



## PLUM AND PRUNE WORKING GROUP MEETING

September 5 – 7, 2018

Jelgava, Latvia

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*

#### Organizing Committee

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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

Dates	Programme
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	Arrival and accommodation
Wednesday, September 5, 2018	Registration, oral and poster sessions, after session - excursion in Jelgava and Social dinner with the Latvian national culture program
Thursday, September 6, 2018	Oral and poster sessions, panel discussion, field trip (visit to Institute of Horticulture in Dobele - trials, laboratories, fruit exhibition)
Friday, September 7, 2018	Excursion to plum gardens in different regions of Latvia and cultural and historical program (regions of Riga, Gulbene, Aluksne). <b>Additional payment 40 EUR</b>

## Language

The official language will be English

## Venue

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

## Participation fee (calculated in EUR)\*

Category	Early registration	Late registration
Participants	250	300
Participating student**	220	270

\* 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)*

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 Dobeles and 40 km from Riga (<http://www.jelgava.lv/en/start/>). 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 [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com).

***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](http://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, <http://www.autoosta.lv/?lang=en>)

## Travel tips

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

Good bus traffic also is available from many European cities.

Information:

<http://www.autoosta.lv>

<http://www.luxexpress.eu/>

<http://www.ecolines.net/>  
<http://www.eurolines.com>  
<http://www.1188.lv/transport/>

**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: <http://www.riga-airport.com/en/main/passengers/useful-information/getting-to-the-airport> ). 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 through 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: <http://www.autoosta.lv/services/ticket-sales-2/?lang=en>). You could ask bus driver to stop near the Hotel “Jelgava”. You can also choose a taxi from the airport to Jelgava – price approx. 60-80 EUR.

The weather in the beginning of September is still warm, but may vary a lot; better take a coat and an umbrella. For information <http://www.1188.lv/weather/>

## Important dates

Closing date for early-bird registration and payment of registration fee	June 30, 2018
Closing date for abstract submission	June 30, 2018
Late registration and payment of registration fee	July 30, 2018
Submission of full papers	September 30, 2018

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