



## **IOBC-WPRS Joint Meeting of Integrated Protection of Soft and Stone Fruits**

„Harvesting the Future: Embracing the Synergy of Integrated Pest Management, Crop Technology and Organic Solutions in Soft and Stone Fruit Cultivation”

September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Warsaw, Poland

### **Second Announcement**

Dear colleges,

You are cordially invited to the forthcoming Joint meeting of the subgroups "Soft fruits" and "Stone fruits" organized by the International Organization of Biological Control/ West Palearctic region (IOBC/WPRS) Integrated Protection of Fruit Crops Working Group.

The meeting will be held from **15-18 September 2024 in Warsaw** (Poland) at the Mercure Hotel Grand.

Following a substantial pause due to in-person meetings, we are now delighted to announce the revival of our soft and stone fruit meeting. To foster greater synergy, we have planned a back-to-back event that combines the "Joint meeting of the Integrated Production of Soft and Stone fruits" with the IV International Organic Fruit Symposium and II International Organic Vegetable Symposium. Both events will feature a shared pest management session and social activities, promoting a deeper understanding and cooperation in our scientific fields.

Integrated Fruit Production (IFP) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), in essence, involves the integration of biological and other control measures in complementary ways, laying the groundwork for understanding the correlation between damage and beneficial insects in agricultural systems. It provides a detailed depiction of the equilibrium position among pest populations and how farmers and growers can leverage this knowledge to their advantage. Therefore, we firmly believe that by fostering an outward focus among our IOBC scientific research groups and promoting collaboration with other scientific groups, like ISHS, we will successfully embrace this discipline, and anticipate seeing the positive impact of this approach in our current events.

English will be the official language of the meeting. Proceedings with all contributions, both oral and poster presentations will be published as full papers or extended abstracts in the IOBC/WPRS Bulletin.

We look forward to seeing you in Warsaw!



## Venue



**LOCATION:** The meeting will take place in **Mercure Hotel Grand** in Warsaw (<https://all.accor.com/hotel/3384/index.en.shtml>) in very center of city near to the Old Town. Its advantage is its prestigious location surrounded by ministries and embassies, among the best fashion houses and restaurants. The Parliament and Lazienki Park with close location to the Royal Route in Warsaw make the hotel the best place from which to explore Warsaw's attractions.

### Mercure Hotel Grand

Krucza 28 Street

00-522 Warsaw

Poland

**TRAVEL:** The hotel has easy access to Train Central Station (1 km) which you can reach by tram. The bus stop for a direct connection to/from Chopin Airport is only 600 m away from the hotel.

**FACILITIES:** The hotel offers a convenient location, comfortable rooms, professional service and excellent cuisine, ideal for conference participants and guests to spend free time in capital.

## Proposed topics

- Integrated control of soft and stone fruit arthropod pests
- Integrated plant protection of diseases in soft and stone crops
- New developments and opportunities in disease and pest warning systems
- Biological control of pests and diseases in fruit production
- Organic fruit production
- Invasive and exotic fruit pests
- Application technology
- Dissemination strategies in integrated production



## Preliminary Programme

Time slot	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024
Morning		Registration Opening Ceremony Sessions	Sessions	All day technical tour
Midday		Lunch	Lunch	All day technical tour
Afternoon		Sessions Poster Session	Sessions*	All day technical tour
Evening	Welcome reception Registration	Free evening	Gala dinner	Social event*

\*joined with OrgHort2024

## Scientific Committee

- Dr. Carmelo Peter Bonsignore (Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria, Italy)
- Dr. Marcos Botton (Embrapa, Brazil)
- Dr. Petros Damos (Ministry of Education Religious and Sport, and Department of Agriculture, University of Western Macedonia, Greece)
- Dr. Michelle Fountain (NIAB East Malling, United Kingdom)
- Dr. Ewa M. Furmanczyk (The National Institute of Horticultural Research, Poland)
- Dr. Jürgen Gross (Julius Kühn-Institut, Germany)
- Prof. Dr. Grzegorz Krawczyk (The Pennsylvania State University, USA)
- Dr. Monika Michalecka (The National Institute of Horticultural Research, Poland)
- Prof. Fokion Papathanasiou (University of Western Macedonia, Greece)
- Dr. Louis Sutter (Agroscope, Switzerland)
- Prof. Thomas Thomidis (International Hellenic University, Greece)
- Dr. Nina Trandem (NIBIO, Norway)
- Dr. Barbara Egger (Agroscope, Switzerland)

## Organising Committee

### IOBC Coordination

- Dr. Petros Damos
- Dr. Michelle Fountain
- Dr. Louis Sutter

### Local Organization

The National Institute of Horticultural Research, Skierniewice, Poland

- Dr. Ewa M. Furmanczyk
- Dr. Monika Michalecka



## Registration

Registration is made through the meeting [website](#) and is required to attend the scientific sessions and social events. If you have any questions please contact: [info@fruitipm2024.pl](mailto:info@fruitipm2024.pl)

## Important Dates

Deadline for submission of abstracts\*\*: 31 March 2024  
Deadline for registration “early bird”: 30 April 2024  
Deadline for submission of full papers or extended abstracts: 30 June 2024

\*\* Submissions will only be accepted online through the meeting [website](#). To present a paper and have it included in the conference proceedings, at least one author must register for the conference.

## Registration Fees

Registration type	Early bird (until 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024)	Regular (until 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024)	Late or ON-SITE (on-line until 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 or during the conference)
PhD Student*	200 EUR	280 EUR	360 EUR
IOBC-WPRS Member	320 EUR	420 EUR	520 EUR
IOBC-WPRS Non-Member	410 EUR	510 EUR	610 EUR
Accompanying person	150 EUR	150 EUR	150 EUR
Gala dinner ticket	75 EUR	75 EUR	75 EUR
OrgHort Conference supplement fee**	130 EUR	130 EUR	130 EUR

All prices include 23% VAT tax.

\* PhD students are eligible to receive discounted registration fees. To prove your student status, a copy of your student ID or a letter from your institution **MUST BE SENT UPON REGISTRATION**. Failure to produce proof of student status will result in a charge to the regular participant registration fee.

\*\* As IOBC Conference is a joint event with OrgHot2024 Conference you are offered an additional discounted supplement registration fee to participate in both events.

## Accommodation

The recommended hotel for accommodation during the Meeting is the [Mercure Hotel Grand](#). However a lot of different hotels with variable standards are available in the Warsaw city center including [Novotel Warszawa Centrum](#) or [Hotel Gromada](#).