

## Announcement



### COST863 WG1 + WG4 Joint Meeting

# Bioactive compounds in berry fruits: genetic control, breeding, cultivar, analytical aspects and human health

Zurich – Switzerland  
ETHZ, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Organised by Agroscope Changins-Wädenswil ACW  
and  
the COST-Action 863  
“Euroberry Research: from Genomics to Sustainable Production, Quality and  
Health”

### Organising committee

<b>Béatrice Dénoyes-Rothan</b> , UREFV–INRA, France	WG1 Leader
<b>Margit Laimer</b> , Universität für Bodenkultur Wien, Austria	WG4 Leader
<b>Bruno Mezzetti</b> , Marche Polytechnic University, Ancona, Italy	COST863 Chairman
<b>Christoph Carlen</b> , Agroscope Changins-Wädenswil ACW, CH	Local organiser

## Objective

The objective of the joint meeting is to discuss the relation of bioactive compounds in *Fragaria*, *Rubus*, *Ribes* and *Vaccinium* with genetic control, breeding, cultivar, analytical aspects and human health.

## Meeting sections

1. How do genetics and genomics contribute to a better knowledge on bioactive compound in berry fruits?
2. Does variability exist in germplasm or collections and how can this variability be used for breeding programmes?
3. Analysis to measure bioactive compounds in berry fruits
4. How may bioactive compounds benefit human health?

## Invited speakers:

**Prof. Dr Kevin Folta**, Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology Program on berries, Horticultural Sciences Department, University of Florida, USA

**Prof. Dr Richard Hurrell**, Institut of Food Science and Nutrition, ETH Zurich (to be confirmed)

**Dr Rodger Hurst**, Leader of the Healthy Berry Programme, HortResearch, Auckland, New Zealand.

**Dr Wilhelmina Kalt**, Human Health Benefits of Polyphenolics from Berry, Agriculture and Agri-Food, Kentville, Canada

**Prof. Dr. Gary Williamson**, Functional Food, Department of Food Science, University of Leeds, England (to be confirmed)

## Timetable

3 December 08 from 14.00 - 18.00

4 December 08 from 09.00 - 13.00 and 14.30 - 18.00 ; 20h00 optional dinner

5 December 08 from 09.00 - 12.00 and 14.30 - 16.00

## Language

The official language of the workshop will be English.

## Call for Lectures and Posters

All scientists and experts working with bioactive compounds in *Fragaria*, *Rubus*, *Ribes* and *Vaccinium* in relation with genetic control, breeding, cultivar, analytical aspects and human health are invited to attend the workshop and to give a lecture and to submit a one-page abstract to the Workshop office before **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. Please send the abstract to [chantal.chassot@acw.admin.ch](mailto:chantal.chassot@acw.admin.ch)

Because the workshop will be held under the aegis of COST 863, 30 persons from countries which signed the memorandum of understanding of the COST Project 863 "Euroberry" will be reimbursed (travelling costs and accommodation) by COST when giving a presentation during the workshop. If there are more than 30 persons attending the workshop the organising committee will decide on the basis of the abstract which person will be reimbursed.

Additionally, the Scientific Committee will decide, to which session the presentation will be allocated, and if a proposed lecture should be presented orally or as a poster. Authors will be informed about the decisions before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Abstracts should be submitted using the COST-Form which can be downloaded from [www.euroberry.it/workinggroup/index.html](http://www.euroberry.it/workinggroup/index.html)

## Registration and Fee

**Registration has to be done before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

The registration form could be downloaded from [www.euroberry.it/workinggroup/index.html](http://www.euroberry.it/workinggroup/index.html) and has to be sent by email to [chantal.chassot@acw.admin.ch](mailto:chantal.chassot@acw.admin.ch).

The registration fee of 20.00 Euro to is to be paid cash upon arrival at the Workshop. This fee includes:

- Registration and documentation
- Morning and afternoon coffee/tea during the Meeting

There will be an optional dinner on the second evening (4<sup>th</sup> december), the additional fee for this is 50.00 Euro.

Please tick the box on the registration form if you wish to join.

A confirmation of registration will be sent to each registrant.

## Accommodation

Rooms have been pre-booked in the following hotels :

BEST WESTERN  
HOTEL MONTANA ZÜRICH  
Konradstrasse 39  
8005 Zürich  
Phone: ++ 41(0) 43 366 60 00  
mail to: [f.hill@hotelmontana.ch](mailto:f.hill@hotelmontana.ch)  
[www.hotelmontana.ch](http://www.hotelmontana.ch)

Availability : 30 rooms

BEST WESTERN  
HOTEL ZÜRCHERHOF  
Zähringerstrasse 21  
80021 Zürich  
Phone: ++ 41(0) 44 269 44 44  
mail to: [zuercherhof@bluewin.ch](mailto:zuercherhof@bluewin.ch)  
[www.walliser-keller.ch](http://www.walliser-keller.ch)

Availability : 8 rooms

The price of the hotel will be from 95 to 110 Euros per room and night, with bath, wireless-Lan and include breakfast, service and taxes .  
Please make your own reservation, with the indication "Action COST 863"

## How to get in town from Zurich airport

After reclaiming baggage, follow the railway [station](#) signs "Bahn/Railway" to ticket counters and machines. Follow the English instructions or simply press the left (red) key at the bottom "Zurich City". The machine accepts coins as well as banknotes and gives change. The ticket is valid during the next 2 hours for any train to Zurich as well as for the trams and buses in the city (streetcar, Strassenbahn). Take the escalator down to the platforms 3 or 4. Trains to city centre leave every 10 minutes and take about 10 minutes to reach main train station Zurich HB. If you plan to stay the whole day, a day ticket (valid 24 hours) is advisable.

The hotels suggested are very near the railway station.