG Group Organizing Committee has decided to organize this in-person meeting. Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation, the meeting may be turned into digital-only event. In this case, all in-person registrants will receive a refund for the difference in fees. Please, check the website for the latest information. The health, safety and well-being of the meeting attendance is our highest priority. Thank you again for your understanding. Let us stay strong and confident.

INVITATION

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the International Organization for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious Animals and Plants, West Palearctic Regional Section (IOBC-WPRS) we are very happy to announce that the next meeting of the Working Group on “Integrated Control in Citrus Fruit Crops” will be held from **4th to 6th April 2022** in Nafplio, Greece. The meeting is organized by the ELGO-DIMITRA in collaboration with University of Thessaly, Benaki Phytopathological Institute, Directorate of Rural Development and Veterinary of Argolida and Agricultural Union of Argolida, and Institute of Agrifood Research and Technology. The venue of the meeting will be in Vouleutikon-Greek first parliament.

Historically, the IOBC began in 1955 as a global organization affiliated with the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), with the objective of promoting, for pest control, realistic environmentally friendly methods, encouraging scientific collaboration, stimulating the dissemination of research and information and promoting the application of biological control and all methods that fit in an integrated pest management.

The origins of the Citrus Working group of the IOBC/WPRS goes back to the early days of the organization, when it was still called Commission Internationale de Lutte Biologique (CILB) in 1962. The impact of the group in citrus plant protection in the Mediterranean region has been considerable, fostering the biological control, especially in the first period in the 1970's with outstanding activity of exchange of natural enemies to improve biological control. It followed a period of setting standards for sampling methodologies and economic thresholds in the 1980's which paved the way and served as founding stone for the development and introduction of IPM or Integrated Production programs in most citrus producing countries in the 1990's. Implementation and diffusion of this programs to the farmer level is not always easy and the introduction of new pests keep raising challenges to researchers trying to foster and popularize the techniques of biological and integrated pest management in Mediterranean citrus crops.

This international meeting intends to promote discussion on the major issues and research priorities for further development and spread of citrus IPM programs in Mediterranean countries. It will be an excellent platform for sharing ideas and discussions about citrus pests, pathogens and weeds, including new management strategies and methods in citrus orchards, and threats represented by new pests and diseases already present in the Mediterranean or which are posing an imminent threat to citrus industry.

During the conference, several aspects of IPM in citrus in relation to arthropod pests, pathogens and weeds will be covered. The proposed scientific sessions, among other things, will deal with:

- Citrus pest management
- Biocontrol strategies and methods
- Citrus diseases and weeds

Sessions will start with introductory presentations of 30 min by invited speakers. General oral presentations will be 15 minutes long and poster sessions will be scheduled daily. A mid-conference tour is planned, which will include citrus orchards and packinghouses located in the broader area of Nafplio that is among the main citrus producing areas of Greece.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Early registration must be sent before November 30th, 2021

Abstract must be sent before December 30th, 2021

Full paper must be sent before February 1st, 2022

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

See web page: http://web.nitlab.inf.uth.gr/iobc_citrus/

LOCATION OF THE MEETING

Nafplio, Nauplion or Anapli, the capitol of Argolis, is one of the best-known and most beautiful cities in Greece. It is an important tourist centre, busy all year round. According to legend, the city takes its name from its founder, Nauplios, the son of Poseidon and Amimoni. In *ancient times* Nauplion was basically overshadowed by Argos, which used it as a port from the 7th century BC. The venue of the meeting will be in Vouleutikon-Greek first parliament.

HOW TO ACCESS THE MEETING PLACE

For details to access the meeting place see the web page: http://web.nitlab.inf.uth.gr/iobc_citrus/

ACCOMODATION

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REGISTRATION

To facilitate the organization of the meeting, please, pre-register using the pre-registration form on the web page before November 30th.

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Register in the Registration Form of the web page. You should not fill this form if you already fulfilled the Pre-registration form.

REGISTRATION FEES

TYPE OF PARTICIPANT	Early registration (Up to November 30 th)	Late registration (After November 30 th)
Full fee (non-IOBC member)	330	380
Full fee (non-IOBC member) - developing countries ¹	280	330
Reduced fee (IOBC member)	210	260
Reduced fee (IOBC member) - developing countries ¹	160	210
Graduate Student ²	220	270
Graduate Student ² - developing countries ¹	170	220
Local University student ³	100	150
Accompanying person ⁴	80	130

- (1) According to UN.
- (2) A confirmation letter (pdf) by his/her supervisor should be sent to the organization before 30th December 2021. This special fee is not compatible with reduced fee for IOBC members.
- (3) Access only to documentation and scientific sessions.
- (4) Access to the technical excursion (with lunch) and Gala dinner.

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PAYMENT PROCESS and CANCELLATION POLICY

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INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS FOR THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND FULL PAPERS

The abstracts of oral presentations or posters should be prepared according to the instructions presented below, and submitted no later than 30th December, 2021 in electronic format (Word) by sending them through the application of the web page (http://web.nitlab.inf.uth.gr/iobc_citrus/). The scientific committee will decide on changing a presentation from oral to poster considering the time available and number of oral requests. For details on the format of the abstract, see web page: http://web.nitlab.inf.uth.gr/iobc_citrus/

ABSTRACT PROCEEDINGS AND BULLETIN PUBLICATION

The abstracts' proceedings and full papers will be published in the IOBC/WPRS Bulletin and will be distributed to all the participants during the meeting. Full papers in a word format) must be sent to the meeting web page until February 1st, 2022:

http://web.nitlab.inf.uth.gr/iobc_citrus/

Instructions to the authors are available at:

http://www.iobc-wprs.org/pub/instruction_authors.html.

The length of the contributions to the Bulletin is between 4 and 8 pages, including tables, figures, and references. IOBC-WPRS encourages short papers. This may often function as prepublications that may be further elaborated to full publications in a refereed journal. The Bulletin aims at being a suitable medium for presenting information such as technical research problems, which may be difficult to publish in refereed journal, but which are important to colleagues working within the same area. Publishing in the Bulletin should be regarded as complementary to (and not competing with) contributions to refereed journals. Emphasis should be on technical matters and discussion and may include overview papers giving the current state of the art so to ensure further progress in the WG.

The Proceedings with abstracts and full papers will be delivered in the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentations: authors will have 15 minutes for each presentation (including questions) and are highly advised to prepare their presentations in a Power Point format.

Posters: 80 cm width and 120 cm height.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The Official language of the meeting is English. However, papers may be presented in other language if the overheads, slides etc. are in English.