The 6th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference

September 25 - 29, 2011
Zagreb, Croatia

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION

We are pleased to announce the 6th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference, which will be held in Zagreb, Croatia. We invite scientists, professionals, students and practitioners (mycologists, biologists, ecologists, biochemists, biotechnologists, pharmacologists, nutritionists, medical doctors, immunologists, oncologists, infection diseases specialists, cardiologists, neurologists, specialists in integrative, complementary and alternative medicine, bioremediators - especially in agriculture and forestry, etc), people working with mushrooms and in other food industries, nutraceutical, pharmaceutical and other related industries and entrepreneurial and commercial initiatives, as well as all those who are interested in studying, discussing and exploring practical applications of the most current research on fungi and their medicinal properties.

The Conference will be organized with parallel sessions and poster exhibitions. An International Industrial Exhibition of Medicinal Mushrooms and Mushroom Products is also planned.

The official language of the conference is English, including lectures and printed materials.
**Conference Topics**

1. Systematics, taxonomy, distribution, ecology and fungal culture collections
2. Medicinal and nutritional value of mushrooms and pharmacology of active compounds
3. Mushroom nutraceuticals in theory and practice – production, regulation, promotion and marketing worldwide
4. Fungal physiology, biochemistry and genetics
5. Mycotechnology and cultivation in research and industry
6. Mycoremediation in forestry and agriculture
7. Ethnomycology, traditional and alternative medicines using medicinal mushrooms
8. Special panel discussion:
   a. Medicinal mushrooms and cancer, and/or
   b. Medicinal mushrooms and viral infections

**Conference Structure**

The conference program will be based on the main topics and will also include plenary keynote lectures, symposia, special panel discussion, poster sessions and a trade exhibition.

**Call For Papers**

We would be pleased to receive contributions from interested authors that follow the conference themes. Abstracts should focus on current issues relevant to science progress and/or to industry, and should contain scientific and/or practical content. Abstracts should clearly define the objectives of the presentation, topics covered, key conclusions reached, and potential benefits for science development and/or industry, including options for oral or poster presentation. Abstracts should be at least 500 words in length.

Full papers elaborating on abstracts will be published in forthcoming issues of the International Journal of Medicinal Mushrooms.

Abstracts should be sent to Solomon P. Wasser, Head of the Publishing Committee, Editor-in-Chief, International Journal of Medicinal Mushrooms, before January 15, 2011 in word or rich text format. Send to Solomon P. Wasser, Institute of Evolution, Haifa University, Mt. Carmel 31905, Israel, or e-mail them to spwasser@research.haifa.ac.il. Additionally, abstracts should be sent as soon as possible to immc6.loc@gmail.com, which will enable the Conference Organizing Committee to be more effective in the long-term shaping of the conference program.

**Main Organizers**

Dr Myko San – Health from Mushrooms Co (Croatia)

**Co-organizers**

Faculty of Agriculture (University of Zagreb, Croatia)
Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology (University of Zagreb)
Faculty of Forestry (University of Zagreb)
Croatian Society of Food Technologists, Biotechnologists and Nutritionists (Croatia)

**Conference Fees**

€ 300 for regular attendees
€ 100 for students (with student card)
€ 370 for late registrants (after June 1, 2011)

On-line registration will soon be available at the Conference website, which will be launched during May 2010.

Conference fees include: admission to all scientific sessions, free entrance to the conference exhibition, abstracts book, scientific excursions, welcome reception, conference dinner party, and coffee breaks.
Draft Program

The Conference’s scientific program will extend from September 26 – 29, 2011. September 25 is Registration Day and September 28 is a touring day.

Deadlines

December 1, 2010   Return the preliminary registration form
January 15, 2011   Submission of abstracts
April 1, 2011      Notification of authors on abstracts acceptance
June 1, 2011       Early registration fee payment
June 1, 2011       Hotel reservations

Accommodations

There will be several hotels of different categories available. More information on available hotels will be added to the conference website.

About Croatia and Zagreb

Republic of Croatia, the country candidate for the membership in the European Union, is a Central European and Mediterranean country. With its very rich cultural heritage (7 world heritage sites) and magnificent natural beauty (8 national parks), Croatia is the 18th most popular tourist country in the world. Consisting of very different geographical and climate regions - plains, lakes and rolling hills in the continental north and northeast Pannonian plain, densely wooded mountains in Lika and Gorski Kotar and rocky coastlines on the Adriatic Sea with over one thousand islands. Croatia has great biodiversity, including mushrooms.

Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, is its political, economic, cultural and scientific center, with more than 800,000 inhabitants. Sometimes marked as "a little Vienna" regarding its architectural scenery, Zagreb has a great cultural heritage and the oldest continuously operating University in the region (founded in 1669). From an old medieval core to the modern areas, Zagreb is a modern European city and one of the leading centers of this region of Europe, very well connected and integrated into contemporary European transportation.

Conference Organizing Committee

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The 6th International Medicinal Mushroom Conference (IMMC6) Preliminary Registration Form

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Conference Fees
□ Regular (300 €)  □ Student (100 €)

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NAME (First, Last)  _________________________________________________
INSTITUTION  ______________________________________________________
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ATTENDANCE:  □ Passive  □ Active
I PREFER:  □ Oral presentation  □ Poster presentation  □ Trade Exhibit
TOPIC OF YOUR PRESENTATION:  1  2  3  4  5  6  7
I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8a  8b
□  I WISH TO HELP SPONSOR THE CONFERENCE