



First announcement WG2-3 Joint Meeting COST Action 863

"Biotic and abiotic stress prevention in integrated berry fruit production"

Sofia, Bulgaria

9-11 March 2009

Number of participants: 30-35

Program:

from Monday afternoon until Wednesday afternoon: 4 oral sessions and 1 poster session

Topics:

biotic stress; biotic stress prevention; biological pest and disease control; pesticide residue management

Aim of the meeting:

to discuss developments in the field of biotic and abiotic stress prevention incl. biological pest and disease control and pesticide residue management. Definition of major themes and strategies for further research and collaborations in this fields.

From USA 2 keynote speakers will be invited, plus one from New Zealand.

Organising committee:

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If you are interested to participate this meeting, please inform us **before January 10** by sending a short outline of your presentation in maximum 100 words. One week after this date we decide about the acceptance of the presentation (oral or poster) and send you a formal invitation for submitting an abstract before February 7th.

In the second announcement, released by mid January you will find further details for registration and fees, sessions, accommodation and venue.

Please send your answer to Rolf Nestby for presentations in the field of **abiotic stress**, to Päivi Parikka for presentations on biotic stress prevention in the field of **fungal diseases** and to Gijs van Kruistum for presentations in the field of **insect pests and other factors** (viruses, pesticide residue management, etc.).

For general questions and suggestions, contact Gijs van Kruistum.

With best regards and seasons greetings
Gijs van Kruistum