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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings!

Spring has finally arrived but some chaotic weather events all over the country cruelly reminded us that climate change is a reality that we have to deal with. That is why the theme of our next annual meeting is “Plant adaptation to environmental change”. There is only a few months left before the annual meeting in Halifax. The organizing committee is working hard to prepare an exciting event. Plant Canada meetings are always excellent occasions to meet with colleagues from other societies and the most interesting one-stop event for Canadian plant scientists in its broadest

sense.

This year is no exception and those attending the meeting will be able to listen to numerous specialists in various fields related to the meeting main topic. Our Society will be hosting 3 symposia: “Berry production in protected culture” with Dr. Walther Faedi from the Agricultural Research Council (Forli, Italy) as the invited speaker; “Agro-ecosystem approach to understanding environmental stress in fruit and vegetable production” with Dr. Jean-Pierre Privé (AAFC, Bouctouche, NB) and “Organic agriculture: contributions to sustainable horticulture” with Dr. Ralph Martin (founding director of OACC). This last symposium is part of the joints sessions with the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada.

You are all invited to attend the annual general meeting that will be held on Wednesday July 20th from 12:00 to 14:00. For more details, consult the Plant Canada web site at www.plantcanada2011.ca. Your participation is important and makes your Society what it is. Bring your ideas, bring new members.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER



Dear Colleagues,

This is our first newsletter in 2011. As we head into the Easter, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our news contributors and friends for your time commitment and support during the last few months. Even our weather makes us think otherwise, spring is already here for almost a month and preparations of research plots for the coming season are well on the way. Plant Canada is only less than three month away. Hope to see you there. On behalf of everyone on the CSHS executive, please accept the best wishes to all our members and the families for the coming Easter.

Sincerely,

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PLANT CANADA 2011

As previously indicated, the next Plant Canada Conference will take place at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 17-21, 2011. The conference is organized by CSA, CSHS, CSPP, CBA, CPS & CWSS. Under the title "Plant Adaptation to Environmental Change" a wide variety of subject will be presented and discussed.

For details please go to <http://www.plantcanada2011.ca/>. The conference posters can be downloaded from http://www.plantcanada2011.ca/PDF_Document/PC_poster_Khanizadeh_42x54.pdf.

As there are many researchers working on organic projects in horticulture, the Conference will have a joint session with Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC). It is still in planning stages but it looks that this session will take place on Thursday, July 21, 2011 on the same day the joint

session with CIFST is taking place in the morning. For details on OACC in Truro, NS please go to: http://oacc.info/OSC/osc_researchers.asp.

The Plant Canada 2011 organizers are also working on: 1) broadening the scope of organic to sustainable, 2) accommodating the Plant Health aspects, and 3) integrating CSHS's program with the Canadian Institute of Food Technology (which in fact will partially be done if more emphasis will be put on plants and human health). Also, following a suggestion of Dr. David Percival, organizers are considering to include sustainable urban horticulture initiative that is presently being offered at Dalhousie University, Halifax. The program is lead by Dr. Deborah Buzzard. Combined with the environmental horticulture program at Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) and the Nova Scotia Community College's urban horticulture program, this could be a valuable source of new CSHS members.



AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE of CANADA Future governance proposal

Submitted by Denis Charlebois

AIC Future Governance Structure Proposal and Items for Discussion by Stakeholder Groups

This document is a result of deliberations by the AIC Restructuring Task Force formed in December 2010. It contains a proposed new structure and some issues on which we require feedback from your group. We felt it would be appropriate for you to discuss these issues with your membership as you feel it is appropriate. We would appreciate receiving this feedback by September, 15, 2011. This feedback will be analyzed by the Advisory Council, as proposed, this fall and winter. Permanent changes to the AIC structure would be implemented at the 2012 AGM.

Overall Structure

The governance structure would be comprised of two bodies, a larger advisory group (to be called something like the Advisory Council) and a smaller subset of this group to serve as the Board of Directors.

Advisory Council

Purposes

- To allow stakeholder groups to have input into the future direction of AIC
- To provide policy input to the Board of Directors

- To provide a pool of people who could be involved in AIC subcommittees to provide support and input to staff on operational issues as requested
- To serve as a talent pool for future members of the Board of Directors
- To allow government employees who cannot serve on Boards to have input
- To maintain contact with the agricultural sector

Composition

There would be a total of 20 – 25 members with our current membership base. When we have more member organizations, the number of members on the Advisory Council could increase.

