

Second announcement

**COST action FA0807
Workshop**

New Perspectives in Phytoplasma Disease Management



The goal of COST action FA0807 “Integrated Management of Phytoplasma Epidemics in Different Crop Systems” is to promote information exchange in order to design integrated phytoplasma management strategies for the sustainable production of high-quality plant products and to reduce pesticide use, resulting in less residues in fresh market products: fruits, vegetables and grapevine. This workshop aims to disseminate the information collected in the COST network to plant protection services, plant health inspectors, advisors and growers.

General information

Phytoplasmas are insect-transmitted plant pathogenic prokaryotes associated with serious diseases in important crops such as grapevine, vegetables, corn, sugar beet, oil-seed crops and fruit trees. Recent advances in phytoplasma genomics have generated an impetus for research into control and management of these diseases. This Action integrates European phytoplasma research, enabling research funds to be used more efficiently by reducing duplication of efforts. New approaches for disease management, improved diagnostic methods; reduction of disease spread; improvement of insect-vector monitoring and a reduction in the pesticides used for control were achieved and harmonized.

The COST action FA0807 is composed of four working groups:

WG 1: Early detection and diagnostics

WG 2: Epidemiology and vector ecology

WG 3: Crop systems and control

WG 4: Phytoplasma/host interactions

The workshop will present the most recent information obtained with special attention to the management of phytoplasma diseases (WG3).

The coordinators of working group 3, Wolfgang Jarausch and Ester Torres, invite you to attend this workshop. It will present in one day a clear and exhaustive summary of the new perspectives of phytoplasma disease management.

Organising committee

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The venue

The meeting will be held in the Hotel Acevi Villarroel, located in downtown Barcelona, just a few meters of the Barcelona Fair, Plaza España, Rambla de Catalunya and Passeig de Gracia, Well communicated by subway, bus and very close to Sants train station. Barcelona is a cosmopolitan city, which the Mediterranean opens to the rest of the world, establishing a bond with other cultures and producing a history marked by diversity. Magnificent examples of artistic trends throughout the ages can be found here providing a great Romanesque, Gothic and above all Modernista legacy, the latter represented by the work of architectural genius Antoni Gaudí. In recent years Barcelona has established itself as a focus for new trends from around the world.

The diverse geography and climates, combining mountains, hills, forests, planes, river deltas and seashores, give Catalonia privileged natural conditions. Catalonia's agriculture profits from these assets and offers a wide and rich variety of quality products.

For further information see: www.bcn.cat

Contact

Please use the following e-mail address to register as well as for further inquiries:

registrationcost@irta.es

Registration

There will be no registration fees. A small contribution for lunch will be asked. Attendance to the workshop will only be possible after firm registration.

Please use the attached form for registration in order to receive the next circular with full details.

Language

English will be the official language of the workshop.

Preliminary program

- Outlook on relevant phytoplasma diseases: the role of propagation material
- Spread of phytoplasma diseases by insect vectors: consequences for risk assessment
- Management of phytoplasma diseases through vector control
 - fruit tree phytoplasma diseases
 - grapevine phytoplasma diseases
- Management of phytoplasma diseases through induced resistance
- Management of phytoplasma diseases through genetic resistance
- Emerging phytoplasma diseases
- Rules and regulations for certifying phytoplasma-free materials

Accommodation and transport

The hotel Acevi Villarroel is a modern and spacious hotel of 4 stars in downtown Barcelona, offers a very good price for participants. Double room for single use: 102€ +10% VAT and Double room 114€ + 10% VAT. Breakfast is included. Parking 15€ per day (you need reserve in advance). For booking directly at the hotel: cruiz@acevihotels.com. Please indicate: Assistance COST. The hotel guarantee this price until 31th January 2013 (<http://www.acevihotels.com/html/en/villarroel/villarroel.html>)

Hotels located nearby Hotel Acevi Villarroel:

Hotels 2 and 3 stars (120€-130€)

Acta Splendid. C./ Muntaner, 2, 08011 Barcelona. The hotel offers a 12% discount on the price posted on their website. For booking directly at the hotel: recepcion.splendid@actahotels.com, please indicate: "Bois noir Congress" <http://www.hotel-splendidbarcelona.com/>

Sunotel Central. Gran Vía de Les Corts Catalanes 570. 08011 Barcelona <http://www.sunotel.es/central.htm>

Hotel Cram C./ Aribau, 54, 08011 Barcelona

<http://www.hotelcram.com/>

H. Caledoniam. Gran Vía De Les Corts Catalanes, 574, 08011 Barcelona Hotel Center

<http://www.hotelcaledonianbarcelona.com/>

Hotel Gran Vía. Gran Vía de les Corts Catalanes, 573, 08011 Barcelona

<http://www.hotelgranvia.com/>

NH Master. C/ València, 105-107. 08011 Barcelona

<http://www.nh-hoteles.es/nh/es/hoteles/espana/barcelona/nh-master.html>

Hotels 4 star (140€-160€)

