

XVI OPTIMA Meeting preliminary programme

Tuesday, 1 October 2019

10.00-18.00 – Meetings of the OPTIMA Commissions (restricted)

Wednesday, 2 October 2019

9.00-11.00 – Meetings of Executive Council & International Board

11:00-13:00 – Opening Ceremony and Plenary Lecture

D. Phitos: The evolutionary course of Botanical science in Greece from Theophrastus to the present day

Welcome cocktail

14.30 – Symposium 1: Geoparks and Protected areas of Greece

Symposium organizers: **Georgia Kamari & Nikolaos Zouros**

14.30 – Symposium 2: Fungal diversity in the Mediterranean area: recent advances and future prospects

Symposium organizers: **Giuseppe Venturella & George Zervakis**

14.30 – Symposium 13: Advances in lichen diversity in the Mediterranean area

Symposium organizer: **Ana Rosa Burgaz**

Thursday, 3 October 2019

9.00 – Symposium 3: History of botanical explorations

Symposium organizers: **Werner Greuter & Vernon Heywood**

9:00 – Symposium 4: Origin and diversification of Mediterranean crops

Symposium organizer: **Benito Valdés**

Light lunch

14.30 – Symposium 5: Plant diversity and evolution in polyploid, dysploid, and hybrid complexes of the Mediterranean flora

Symposium organizers: **Lorenzo Peruzzi & Sonja Siljak-Yakovlev**

14.30 – Symposium 6: Mediterranean Algal Diversity: Past, Present and Future

Symposium organizers: **Anna Maria Mannino & Sotiris Orphanidis**

Friday, 4 October 2019

9.00 – Symposium 7: New Methods in Plant Systematics

Symposium organizers: **Karol Marhold & Christoff Oberprieler**

9.00 – Symposium 8: Useful Plants of the Mediterranean

Symposium organizers: **Kemal Husnu Can Baser & Stella Kokkini**

Light lunch

14.00 -17.00. E-posters session

Organizers: **Pepy Bareka & Gianniantonio Domina**

20:00 Congress Dinner

Saturday, 5 October 2019

9.00 – Symposium 9: Mediterranean Islands and insular systems

Symposium organizers: **Frederic Medail & Panagiotis Trigas**

9.00 – Symposium 10: Web-Botany

Symposium organizers: **Ernst Vitek & Dimitris Koureas**

Light lunch

13:30 – Symposium 11: Plant Conservation

Symposium organizers: **Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat & Theophanis Constantinidis**

13:30 – Symposium 12: Invasive plants: Botanical Gardens, orchards, crops and aquatic habitats as hotspots of spreading the alien species in the Mediterranean

Symposium organizers: **Stephen Jury & Olja Vasic**

16:45 Closing Ceremony and General Meeting of OPTIMA

Sunday, 6 October 2019

Field Excursion