Stakeholder groups who have paid dues to AIC will be allowed to nominate between one and three members based on the size of their membership. Some non dues paying groups that represent other industry perspectives may be requested to nominate members at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The members of the Board of Directors would be part of this group. There would be a strenuous effort made to have this group be balanced based on geography (minimum one per province?), gender (at least three males and at least three females), age (over/under 40?), race/country of origin (?). There would also be balanced representation from different sectors, i.e. federal and provincial government, industry and academia.

Members would be proposed by the stakeholders but a nominating committee and/or the Board of Directors would have final decisions. If, after nominations were received, there were major gaps in representation the nominating committee would be empowered to seek out certain persons to fill these gaps. When an Advisory Board member moves to the Board of Directors their position would be considered vacant and would be filled by a new member. Individual members would have representation on the Advisory Board.

Process

This group would meet once or twice per year. Meetings would be by teleconference unless a majority of members were going to be in one location for another reason. There would potentially be consultation with the members via surveys, email, phone calls, etc.

This is an advisory group and recommendations to staff or the Board would not necessarily be binding.

The current Task Force will serve in the capacity of an Advisory Council. Current members will have the option of continuing or finding a replacement from their organization.

Board of Directors

Purpose

To direct and oversee the affairs of AIC

Composition

President elect, President, Past President, Treasurer, 3 directors at large and executive director as ex-officio and secretary.

Balanced representation would be achieved based on the criteria outlined for the Advisory Council. Once on the Board of Directors, a member would be working on behalf of AIC, not the group from which they originated.

For the next year (2011 – 2012) we will go with the current Board with some additions to fill vacancies. We require 3 Board members for this next year and would welcome nominations from stakeholder groups.

Issues requiring feedback

a. Governance

1. How should the representative(s) for individual members on the Advisory Council be selected?
2. Should private companies be permitted to join as members and have a seat on the Advisory Council?
3. Should the President elect be:
 - A - Nominated from and elected by the advisory board, or
 - B - Someone with recent advisory board experience and elected by the advisory board, or
 - C - From the general membership and elected by a ballot of all members, or
 - D - Some other combination of these?

b. Fees

Background

At the present time membership fees are approximately \$ 50K or 6% of AIC revenue. This is comprised of \$38K from individual members and \$ 12K from associations.

We currently operate on a roughly break even basis. In order to undertake new projects such as revising the website and raising the profile of AIC revenues need to increase.

Currently we have 7 scientific societies plus Dairy Farmers of Canada that pay \$ 1000, Ontario Inst. of Agrologists pay \$1000 and the NB, NS and Nfld agrologists each pay \$500. Individual members currently pay \$125.

If we could raise an additional \$30 – 50K it would put AIC on a much more viable footing.

1. How would fees of individual members compare to those belonging to stakeholder societies and groups?
2. What about someone who belongs to multiple stakeholder groups?
3. Should all members of stakeholder groups automatically be AIC members (i.e. a portion of their fees would be directed to AIC (*déjà vu*)?)

Possible Fee Structure

<u>Type of entity</u>	<u>Annual Fees</u>
Not for profit groups	(Scientific societies, agrology institutes?)
Over 250 members	1000
100 – 250 members	750
Less than 100 members	500
National producer groups	1000
Companies	2500
Individuals	150



AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE of CANADA (AIC) 2010 Annual Report

The 2010 AIC annual report has been released and posted on the AIC website. CSHS, AIC members and associates can access the AIC 2010 Annual Report by clicking [here](#). The report is also available on the AIC [website](#).



WELCOME CSHS NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by Ellen McWeeny and Samir Debnath

A warm welcome is extended to our new members who joined CSHS recently. The following are their names and affiliations:

- Jacqueline Beda, McGill University
- Katelyn Congreves, University of Guelph
- An Dong, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Viktoriya Galushko, University of Regina
- Juran Chandra Goyali, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Andrew Hammermeister, Nova Scotia Agricultural College
- Most Tahera Nazni, McGill University
- Karen Nelson, Nova Scotia Agricultural College

We encourage all of you to seek new members particularly among students.



PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE to GHANA

Material submitted by Tom Beach and Dinah Celpis

Ghana

Certificates of appreciation from AIC were presented to Ghana Society of Animal Production (GSAP) representatives and the project coordinator at a lunch meeting at Kwamwe Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi on March 11. Dr. Kwame Oppomg-Anane accepted the certificates for distribution to GSAP members.

