



5th Meeting of the International Phytoplasmologist Working Group

Sultanate of Oman - Muscat, 21-25 May 2023



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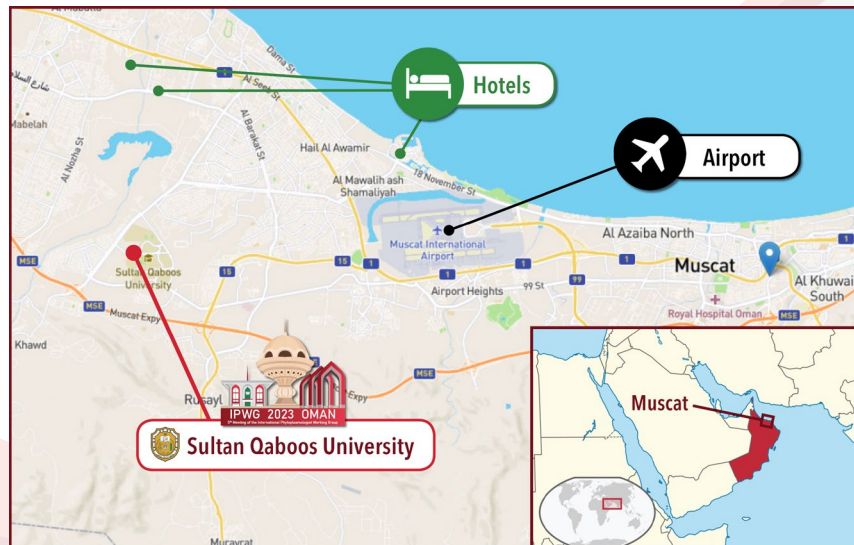
MEETING INFORMATION

The fifth IPWG meeting will take place from 21 to 25 of May 2023 at the Sultan Qaboos University that is located in Al Seeb near Muscat, the capital of the Sultanate of Oman



Organizing Committee

Abdullah Al-Sadi – Oman
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Sultan Qaboos University is located approximately 25 km from the Muscat International Airport. During the meeting a daily transportation service at settled times from and to the proposed hotels and to the meeting events will be provided at fixed times

VISA

The meeting organizers will assist in issuing visas to all the participants. Citizens from GCC countries do not need to apply for visas. Participants from countries requiring a visa should check their eligibility. For more information, please visit the Royal Oman Police website at <https://www.rop.gov.om/english/>

LANGUAGE

The official language of the meeting is English

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

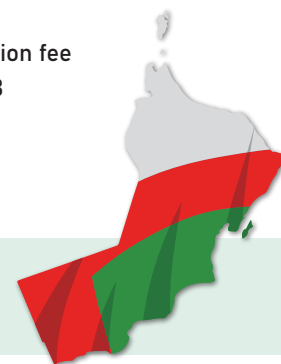
Abstract submission
February 28th, 2023

Early registration fee
April 20th, 2023



CONTACTS

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be submitted online after
December 15th, 2022 through the meeting website
<https://conferences.squ.edu.om/ipwg2023/>

Abstract submission deadline
February 28th, 2023



ABSTRACTS

Extended abstracts (maximum 2 printed pages including photos and tables) are required for presentations and will be published in the June 2023 issue, Volume 13(1), of *Phytopathogenic Mollicutes*. All the abstracts will be reviewed by the IPWG Scientific Committee and must be formatted following the instruction that can be found in the "ABSTRACT" page of the meeting website

Type of presentations

Abstracts can be presented as

- Extended Oral
- Short Oral
- Poster (also shortly presented as oral)

The final decision on the presentation type will be taken by the IPWG Scientific Committee that reserves the right to re-categorize the abstract

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

- 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

Notification of acceptance

The notification of abstract acceptance and the type of presentation assigned will be sent by e-mail to the corresponding author before April 5th, 2023

Abstracts for which no registration fees are received for at least one of the authors before April 14th, 2023 will not be printed in the abstracts book and will only be evaluated as poster to be displayed on site



REGISTRATION

Early Registration Fee before
April 20th, 2023

All participants are requested to register to the meeting through the on-line form in the meeting website: please fill one form for each participant. Also the accompanying persons who wish to participate to the welcome reception and to the social dinner are requested to register using the on-line form. Large groups of participants from the same institution and participants from low-income countries should contact the meeting secretariat (alsubhi@squ.edu.om) for reduced fees

Category	EARLY FEE Before April 20 th , 2023	LATE & ON-SITE FEE After April 20 th , 2023
Participant	200 USD	250 USD
Student / Retired	150 USD	200 USD
Accompanying person	50 USD	75 USD

