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Research Institute for Fruit  
Growing Pitești -  
Mărăcineni



Romanian Society of  
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Fruit Growing Research –  
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## First announcement



## PLUM AND PRUNE WORKING GROUP MEETING

**Craiova, Romania**  
**July 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

It is our pleasure to invite EUFRIN Plum and Prune WG members and other scientists to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting which is organized by University of Craiova, Research Institute for Fruit Growing from Pitești - Mărăcineni and Romanian Society of Horticulturists and is focused on:

### **"Present constraints of Plum Growing in Europe".**

The meeting is intended to deal with the following main topics:

- Economics of plum growing
- Cultivar and rootstock testing
- Pest and diseases (together with COST Action 873?) other than Plum Pox
- The Sharka disease: Do we need resistance or tolerance in new cultivars?
- Plum breeding in Europe: Current status, future and perspectives
  - New developments in breeding: selection systems, molecular techniques, fertilization biology
- Importance and production of virus free propagation material
- Fruit quality and storage

Contributions can be delivered as oral presentation (limited to 20 minutes, including discussion) or posters.

### **Publication**

Reviewed papers in English of maximum extent of 6 standard pages will be published in a special volume of *Acta Horticulturae* of ISHS shortly after the meeting. Guidelines for papers will be sent in the second announcement.

### **Language**

The official language of the conference will be English.

### **Abstracts**

An abstract has to include a title (in capital letters), names and surnames of authors and their postal and e-mail addresses. It should consist of maximum 250-word text in English edited in MS Word with Times New Roman 12 font.

**Important dates:**

Abstract submission:	March 30, 2010
Registration deadlines:	April 15, 2010
Second announcement:	April 30, 2010
Submission of full papers:	during the meeting

**Tentative program**

- July 19<sup>th</sup> - Arrival and accommodation.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> - Registration, oral and poster sessions
- July 21<sup>th</sup> - Oral and poster sessions, panel discussion
- July 22<sup>th</sup> - Round table discussion on "Present and future of plum research and culture" at ICDP Pitești – Mărăcineni or SCDP Vâlcea, visit of trials, fruit exhibition.

**Conference fees**

200 - 225 EUR - will cover registration, conference lunches, conference party and reception, excursion to ICDP Pitești – Mărăcineni or SCDP Vâlcea and surroundings, one volume of scientific papers published in *Acta Horticulture* of ISHS.

**Location and accommodation**

The meeting will be held in the Blue Hall of the University of Craiova, which is located in Craiova, at about 230 km West of Bucharest, Capital of Romania. In Craiova there is a small Airport connected with Bucharest and via Timisoara with Vienna, München, Stuttgart, Dusseldorf, Rome, Milan, Turin, Athens, Chișinău, etc (<http://www.aeroportcraiova.ro>). There are also connection between Bucharest and Craiova by trains and buses. Accommodation in Craiova is available in 4\*\*\*\*, 3\*\*\* or 2\*\* hotels. Prices per night vary from 30-65 Euros for a single room and 50-75 Euros for a double room.

**Organizing Committee:**

Mihai Botu - Convener

Ion Vladimirescu - Rector of the University of Craiova

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