



5th Meeting of the International Phytoplasmologist Working Group

Sultanate of Oman - Muscat, 21-25 May 2023



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5th IPWG MEETING

Dear colleagues,

we are pleased to announce that the fifth meeting of the International Phytoplasma Working Group (IPWG) will be held in 2023 from 21 to 25 of May at the Sultan Qaboos University in Oman near the fascinating city of Muscat.

Our group, born in 2007, aims to bring together researchers from entomology, molecular biology, microbiology, genetics and plant pathology to increase knowledge and awareness about phytoplasma-associated plant diseases. This meeting is therefore the forum for sharing information and strength and/or built scientific collaborations.

The topics of the meeting, as usual, will update the situation in phytoplasma research enclosing diseases of quarantine and environmental relevance, reliable detection methods, insect vectors, omics, interaction with hosts, epidemiology and control.

We look forward to welcome old and new colleagues in Oman.

On behalf of the meeting committees
Prof. Assunta Bertaccini



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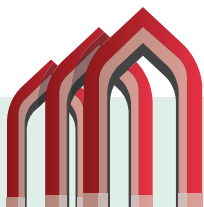
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PRELIMINARY TOPICS:

- Phytoplasma diseases of quarantine relevance
- Epidemiology and control of phytoplasma-associated diseases
- Insect vectors of phytoplasmas
- Mixed infection of phytoplasmas and other pathogens
- Phytoplasma diseases worldwide
- Phytoplasma-host interaction
- Phytoplasma omics
- Reliable and fast phytoplasma detection methods



SAVE THE DATE: MAY 21-25, 2023

MUSCAT - Sultanate of Oman

The Sultanate of Oman is one of the Arab Gulf countries, and its capital is Muscat. Oman's low-rise towns retain their traditional charms, and Bedouin values remain at the heart of an Omani welcome. With an abundance of natural beauty, from spectacular mountains, wind-blown deserts and a pristine coastline, Oman is the obvious choice for those seeking out the modern face of Arabia while wanting still to sense its ancient soul. The Governorate of Muscat is distinguished by preservation of its history, its antiquity, and its modernity at the same time: in Muscat you can find old shops and old buildings standing side by side with modern houses, in addition to wide streets. It was called in the past by the name of Maskad, and it is considered one of the cleanest capitals of the Arab countries. The Islamic religion is the official religion in the country, the Arabic language is the official language, and the Omani riyal is the official currency. People in Oman also speak other languages, including English.

