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XX IPPC ATHENS 2024 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to serious concerns over current and possible future negative impacts of the global coronavirus epidemic on the participation by the scientific community in international scientific conferences and fears of limited attendance to the XX IPPC ATHENS 2023 congress in June 2023, the Executive Committee of IAPPS GB and Hellenic Society of Phytiatry have decided to shift the congress from 10-15 June 2023 to **1-5 July 2024**.

You can find more information on our new website ippcathens2024.gr

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12TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON PLANT PATHOLOGY (ICPP2023)

The 12th International Congress on Plant Pathology (ICPP2023) will take place from 20-25 August 2023 in Lyon, France. This will be the opportunity to bring together researchers from our community around the latest issues of Plant Health. Time is close to meet again in person and to find the way back to international congresses!

Call for Concurrent Sessions:

Submissions are still open for the ICPP2023 Concurrent Sessions!
Individuals, Institutions, Plant Pathology Societies, and any other scientific groups, interested in organizing and moderating a concurrent session are encouraged to contact ICPP2023@univ-lyon1.fr. Concurrent Sessions of two hours will have the following format: two chairpersons, three invited speakers (20 minutes each) and three contributed short talks (10 minutes each).

Call for satellite events:

"Take advantage of the facilities set up during the ICPP2023-Lyon to carry out your own event in plant pathology!" A satellite event is a symposium or a workshop (half day, 1, 2 or 3 days) that will take place the weekend just before the ICPP2023 on a topic of interest to ICPP attendees related to Plant Pathology or Plant Health. Satellite events will allow combination of both events into a single trip!

For more information go to <https://icpp2023.org/>.

Please forward to anyone who might be interested!

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2021 GRAND PRIX HASSAN II BESTOWED TO CACTUS COCHINEAL TEAM IN MOROCCO



Dr. Mohamed Sbaghi, Dr. Rachid Bouharroud, Dr. Mohamed Boujghagh from the National Institute of Agronomic Research (INRA) and Dr. Mustapha El Bouhssini, Ex-International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), won the first Prize of the 2021 Grand Prix Hasan II for Invention & Agronomic Research, category of Advanced Sciences and Technologies. This prestigious award was conferred to the team for

their major achievements in the area of host plant resistance “Identification of the first sources of resistance to the cactus cochineal, *Dactylopius opuntiae* (picture on the left with typical damage symptoms) in Morocco”. This research was part of a joint project implemented by INRA and ICARDA since 2016.

Eight ecotypes were found resistant to the cochineal and have been registered in the Moroccan cactus catalog. A timber park with these resistant ecotypes to *D. opuntiae* was established. These resistant genotypes are being multiplied in several platforms in Morocco and will be used to re-

establish cactus plantations destroyed by the cochineal.

Dactylopius opuntiae has also been reported in several other countries in the region: Ethiopia, Jordan, Syria, Israel and recently in Tunisia.

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9TH INTERNATIONAL WEED SCIENCE CONGRESS (IWSC)

The Board of the International Weed Science Society (IWSS) has decided that the 9th International Weed Science Congress (IWSC) will be held July 7-11, 2024, in Jerusalem, Israel. Please save the date. You are all welcome!

The IWSS Board and Local Organizing Committee are planning to establish a Scientific Program Committee (SPC), to offer an up-to-date scientific program including oral presentations and posters covering the most important issues in weed science. We will invite well renowned scientists to lead the wide range of topics and sessions.

In keeping with tradition, there will also be optional workshops and training courses before the congress starts, and you are welcome to propose topics. In addition, professional excursions encompassing the advanced Israeli agriculture combined with touristic attractions are planned, which will accommodate both scientists and accompanying persons to join and enjoy. We would like to emphasize that the congress is open to weed scientists from all over the world.

Geographically, Israel is a small country with vast diversity relating to architecture, archeological and biblical sites, from the Mediterranean coastal plain to mountains in the north and desert in the south. Israel's history dates back more than 3000 years and is home to many different religions. Jerusalem is Israel's capital and largest city both in population and size. A holy city for three of the world's major religions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The city of Jerusalem and the Weed Science Society of Israel look forward to welcoming you. We are excited to have you experience the modern and historical aspects, and more, that Jerusalem has to offer. The perfect setting to combine science with social. For more info please visit www.iwsc2024.com

Welcome to Jerusalem!

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It seeks to provide a global umbrella for the plant protection sciences to facilitate and promote the application of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to the world's crop and forest ecosystems.

Membership Information: IAPPS has four classes of membership (individual, affiliate, associate, and corporate) which are described in the IAPPS Web Site www.plantprotection.org.

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