Representatives from the Canadian Society of Horticultural Science (CSHS) project coordinating committee presented Certificates of Recognition from AIC to the project coordinating team of the Ghana Institute of Horticulturists (GhIH) at a dinner meeting on March 18 in Kumasi.



ASHS President Fred T. Davies (kneeling) poses for a photo at KNUST University, Kumasi, Ghana, with fellow horticulturists (standing, l-r): Dinah Celpis, Patrick Kumah, Irene Idun, unidentified, unidentified, Gustav Mahunu, and Mary Ruth McDonald (ASHS Newsletter, March 2011)

In the March issue of ASHS Newsletter (vol. 27, No. 3), ASHS president Fred Davies (see the photo above) published an article “Horticulture: Alive, Well, and Critical for the Developing World”. For full text of the article go to <http://www.ashs.org>



ORGANIC AGRICULTURE CENTRE OF CANADA (OACC)

Dr. Ralph Martin accepts new chair to focus on sustainable food production at University of Guelph

A unique new position at the University of Guelph will help consolidate knowledge about sustainable food practices and make that knowledge more access. Dr. Ralph Martin, a respected plant and animal sciences professor at Nova Scotia Agricultural College and director of Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada in Truro, NS, has been named to the Loblaw Companies Chair in Sustainable Food Production. The position, the first of its kind in Canada, was created through a \$3 million gift by food distribution giant Loblaw Companies Limited. Click here for [complete article](#).

The Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada is located at Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) campus. The Centre is highlighting up-dates to the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC) at their [website](#). The farewell gathering for Dr. Ralph Martin was held on Monday afternoon, April 18, 2011, in the foyer of the Haley Institute at NSAC. Everyone was wishing Dr. Martin a fond farewell and best wishes in his future endeavours. Dr. Andrew Hammermeister accepted the position of director of OACC to replace Dr. Ralph Martin.

For more details please go to: http://www.oacc.info/index_e.asp



NATIONAL AGRICULTURE LEADERS' DEBATE FOCUSES on FOOD and AGRICULTURE

Farmers liked what they heard during the National Agriculture Leader's debate on Monday. "I'm encouraged to see a debate focused on food and agriculture," said Greg Marshall, president of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS). "I like to see that because I think the non-farming public in this country is focusing a lot more on food and where their food comes from and things like food security and food safety."

On Monday, Marshall and APAS' board of directors sat together and watched leaders like the Conservative's Gerry Ritz, Bloq Quebecois Critic Andre Bellevance and Liberal Critic Wayne Easter as well NDP representative Pat Martin and the Green Party's Kate Storey. The debate was hosted by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Marshall said the agriculture debate focused on six different areas such as: Research and development, business risk management, trade, environmental goods and services, food safety and young farmers. Marshall strongly agreed with some of the topics such as a need to put public money into research.

"Because we have to feed a growing global population," he explained. "We have to be concerned about that."

He said trade was also an area of interest because farmers and growers need to be concerned about ways to ensure trade remains open locally, provincially, nationally and internationally.

"We have to be able to move those goods back and forth, within Canada first of all, as well outside our borders," said Marshall. He said one topic that hit home with APAS members was environmental goods and services because APAS has been doing work in this area for some time now.

"We're wanting to know if government - whoever forms government - will support environmental goods and services and environmental farm plans and support the environmental things that farmers are doing on the land to protect the environment," said Marshall. "Farmers are doing those kind of things anyway and we see a need for farmers to be supported." He said there needs to be a program in place that helps farmers maintain good, environmental landscapes. APAS would like to see farmers compensated for doing the things that their already doing for the environment, said Marshall.

He said food safety was also big part of Monday's debate. There are some very good programs in place across the nation that are having an impact on how farmers do business like in processing plants, said Marshall. "Yet the cost is always getting off-loaded to farmers," he said, adding it wasn't fair. "Everyone benefits in Canada from these programs, so why should farmers be the ones who pay for these programs."

Kerry Benjoe, Leader-Post, April 11, 2011

Editor's Note: The debate can be viewed on the Canadian Federation of Agriculture [website](#).



AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIANS in FARMING

Farm Focus, April 15, 2011

Nova Scotia Agricultural College Professor Dr. Sam Asiedu and Cammie Harbottle of Waldegrave Farm are the guest speakers at a Growing Local conference designed to support and

encourage African Nova Scotians interested in farming. Topics: **African Nova Scotians , Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture , Nova Scotia.**

“Nova Scotia has exciting opportunities in agriculture. Homegrown Success, our 10-year plan for agriculture, outlines a broad strategic approach to the long-term growth of the industry in Nova Scotia so farmers can generate greater profits,” said Agriculture Minister John MacDonell. “The conference will provide opportunities to hear about new ways of doing business, new technology to grow different crops and consumers who demand locally grown products.” Through interactive presentations, activities and tours, participants in the *Growing Local* conference will have an opportunity to create links with those who support new farmers, research new ways of producing food and meet a new farmer well on her way to success.

“For generations, many African Nova Scotians have proven to be resourceful farmers,” said Percy Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs. “This conference is a great opportunity for existing farmers to encounter new and innovative ideas to help their businesses grow and for those considering farming to discover the tools and inspiration they need to succeed.” The two-day conference— **April 28-29**—held at the Best Western Glengarry and at NSAC, will focus on trends and opportunities in agriculture in the province. Participants will have the opportunity to share ideas and experiences and will begin to bring together the tools needed to start or grow their agricultural businesses. Topics covered will include where to find good ideas, business start-up help and the latest production information.

“This is a great example of community-oriented education that builds on a history of partnership between the university, government and African Nova Scotians that extends back to the 1900s,” said Dr. Leslie MacLaren, NSAC co-president. “The work benefits all of us.” Pre-registration is required and all fees have been funded under the Canada-Nova Scotia Labour Market Agreement in cooperation with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.

“Helping growers to rethink farming as a business opportunity is what excites us about this conference,” said Director of Business Development with the Black Business Initiative, Gordon Doe. “Business is about generating income. By saving on their grocery bills, hobby farmers generate income. Extending this ‘grocery bill-savings- scheme’ to a neighbor is a business opportunity we intend to help local growers see and capitalize on,” he added.

The conference is sponsored by the NSAC, the NSDA and the Black Business Initiative. For additional information please visit www.nsac.ca/cde



SEED INDUSTRY and INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

*Germination Magazine, March 2011**

Seed Industry Applauds Adoption of International Treaties

The outcomes from last October's biodiversity and biosafety meetings in Nagoya, Japan are welcomed by the international plant science industry.

Historic decisions adopted at the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit, as well as a meeting of the parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety last October in Nagoya, Japan, will improve access to genetic resources and support the international trade of seed, say industry experts. “The outcomes of the Nagoya meeting were welcomed by the plant science industry—they provide workable systems which will improve access to genetic resources and agricultural biotechnologies, while helping to ensure smooth international trade flow,” says Denise Dewar, executive director for plant biotechnology at CropLife International, a global federation representing the plant science industry.

In fact, reaction by seed industry experts to the decisions adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 5), has been enthusiastic and encouraging.

The adoption of two international treaties at COP-MOP 5 and COP 10—the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety—is widely supported by members of the seed industry.

*Editor's Note: This article was published in the March 2011 edition of *Germination* magazine.



CSHS MEMBERSHIP April 2011

Below are the latest numbers on CSHS membership:

Scientific Society	Membership April 2011	GDD	
		Male	Female
the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science	86	67	19



Upcoming Horticultural Meetings / Conferences (next 6 months)

- 1) May 15-19, 2011, Puebla (Mexico): **II International Symposium on Soilless Culture and Hydroponics.** Info: Dr. María de las Ni Rodríguez Mendoza, Area de Nutrición Vegetal. IRENAT, Colegio de Postgraduados, Montecillo, Texcoco Edo. Méx, 56230, Mexico. Phone: (52) 595 95 51030, Fax: (52) 595 95 1 01 98, E-mail: marinie@colpos.mx E-mail symposium: issch@colpos.mx Web: <http://www.soillessculture.org/>
- 2) May 15-19, 2011, Alnarp (Sweden): **I International Symposium on Microbial Horticulture.** Info: Dr. Beatrix W. Alsanius, Dept. of Horticulture, SLU, Box 103, 230 53 Alnarp, Sweden. Phone: (46)40415336, Fax: (46)40465590, E-mail: beatrix.alsanius@ltj.slu.se or Dr. Hakan Asp, Department of Horticulture, Box 55, 230 53 Alnarp, Sweden. Phone: (46)40415326, Fax: (46)40415519, E-mail: hakan.asp@ltj.slu.se or Prof. Dr. Paul Jensen, Box 53, SLU, LTJ-Faculty, SE-230 53 Alnarp, Sweden. Phone: (46)706878960, Fax: (46)40 460421, E-mail: paul.jensen@adm.slu.se Web: <http://www.ishs-microhort.com/>
- 3) May 23-26, 2011, Wenatchee, WA (United States of America): **IV International Conference Postharvest Unlimited 2011.** Info: Dr. Jim Mattheis, USDA ARS TFRL, 1104 N. Western Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801, United States of America. Ph: (1)5096642280ext249, Fax: 5096642287, Web: <http://www.postharvestunlimited2011.org/>
- 4) May 26-27, 2011, Warsaw, Poland: **European Organic Marketing Forum.** Info: <http://www.organic-marketing-forum.org/index.php?lang=english>
- 5) June 13-17, 2011, Quebec City (Canada): **International Symposium on Responsible Peatland Management and Growing Media Production.** Info: Dr. Line Rochefort, Department of Plant Sciences, Université Laval, Pavillon P. Comtois, 2425, rue de l'Agriculture, Québec, QC G1V 0A6, Canada. Phone: (1)4186562131ext2583, Fax: (1)4186567856, E-mail: line.rochefort@fsaa.ulaval.ca or Jean Caron, Department of Soil Sciences, Université Laval,

