

**4th International scientific conference
"Sustainable horticulture from plant to product":
Challenges in temperate climate**

Riga, Latvia
26–28 August 2020

First announcement

You are cordially invited to the forthcoming conference that will take place from 26th to 28th of August 2020 in Riga, Latvia.

The aim of the meeting is to bring together the latest advances in research on the climate change challenges and other issues in temperate horticulture, and to provide an opportunity for exchange information and ideas and stimulate joint research and collaboration.

Preferred topics

- Precise horticulture and smart farming
- Breeding and genetics
- Sustainable growing for climate change mitigation
- Biodiversity, soil and balancing of greenhouse gases
- Plant protection
- Post-harvest and food processing

Official language

English is the official language of the conference.

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Organisers

Institute of Horticulture



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Preliminary programme

Tuesday, **August 25**

Arrival and accommodation

Wednesday, **August 26**

Registration*

Opening

Thematic sessions (presentations)

Thursday, **August 27**

Thematic sessions (presentations)

Social Dinner

Friday, **August 28**

Technical tour (field excursions)*

* More detailed information on all events organised in frames of the conference will be available in the later announcements. The programme is planned to start early in the morning of 26 August. For that reason please plan your arrival on August 25. If you will participate in *Technical tour*, please do not plan your flights back to home on that day.

Venue

Information on conference venue will be given in the later announcements.

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Participation fee (calculated in EUR)*

Early registration (until 30 April 2020) **285**

Late registration (from 1 May 2020) **305**

* Invoices for the payment to each participant will be sent via e-mail after receiving the registration form.

Participation fee includes the conference abstract book, coffee breaks, lunches and social Dinner, technical tour and paper publication. Payment by bank transfer only.

Accommodation

We are looking for friendly hotels for the conference participants. More information on accommodation possibilities will be in the Second announcement.

Registration

Please, fill out the enclosed registration form and send it to:

arturs.stalazs@llu.lv

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Presentations

The conference will include invited key-note speaker presentations (40 minutes), ordinary oral presentations (20 minutes, including the time for discussion) and poster presentations.

Invited speakers

Invited speakers are planned. More information will be given in the next announcements.

Abstracts

Participation with a presentation will be accepted only if an abstract is submitted until **22 June 2020**. Abstracts will be published in the conference abstract book.

Manuscripts

Submitted papers will be peer-reviewed by international experts and published, after journal editorial board acceptance, in a special issue of the open access journal *Proceedings of the Latvian Academy of Sciences*. Section **B**. *Natural, Exact, and Applied Sciences*, at the first part of 2021

A printed version of *Proceedings of the Latvian Academy of Sciences* will be provided only by special request and will be charged separately.

Journal website:

<https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/prolas/prolas-overview.xml>

Instructions for authors:

[https://content.sciendo.com/supplemental/journals/prolas/prolas-overview.xml/Instructions to Authors.pdf](https://content.sciendo.com/supplemental/journals/prolas/prolas-overview.xml/Instructions%20to%20Authors.pdf)

All papers must be submitted electronically, until **28 August 2016**, to:
gunars.lacis@llu.lv

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Travel

By bus for European participants — International Bus Station is situated in Riga centre, and is close to many hotels which can be reached by walking or by public transport, if your hotel is not close to city centre.

By airplane — Riga International Airport is situated 13 km from centre of Riga city. Website of the airport: <http://www.riga-airport.com/en/main/main>.

Travel from Airport to centre of Riga city — for travelling from airport to Riga regular public bus traffic (city bus line number 22), several private bus lines and taxi services are available. For use of city transport lines, the special tickets should be obtained at news-stalls situated in the airport building. City transport tickets are available for a certain number of journeys, and, when you are inside transport, activation of the ticket is necessary. There is also possibility to buy (by cash) the ticket at bus driver, but then the price is higher. More information on city transport lines is available at *Rīgas Satiksme* website <https://www.rigassatiksme.lv/en/>.

If you choose a taxi, order it beforehand or from the airport (information available at passenger exit), as booking an unlicensed taxi outdoors may turn out very expensive.

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Important dates

Second announcement	3 February 2020
Closing date for early-bird registration	30 April 2020
Closing date for submission of abstracts	22 June 2020
Closing date for late registration	22 June 2020
Final programme and other information	20 July 2020
Submission of manuscript	28 August 2020

For details regarding conference please contact:

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Conference website:

<https://www.darzkopibasinstituts.lv/lv/sustainable-horticulture-from-plant-to-product-challenges-in-temperate-climate>