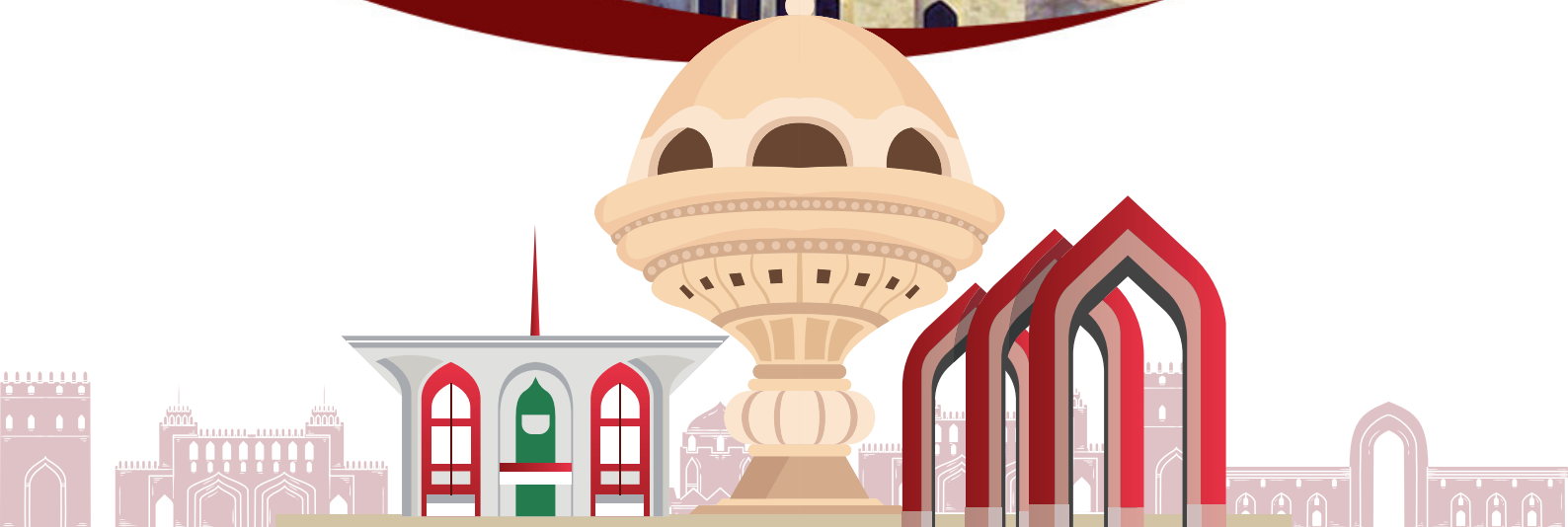
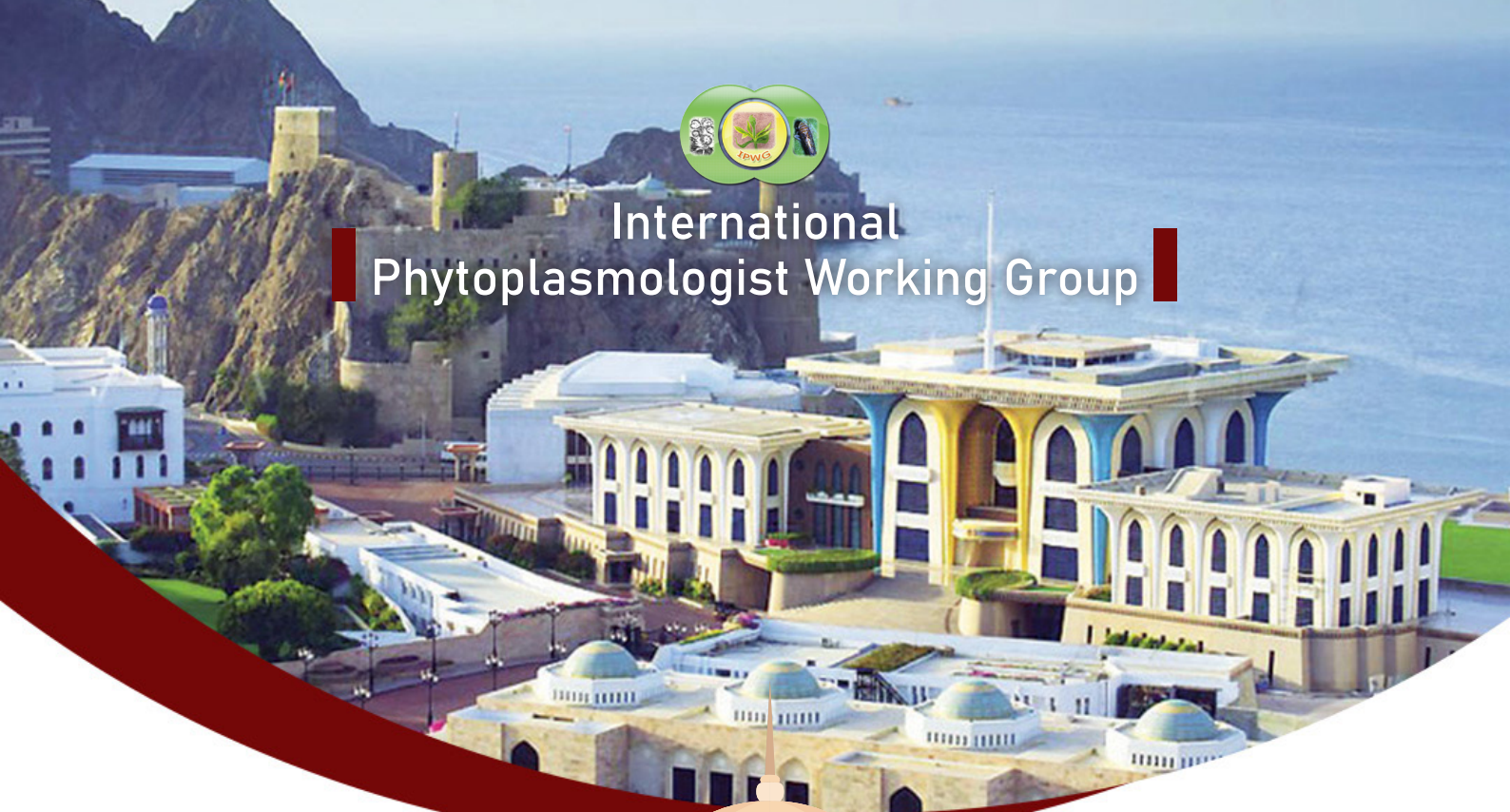
Muscat is considered one of the tourism destinations for many people from the Sultanate itself or from outside the country and it is characterized by its beautiful beaches and calm atmosphere far from noise. Muscat is famous for dazzling souks and superb seafood, but its terrain brings the biggest thrills. This port city on the Gulf of Oman is backed by the arid Hajar mountains, meaning you can trek deserts at dawn, spot dolphins at sundown, and enjoy plenty of effusive Omani hospitality in between. Muscat can be easily reached by its International Airport, which is 25 km from the city center. People use cars, buses and taxis for transport as there is no metro or train system. Tourists in Oman can practice many activities such as: camping, diving, yachting, and fishing and visit museums, and its many mosques, including the famous Grand Sultan Qaboos Mosque. There are a variety of tourist areas that can be visited in the Governorate of Muscat, including Planetarium, Sifah town, Public Art Library, Capital Yachting Center, Qurum beach, Al Bustan Beach, The walls of Muscat, Children's Museum, Omani French Museum, Armed Forces Museum and the Royal Opera House Muscat, which is the first opera house in the Arabian Gulf region. Sultan Qaboos University, where the fifth IPWG meeting will take place, is located in AlSeeb district in Muscat 24 km from Muscat International Airport.



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