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- 6) June 15-19, 2011, (Turkey): **I International Mulberry Symposium**. Info: Prof. Dr. Sezai Ercisli, Ataturk University Agricultural Faculty, Department of Horticulture, 25240 Erzurum, Turkey. Phone: (90) 442-2312599, Fax: (90) 442 2360958, E-mail: sercisli@atauni.edu.tr E-mail symposium: sercisli@hotmail.com
- 7) June 19-23, 2011, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu (Canada): **IX International Symposium on Modelling in Fruit Research and Orchard Management**. Info: Dr. Gaetan Bourgeois, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Horticultural R&D Centre, 430 Blvd. Gouin, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 3E6, Canada. Phone: (1)4505152017, Fax: (1)4503467740, E-mail: gaetan.bourgeois@agr.gc.ca
- 8) June 20-24, 2011, Yerevan (Armenia): **XV International Symposium on Apricot Breeding and Culture**. Info: Dr. Alvina Avagyan, Armenian State Agrarian University, 74, Teryan Street, Yerevan, Armenia. Phone: (374)93415037, Fax: (374)10202834x121, E-mail: alvinaav@mail.ru or Dr. Aleksandr Kalantaryan, 37 Mamikonyants street. ap.49, 00010 Yerevan, Armenia. Phone: (374) 10237805, E-mail: alikjan@gmail.com E-mail symposium: info@apricot2011.com Web: <http://www.apricot2011.com/>
- 9) June 22-26, 2011, Zlatibor (Serbia): **X International Rubus and Ribes Symposium**. Info: Prof. Dr. Mihailo Nikolic, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrado, 6 Nemanjina, 11080 Belgrade, Serbia. Phone: (381)63 801 99 23, Fax: (381)11 21 93 659 or Dr. Brankica Tanovic, Pesticide & Environment Research Inst., 31b Banatska, 11080 Zemun-Belgrade, Serbia. Phone: (381) 11 31 61 773, Fax: (381) 11 30 76 133 E-mail symposium: x.rubusribes@agrif.bg.ac.rs Web: <http://www.x-rubusribes.agrif.bg.ac.rs/>
- 10) July 5-7, 2011, Wisley (United Kingdom): **I International Trials Conference: Assessment of Ornamental Plants**. Info: Dr. Simon P. Thornton-Wood, Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB, United Kingdom. Phone: (44)1483224234, Fax: (44)1483211750 E-mail symposium: ornamentals2011@rhs.org.uk Web: <http://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/ornamentals2011.asp>
- 11) July 17-21, 2011, Halifax, Nova Scotia: **Plant Canada 2011**. Info: <http://www.plantcanada2011.ca/>
- 12) July 23-30, 2011, Melbourne, Australia: **XVIII International Botanical Congress**. Info: <http://www.abc2011.com>
- 13) July 24 – 29, 2011, Oulu, Finland: EAPR2011: The 18th Triennial Conference of the European Association for Potato Research. Info: <http://www.eapr.net/eapr2011-the-18th-triennial-conference-of-the-european-association-for-potato-research>
- 14) August 17-19, 2011, Flores, Petén (Guatemala): **International Symposium on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants; History of Mayan Ethnopharmacology**. Info: Dr. Jalal Ghaemghami, Director of SHMEN Inc., PO Box 320172, West Roxbury, MA 02132, United States of