Registration fee includes

- Participation to all the scientific sessions
- Lunches and coffee breaks
- Welcome reception on Sunday May 20th, 2023
- Social dinner
- Abstract book - Phytopathogenic Mollicutes 13(I), 2023
- Program and congress-related material
- Daily transportation at settled times from and to hotels in the list and to the meeting events

The accompanying person fee includes only social dinner, welcome reception and related transportation

PAYMENT METHODS

Payment of the registration fee (in USD) can be made either by BANK TRANSFER or by CREDIT CARD

BANK TRANSFER: bank transfer (net of bank charges) in USD to be made to the below bank account

Bank name : Bank Muscat, Sultan Qaboos University
Branch, Muscat

Bank address: Al Jameah St Sultan Qaboos University,
Br 304, Muscat, Oman

Account No.: 0304008059800016

SWIFT CODE: BMUSOMRXXX

The bank charges are the responsibility of the participant who must pay them in addition to the registration fee

Please ensure that your Name and Surname or Institution/Company and the words "IPWG2023-Registration" appear on your bank transfer order. A copy of the payment made can be sent by e-mail to: alsubhia@squ.edu.om

CREDIT CARD: direct bank payment is available on-line in the meeting website through the registration page

Confirmation of registration: the registration will only be valid upon the receipt of the full payment by the organizing secretariat office according to the deadline indicated

The confirmation of the registration will be sent only after the reception of the correct amount in the indicated bank

Cancellation policy: cancellations must be electronically mailed to alsubhia@squ.edu.om

- Cancellations received before April 20th, 2023 - full refund (minus 30 USD handling fee)
- Cancellations received between April 20th and May 10th, 2023 - 50% refund
- After May 10th, 2023 - no refund



ACCOMMODATION

In Muscat there are many options for hotels and you can reserve the one you prefer: below you can find a list of hotels offering reduced room rates for IPWG 2023 meeting. Delegates should reserve rooms by their own; meeting organizers are not responsible for hotel reservations. Please note that just a limited number of rooms is available for each hotel. Daily transportation at settled times from and to hotels in the list and to the meeting events will be provided

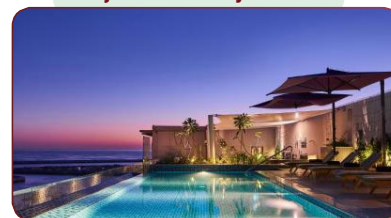
Avani Muscat Hotel



Ramas Hotel Suites



Mysk Al Mouj Hotel



ROOM CATEGORY	ROOM RATES	
	Single	Double
Standard	25 OMR (65 USD)*	30 OMR (78 USD)*

Terms and conditions

Rates are inclusive of breakfast and wifi connection, 8% service charge, 5% municipality fee, 4% tourism tax and 5% VAT; bed types are not confirmed, only guestroom categories

Web booking

<https://www.avanihotels.com/en/muscat/avani-muscat-ipwg-meeting-offer>

Use Promo Code: SQUMAY23

For further assistance please contact:

Ms Naima Al Rashdi

Phone: 00968-96178888

E-mail: nrashdi@avanihotels.com

ROOM CATEGORY	ROOM RATES		
	Single	Double	Triple
Executive Room	20 OMR (52 USD)*	25 OMR (65 USD)*	-
One Bedroom Royal Suite	35 OMR (91 USD)*	38 OMR (99 USD)*	-
Two Bedroom Royal Suite	-	48 OMR (125 USD)*	51 OMR (133 USD)*

Terms and conditions

Includes all taxes, breakfast and wifi connection; optional airport transfer available (5 OMR)

Web booking

<https://remasmuscat.com/hotel-reservation-for-sultan-qaboos-university-squ>

WhatsApp booking : +968 71704207 (24 Hrs)

Email booking: admin@remasmuscat.com

Please mention "5th IPWG2023 Meeting at SQU"

ROOM CATEGORY	ROOM RATES	
	Single	Double
Deluxe Community View	33 OMR +tax (86 USD +tax)*	37 OMR +tax (97 USD +tax)*
Deluxe Plaza View	36 OMR +tax (94 USD +tax)*	40 OMR +tax (104 USD +tax)*
Deluxe Marina View	39 OMR +tax (102 USD +tax)*	43 OMR +tax (112 USD +tax)*
Grand Deluxe Community View	49 OMR +tax (128 USD +tax)*	54 OMR +tax (141 USD +tax)*
Grand Deluxe Plaza View	52 OMR +tax (136 USD +tax)*	56 OMR +tax (146 USD +tax)*
Grand Deluxe Marina View	55 OMR +tax (143 USD +tax)*	59 OMR +tax (154 USD +tax)*
Junior Suite	68 OMR +tax (77 USD +tax)*	
01 Bedroom Suite	98 OMR +tax (255 USD +tax)*	