Hotel H10Casanova. Gran Vía De Les Corts Catalanes 559. 08011 Barcelona

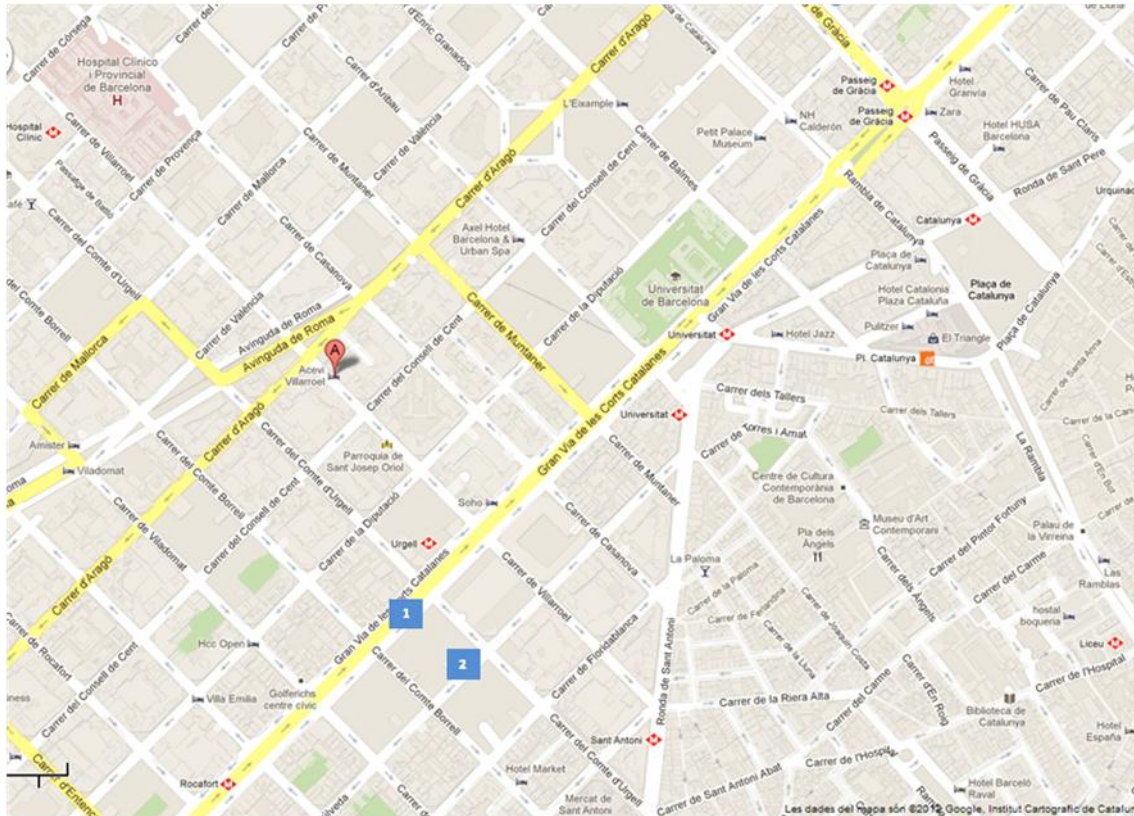
www.hotelh10casanova.com

Hotel SOHO. Gran Vía De Les Corts Catalanes 543-545. 08011 Barcelona

<http://www.hotelsohobarcelona.com/>

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A. Hotel Acevi Villarroel

Transport from Barcelona- El Prat Airport to Barcelona

Barcelona-El Prat airport has two terminal buildings: T1 and T2.

<http://www.barcelona-airport.com/>

From the airport, the passengers are able to use a rented Car, Taxi, Bus or Train services. But we think the best option is the aerobús

Aerobús

Aerobús is the bus service that connects the Airport with the centre of Barcelona leaving every 5 minutes, every day of the year

Aerobús (A1)- Airport (T1), Aerobús (A2)- Airport (T2B or T2C)

<http://www.aerobusbcn.com/index.php/en.html>

Single ticket: 5.75 € .Valid for one person and his/her luggage and valid up to one hour after purchasing.

Return ticket: 9.95 € .Valid for person and his/her luggage. Valid GOING up to 1 hour after purchasing, and valid RETURN up to 9 days after purchasing. You must keep the ticket in order to exchange it for the return ticket trip

1 Stop from T1 or T2 to Barcelona (Second stop after airport, Gran Via/Urgell)

2 Stop from Barcelona to T1 or T2 (Sepúlveda/Urgell)



Registration form



Barcelona 22 March 2013

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**New Perspectives in the Management of Phytoplasma
Diseases**

Family Name First name

Institution/Company

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