- America. Phone: (1)6176782157, E-mail: jalal@shmen.org E-mail symposium: ishs-tikal@shmen.org Web: <http://www.imaps2011-peten.org/>
- 15) September 3-7, 2011, Xinzheng, Henan (China): **II International Jujube Symposium**. Info: Prof. Dr. Mengjun Liu, Research Center of Chinese Jujube, Agricultural University of Hebei, Baoding, Hebei, 71001, China. Phone: (86)312754342, Fax: (86)3127521251, E-mail: lmj1234567@yahoo.com.cn or Dr. Jubin Shi, Haoxiangni Jujube Co. Ltd., Xinzheng, Henan, 451150, China. Phone: (86)37162489919, Fax: (86)37162489198, E-mail: ijs2008@yahoo.com.cn Web: <http://www.ziziphus.net/2011/>
 - 16) September 5-7, 2011, Pitesti (Romania): **II Balkan Symposium on Fruit Growing**. Info: Dr. Mihail Coman, Fruit Research Institute, Str. Popa Sapca, Nr. 14, Cod. 110150, Jud. Arges, Pitesti-Maracineni 0300, Romania. Phone: (40)248278292, Fax: (40)248278477, E-mail: mihailcoman1@gmail.com E-mail symposium: office@icdp-pitesti.ro Web: <http://bsfg2011.icdp.ro/>
 - 17) September 10-12, 2011, Damghan (Iran): **I International Symposium on Mycotoxins in Nuts and Dried Fruits**. Info: Dr. Hossein Abbaspour, Islamic Azad University, Damghan Branch, Damghan, Iran. Phone: (98)2325235214, Fax: (98)2325235214, E-mail: abbaspour75@yahoo.com E-mail symposium: afshari@mycotoxinsymp.com Web: <http://www.mycotoxinsymp.com/>
 - 18) September 11-15, 2011, Warsaw (Poland): **XIII Eucarpia Symposium on Fruit Breeding and Genetics**. Info: Dr. Emilian Pitera, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, SGGW - Department of Pomology, ul. Nowoursynowska 166, 02-787 Warszawa, Poland. Phone: (48)225932087, Fax: (48)225932111, E-mail: emilian_pitera@sggw.pl Web: <http://www.eucarpia2011.woiak.sggw.pl/>
 - 19) September 11-15, 2011, Nelspruit (South Africa): **II ISHS Genetically Modified Organisms in Horticulture Symposium: Paving the Way for a Sustainable Future**. Info: Ms. Adri Veale, University of Pretoria, Faculty of Natural and Agric. Science, Department of Genetics, 0002 Pretoria, South Africa. Phone: (27)12-4203939, Fax: (27)12-4203960, E-mail: adri.veale@up.ac.za E-mail symposium: ishsgmo2011@gmail.com Web: <http://www.gmo2011.co.za/>
 - 20) September 17-19, 2011, Tunis (Tunisia): **I International Symposium on Cassava Market and Economy**. Info: Dr. Antonio Felice, Via Fiordiligi 6, 37135 Verona, Italy. Phone: (39)0458352317, Fax: (39)0458307646, E-mail: editor@greenmed.eu or Prof. Dario Salvatore Caccamisi, Monticello 10B, 41052 Guiglia (Modena), Italy. Phone: (39)059-792778, Fax: (39)059-792778, E-mail: dario.caccamisi.agronomo@hotmail.it
 - 21) September 18-22, 2011, Ghent (Belgium): **VII International Symposium on In Vitro Culture and Horticultural Breeding: IVCHB**. Info: Danny Geelen, Coupure Links 653, 9000 Gent, Belgium. Phone: (32)92646076 E-mail symposium: IVCHB2011@UGent.be Web: <http://www.ivchb2011.ugent.be/>
 - 22) October 9-12, 2011, Tirana (Albania): **V Balkan Symposium on Vegetables and Potatoes**. Info: Prof. Astrit Balliu, Agricultural University of Tirana, Faculty of Agriculture, Horticultural

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- 23) October 10-12, 2011, Zürich (Switzerland): **I International Workshop on Bacterial Diseases of Stone Fruits and Nuts**. Info: Dr. Brion Duffy, Agroscope Faw, Schloss, Postfach 185, 8820 Waedenswil, Switzerland. Phone: (41)447836111, Fax: (41)447836305, E-mail: duffy@acw.admin.ch



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