

Dear Colleagues,

Following the first announcement of October 2011, the Organizing Committee of the **VI International Symposium on Brassicas and XVIII Crucifer Genetics Workshop: "EXPLOITATION OF BRASSICA DIVERSITY FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURE CHAINS"** is pleased to send this second circular covering general news about the symposium organisation, registration fees, accommodation, instructions and call for papers.

Location of the meeting

The Symposium will be held in the Aula Magna, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Catania, Via Santa Sofia 100, Catania (Italy).

Scientific contributions

Participants are kindly invited to select their scientific contributions to the Symposium according to the following topics: Brassica genomics, Genetic diversity and conservation, Agronomy, Pests and diseases, Biotechnology and breeding, Human health and nutraceuticals, Ethnobotany, Process sustainability, Food processing, Oil crops, Ornamentals, Seed and seedlings production. Sessions will be organized by the Committees according to the number of abstracts submitted for each topic. Every day one plenary lecture (by invited speakers) will be hold, mainly in the style of a review. Plenary lectures will last 30 minutes and regular oral presentations 15. Each session will conclude with discussion of presentations. Posters will be discussed during each poster session individually presented by the authors at the hall.

Registration

You are kindly asked to register yourself on-line at www.brassica2012.it using the registration form indicating the topic or the provisional title of your presentation/s.

	Fees (before July 15th)	Fees (after July 15th)
ISHS members	500 €	600 €
ISHS non members	550 €	650 €
Students	300 €	400 €

Fees include: accession to all scientific activities, volume of Acta Horticulture, book of abstracts and other meeting documentation, coffee breaks and lunches on working-days. Social event is not included in registration fees. Students, including PhD graduates or from equivalent Post Graduate courses, need a letter of presentation from their relevant PhD/Doctorate Coordinators or course Directors together with the registration form (at www.brassica2012.it). No volume of Acta Horticulturae will be available for student registration.

Form of payment

Payments should be made by International bank transfer. Banking details will soon be available on the Symposium web site. As an alternative you can pay either cash or with credit card at the Symposium registration desk.

Cancellation is permitted with full refund minus an administrative charge of €50 when a notification is provided before September 30th, 2012; no refunds will be considered later than that date. Nevertheless, you may re-assign your registration to another colleague by October 15th 2012 free of charge.

Contributions

Authors are asked to indicate whether they would prefer an oral or a poster presentation. Please consider your oral contributions on Power Point (or compatibles) format. For posters a size format 70 cm wide x 100 cm long is suggested. Facilities for their display on panels will be available on site.

Abstract submission

All oral or poster presenters are requested to submit their abstracts to the Organisation Secretariat by e-mail attachment to: info@brassica2012.it **before June 15th, 2012**, please note that after this date no submitted abstract will be considered.

A notification of your abstract being received will be sent by the Organizing Secretariat to the authors. If you do not receive any confirmation, please contact the Organizing Secretariat at info@brassica2012.it.

Abstracts of plenary lectures, oral presentations and posters should be prepared according to authors guidelines (www.brassica2012.it) briefly presented below:

Abstract extension: max 300 words in font Times New Romans 12. The title must be in the first line in boldface and capital and lower case for each principal word, the author(s) name(s) in the second line, affiliation and address in the third line, the presenter's name must be indicated by an asterisk.

Final decision for acceptance of paper for oral or poster presentations will be made by the Scientific Committee no later than **July 15th, 2012**.

Proceedings

For full paper submission, please follow the instructions provided by ISHS, available at the ISHS homepage: www.ishs.org/wri/pap1.htm. Papers shouldn't exceed **5 printed pages**, for both oral and poster presentation, and **8 printed pages** for invited speakers including figures and tables. Figures will be printed in black and white only.

Authors are requested to hand in their final paper in Microsoft Word format (or compatible) at the Reception and Information Desk during the Symposium. **The deadline is November 12th 2012**. Please note that no manuscripts will be considered after the indicated deadline.

Full papers of oral and poster presentations submitted for publication will be revised by the Scientific Committee and accepted papers will be published in **Acta Horticulturae**.

Hotel accommodation

Most hotels in Catania are either downtown, in the suburbs or in surrounding villages, of which none of them is very close to the Symposium site. Therefore, we selected a number of hotels (as listed on the Symposium website) in order to help your choice. They are all located near the meeting points (see map) for the morning pick-up and the evening drop-off by the Symposium shuttle bus. Shuttle service is included in room fee.

Please note that hotel reservations **should be made by yourselves**, mentioning your participation to the of VI International Symposium on Brassicas and XVIII Crucifer Genetics Workshop in order to arrange shuttles service.

Alternative accommodations can be found on the web. However, in case you choose accommodation different than the suggested ones, no shuttle bus service will be available.

For further information see the website www.brassica2012.it which will be periodically updated.

Looking forward to seeing you in Catania

The Organising Committee