



Second announcement





Venue: Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies,

Liela Str.2, Jelgava, Latvia

September 5th - 7th, 2018

It is our pleasure to invite EUFRIN Plum and Prune WG members and other scientists to attend the 4th meeting which is organized by Institute of Horticulture, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies and is focused on:

"Challenges of Plum Growing in Europe"

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Proposed topics

- Economics of plum growing
- Cultivar and rootstock testing
- Genetic resources, breeding, incl. molecular tools
- Pest and diseases, incl. Sharka resistance or tolerance
- Fruit quality, storage and processing

Preliminary program

September 4 th -	Arrival and accommodation.
September 5 th -	Registration, oral and poster sessions, after session - excursion in Jelgava and Social
-	dinner with the Latvian national culture program.
September 6 th -	Oral and poster sessions, panel discussion, field trip (visit to Institute of Horticulture in
	Dobele - trials, laboratories, fruit exhibition).
September 7 th -	Excursion to plum gardens in different regions of Latvia and cultural and historical
program (regions of Riga, Gulbene, Aluksne).	

Language

The official language will be English.

Abstracts

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed and printed in the book of abstracts handed out to participants during the event.

Abstracts should contain the following information: **title** (bold); **Name**(s) **of the author**(s) — underline the presenting author; **Institution**(s); **Address** and **email**; **Text of abstract** (no more than 1400 characters, including spaces); **Keywords**. The abstract must state the aim, methods in short and the results. The font must be Times New Roman, 12 points, with single spacing.

Papers

Submitted papers will be pre-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 2019(website: <u>http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/prolas</u>). A printed version of *Proceedings of the Latvian Academy of Sciences* will be provided only by special request and will be charged separately.

All papers must be submitted electronically, until September 30, 2018, to: ilze.lesina@llu.lv

Instructions for authors:

http://www.degruyter.com/view/supplement/s1407009X Instructions to Authors.pdf

Proceedings of the previous conference are available here: http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/prolas.2013.67.issue-2/issue-files/prolas.2013.67.issue-2.xml

Other submitted papers, but not accepted by reviewers, will be published in the on-line conference proceedings. Online proceedings of the previous conference are available here: <u>http://www.lvai.lv/pdf/Konference_2012/Proceedings_2012conference.pdf</u>

Presentations

The conference will include oral and flash presentations.

Oral presentations will be limited to 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

Flash presentations (instead of posters) will be limited to 5 minutes for presentation.

Venue

The event will be held at Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (central building, room 293). Address: Liela Str.2, Jelgava, Latvia (http://www.llu.lv)

Participation fee

Participation fee* - will cover registration, conference lunches, coffee brakes, conference party (social dinner) and reception, field trip, publishing of scientific papers in *Proceedings of the Latvian Academy of Sciences (electronic version)*.

Early registration (until June 30, 2018)- 250 EUR Late registration – 300 EUR Participating student** early- 220 EUR /late- 270 EUR Excursion (7th of September) – 40 EUR

* Invoices for the payment to each participant will be sent via e-mail after receiving the registration form. ***Official university letter confirming the full-time student status required

Accommodation

Jelgava is situated 30 km from Dobele and 40 km from Riga (<u>http://www.jelgava.lv/en/start/</u>). Accommodation in Jelgava is available in different hotels, the best one (our suggestion) is the "Hotel Jelgava" (4****), which is located close to the University. Prices per night vary from 50-60 EUR for a single room and 60-75 EUR for a double room. You can book the room on <u>www.booking.com</u>.

N.B! Do not delay booking because we cannot make a pre-booking, as we do not arrange a meeting at the hotel. Cancellation of this hotel is free of charge.

You can also choose other hotels or apartments through www.booking.com, located further from the meeting place. If necessary, we will help with transportation.

There is good connection between Jelgava and Riga - trains and buses. If you want to, you can choose to stay in Riga. Then you should expect an early rise and late return to the hotel using public transport. There are good hotels nearby

Riga International Coach Terminal (Address: 1, Pragas Street, Riga, LV 1050, <u>http://www.autoosta.lv/?lang=en</u>)

Travel tips

There is frequent air traffic to Riga. Information: <u>http://www.riga-airport.com</u>

Good bus traffic also is available from many European cities. Information: <u>http://www.autoosta.lv</u> <u>http://www.luxexpress.eu/</u> <u>http://www.ecolines.net/</u> <u>http://www.eurolines.com</u> <u>http://www.1188.lv/transport/</u>

From the Riga Airport there is frequent traffic to Riga International Coach Terminal. Airport shuttle buses or bus No 22 will bring you to the city center (info: <u>http://www.riga-airport.com/en/main/passengers/useful-information/getting-to-the-airport</u>). The price – 5 EUR. The bus terminal is located in the center of Riga very close to the railway terminal and Riga old town. Also, taxi is available – the price- 15-18 EUR. **N.B! If you drive trough Riga by car**, take into account that traffic jams in rush hours are common in Riga. There are different bussies **from Riga International Coach Terminal to Jelgava** (info: <u>http://www.autoosta.lv/services/ticket-sales-2/?lang=en</u>). You could ask bus driver to stop near the Hotel "Jelgava". You can also choose a taxi from the airport to Jelgava – price aprox. 60-80 EUR. The weather in beginning of September is still warm, but may vary a lot; better take a coat and an umbrella. For information <u>http://www.1188.lv/weather/</u>

Important dates

Abstract submission (last!):June 30, 2018Early registration deadlines:June 30, 2018Last registration and paymentJuly 30, 2018of registration feeJuly 30, 2018Submission of full papers:September 30, 2018

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Please distribute this announcement to your colleagues who may be interested!

Do not hesitate to contact us for more details!

Looking forward to see you, Organizing Committee, Institute of Horticulture, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies



