

International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS)

Activities' Report - Year 2019

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1. Introduction

The International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) is a Society of individuals, public institutions, private organizations and governmental agencies devoted to horticultural research education and industry (www.ishs.org). With its over 7000 individual members from 150 countries, over 150 Institutional Members and 60 Country Members, the ISHS is the biggest and most important Society in the world building and maintaining human knowledge, skills and biological resources in support of worldwide horticulture.

2. Main activities carried on by ISHS during 2019 relevant for Italy and for CNR

The important Symposium and publication activity of the 2019 is reported here, with mention to the Italian scientists who have been among the Convenors of Symposia and Editors of *Acta Horticulturae* volumes.

International Symposia

- International Symposium on Precision Management of Orchards and Vineyards. Palermo, October 7-11. Convenors: R. Lo Bianco e A. Pisciotta, University of Palermo; L. Manfrini, University of Bologna.
- III International Symposium on Growing Media, Composting and Substrate Analysis. Milan, June 24-28. Convenors: P. Zaccheo, University of Milano; F. Giuffrida, University of Catania; G. Cattivello, ERSA-FVG, Udine.
- IX International Symposium on Irrigation of Horticultural Crops. Matera, June 17-20. Convenors: B. Dichio and C. Xiloyannis, University of Basilicata.
- VI International Symposium on Applications of Modelling as an Innovative Technology in the Horticultural Supply Chain - Model-IT 2019. Molfetta, June 9-12. Convenors: M.L. Amodio and G. Colelli, University of Foggia.

Acta Horticulturae

In the 2019, 3 volumes of *Acta Horticulturae* have been published with the contribution of Italian Editors:

- 1243, II International Symposium on Bacterial Canker of Kiwifruit. Editors: F. Spinelli, I. Donati and A. Cellini, University of Bologna.
- 1241, III International Symposium on Underutilized Plant Species. Co-Editor: D. Avanzato, Expert Consultant, Rome.
- 1231, II International Workshop on Floral Biology and S-Incompatibility in Fruit Species. Co-Editor: P. De Franceschi, University of Bologna.

Editorial Board of eJHS

Four Italians collaborated in the 2019 with 'The European Journal of Horticultural Science' (eJHS, IF=0.72) as Associate Editors: Prof. Stefania De Pascale (University of Napoli), Prof. Tiziano Caruso (University of Palermo), Dr.ssa Margherita Beruto (Istituto Regionale per la Floricoltura, Sanremo), Prof. F. Orsini (University of Bologna).

As for the Journal 'Fruits' (IF=0.80), 5 Italians are in the board of Associate Editors: Prof. Tiziano Caruso (University of Palermo), Dr.ssa Margherita Beruto (Istituto Regionale per la Floricoltura, Sanremo), Prof. F. Orsini (University of Bologna), Prof. G. Costa (University of Bologna), Prof. Francesco Paolo Marra (University of Palermo).

3. Activities carried on by Federica Rossi/Maurizio Lambardi (CNR Delegate, and Vice-Delegate) and other Italian scientists within the ISHS during 2019 and impact on the Italian scientific community

2019 Executive Committee meeting

The ISHS Executive Committee (EC) was held on June 16-19, 2019, in Angers, France. The Italian ISHS Secretary (Prof. Silvana Nicola) and 4 Division Chairpersons attended as EC representatives: Prof Tiziano Caruso, University of Palermo (Division Nuts and Mediterranean Climate Fruits), Dr. Margherita Beruto, IRF of Sanremo (Division Ornamental Plants), Prof. Stefania De Pascale, University of Naples (Division Protected Cultivation and soilless Culture), Prof. Francesco Orsini, University of Bologna (Division Landscape and Urban Horticulture).

Each Chairperson illustrated the reports of the activity carried out within its own Division from August 2018 to August 2019. Newly proposed Symposia relating to the years 2020-2022 were submitted to the EC for approval.

4. Evaluation of the participation in terms of benefits and membership cost

Taking into consideration that the ISHS is the world most important Society dealing with horticulture, it is strategically important that Italy continues to play a major role in the Society life. Members of the ISHS have many benefits for their annual subscription, such as to be constantly informed on the major events in the world in horticulture, discounts for attending Symposia, access to a large database of publications in the plant sector. Moreover, young scientists and students have the possibility to attend to International High Formation Schools at reduced fares.

5. Evaluation of Italians' attendance and how to improve interest and involvement

Italy is the country with the highest number of members in the Society. Furthermore, the participation of Italians in Symposia and Workshops that are held in the world is always high and scientifically qualified, frequently assuming the function of Session Chairs. Moreover, Italy is always very active in assuming the responsibility to organize International Symposia in its Institutions. Six International Symposia were already scheduled for the 2020, some of which already announced in the 2019. The recent pandemic from Covid-19 obliged to cancel all the events, re-scheduled for the 2021.

6. Italian experts with important roles within the ISHS or within related Commissions and Programs (if known)

The Italians in senior roles in the Society are:

- one member in the Board, as Secretary (Prof. Silvana Nicola of the University of Turin);
- three Council members, Representative for Italy (Dr. Maurizio Lambardi, CNR-IBE of Firenze, as CNR Delegate; Prof. Massimo Tagliavini of the University of Bozen, as President of the SOI/Società di Ortoflorofruitticoltura Italiana; Prof. Stefania De Pascale, University of Naples, as former President SOI);
- 4 members of the Executive Committee, as Chairpersons of the above-mentioned Divisions. Moreover, 3 Vice-Chairpersons complete the Italian representation in the Executive Committee (Dr. Maurizio Lambardi, CNR-IBE of Firenze, Division Plant Genetic Resources and Biotechnology; Prof. Luca Corelli-Grappaldelli, University of Bologna, Division Temperate Tree Fruits; Prof. Guglielmo Costa, University of Bologna, Division Vine and Berry Fruits).

7. If Union with CNR Commission, short summary about the 2019 CNR Commission activities

There is not a CNR Commission in the ISHS.

8. Notes

None.

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