Terms and conditions

Inclusive of breakfast, wifi connection; the above rates are without taxes: taxes percentage is 23.27%. All room categories depending on availability

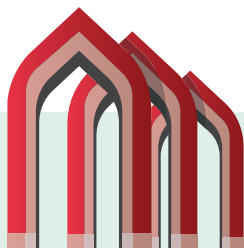
Website

<https://myskhotels.com/en/our-hotels/mysk-al-mouj/>

WhatsApp booking : +968 92790082 (24 Hrs)

Email booking : firas.alamri@myskhotels.com

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*USD price is indicative: OMR/USD exchange rate may be different according to the time of reservation

Updates about the hotel list will be published in the "Accommodation" page of the IPWG2023 website

VENUE - Sultanate of Oman

PRE AND/OR POST MEETING TOURS: optional tours before and after the meeting will be organized according to the individual requests. For more information please contact: alsubhi@squ.edu.om

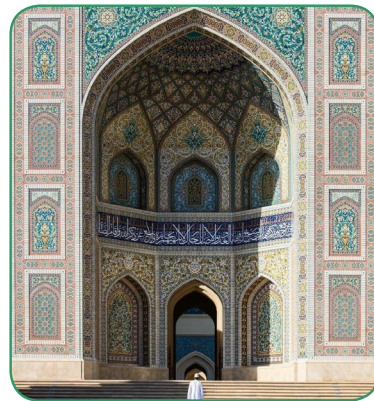
TRAVELLING: before travelling to the Sultanate of Oman please visit Oman airports rules/regulations for recent updates at: <https://www.omanairports.co.om/news/en/update-on-travel-restrictions-related-to-covid-19/>

CURRENCY: Omani Rial is the currency of Oman. The currency code for the Rial is OMR. Currently it has an exchange rate of 2.59 USD per 1 OMR. Foreign currency can be exchanged at airport, banks or at currency exchange counters. For further information please visit the currency converter page at: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=USD&To=OMR>

LANGUAGE: Arabic is the official language of Oman. Street names and generally most of the road and transport signs are in Arabic and English. Most restaurants have menus in both Arabic and English. But if there is something you don't understand, don't be afraid to ask as most of the people near you understand English and will be happy to help you

WEATHER: May is a good time to visit Oman because the weather is generally sunny, moderately hot and dry. Please visit this weather website for updates at: <https://www.accuweather.com/en/om/muscat/258638/weather-forecast/258638>

TOURISM: Oman has some of the most diverse environments in the Middle East with various tourist attractions and is particularly well known for cultural tourism. Whether you're looking to relax in the sunshine, to explore stunning mountain and desert landscapes or to savour a rich culture and long heritage, Oman can offer you an experience to remember. The capital of Oman is Muscat that represents a unique blend of old and new, being one of the greatest examples of harmonisation of Arab traditions and modernisation. Only at short distance from the city centre, crystal clear waters and scenic, unspoilt, sandy beaches stretch out against a backdrop of the dramatic western Al Hajar Mountains that dominate the landscape of the capital. Attractions in Muscat include historic forts and castles, traditional souqs (markets), various museums (including the prestigious National Museum), the beautiful Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque and the Royal Opera House. Nizwa, Al-Hamra, Sur, Sohar, and Salaalah are the major Omani cities and they worth a visit. You can find out more about visiting Oman at this link: <https://www.experienceoman.om>



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TIMELINE

15
DEC

Abstract Submission
Opening

28
FEB

Abstract Submission
Closing

05
APR

Abstract Acceptance
Notification

20
APR

End of Early
Registration Fee

21
MAY

5th IPWG
Meeting



IPWG 2023 OMAN PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

21 MAY / SUNDAY

14:00 **WELCOME AND**
16:00 **REGISTRATION**

22 MAY / MONDAY

08:00 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION**
09:00 – 13:00 **SESSION 1**
13:00 – 14:00 **LUNCH**
14:00 – 18:00 **SESSION 2**

23 MAY / TUESDAY

09:00 – 13:00 **SESSION 3**
13:00 – 14:00 **LUNCH**
14:00 – 18:00 **SESSION 4**

24 MAY / WEDNESDAY

09:00 – 13:00 **SESSION 5**
13:00 – 14:00 **LUNCH**
14:00 – 18:00 **SESSION 6**

25 MAY / THURSDAY

09:00 – 13:00 **SESSION 7**
13:00 – 14:00 **FAREWELL LUNCH**





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