

**FIRST CIRCULAR OF
THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL MEDICINAL MUSHROOMS CONFERENCE
24–28 SEPTEMBER 2017, PALERMO, ITALY**

We are pleased to announce the 9th International Medicinal Mushrooms Conference. We invite scientists, students, mycologists, medical doctors, immunologists, contagious disease specialists, naturopaths, biochemists, and all those who are interested in studying and discussing the most current research on medicinal mushrooms and their properties.

DATE AND VENUE

The conference will take place in Palermo, Italy, 24–28 September 2017 at the **Splendid Hotel La Torre, in Mondello** (Palermo). Mondello is more or less a suburb of Palermo and a small seaside resort with a wonderful beach. The conference will be organized in parallel sessions and poster exhibitions. The official language of the conference is English.

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

**ADVANCES IN MEDICINAL MUSHROOM SCIENCE:
BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN WESTERN AND EASTERN MEDICINE**

**ORGANIZED BY:
University of Palermo, Department of Agricultural and Forest Sciences**

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM OF CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE:

- ✓ Keynote speeches
- ✓ Plenary lectures of invited speakers

Different symposia dedicated to:

- ✓ Medicinal mushrooms in social media
- ✓ Biodiversity and taxonomy of medicinal mushrooms
- ✓ Molecular systematics and phylogeny of medicinal mushrooms
- ✓ Medicinal mushrooms: evidence-based medicine and trials
- ✓ Medicinal mushrooms in animal health
- ✓ Medicinal values and pharmacology of medicinal mushrooms
- ✓ Medicinal mushrooms in human clinical trials
- ✓ Potential values and new developments of medicinal mushroom products
- ✓ Science and biotechnology of medicinal mushrooms
- ✓ Quality control and regulations
- ✓ Industrial production and marketing, technology of cultivation and fermentation

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 progress in research and/or to industry and should be scientific and/or of technical content.

Your abstracts should clearly define the objectives of the presentation or the topics covered, key conclusions reached, and potential benefits for scientific developments and industry. Abstracts should not be more than 500 words but not less than 300.

Abstracts should be sent to IMMC9 (abstract@immc9.com) before the 15th of February 2017. Text documents *must* be in Word or PDF format and written according to the template included in the conference web site.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

March 2016	Opening of the conference website and distribution of first circular
30 May 2016	Return of preliminary registration form and expression of interest
15 June 2016	Opening of registration on line
15 January 2017	Distribution of second circular
15 February 2017	Abstract submission deadline
15 April 2017	Notification to authors of abstract acceptance
30 May 2017	Early bird registration deadline
30 June 2017	Full paper submission deadline
31 July 2017	Closing date for registrations on-line and accommodation
1 August 2017	Distribution of final scientific program
24 September 2017	Registration desk opens
25–28 September 2017	IMMC9-2017

For more information, visit www.immc9.com

IMMC9 INTERNATIONAL MEDICINAL MUSHROOMS CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To assure you receive further information about the IMMC9 Conference and to help us with our planning, please let us know about the probabilities of your interest in the meeting and excursion.

Name _____ Surname _____ Title _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ City/State _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Topic of Interest _____

At this point the level of my interest in **attending the IMMC9-2017 is:**

Definitely Yes Likely Possible Definitely No

The likelihood of my attending **together with a spouse, guest, or accompanying person is:**

Definitely Yes Likely Possible Definitely No

At this point the likelihood of my **proposing to make a presentation at the conference is:**

Definitely Yes Likely Possible Definitely No

At this point the likelihood of my **proposing to present a poster at the conference is:**

Definitely Yes Likely Possible Definitely No

At this point the level of my interest in **participating in the meeting and excursion is:**

Definitely Yes Likely Possible Definitely No

Please return the completed form at your convenience, preferably by **30th of May 2016**, to secretary@immc9.com

FULL PAPERS

Excellent papers of the IMMC9 will be published in the *International Journal of Medicinal Mushrooms* (IJMM). Please send the full paper according to journal format of the IJMM before **30 June 2017** if the IMMC9 secretary informs you of your abstract acceptance.

If you have any academic question, please send e-mail to secretary@immc9.com

On-line registration forms are available starting **15th of June 2016** on the conference website www.immc9.com.

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Cancellations received before **30th June 2017** will be subject to a 40% surcharge on all monies paid. From this date onward, until **31st July 2017**, cancellations will incur a 60% surcharge on all monies paid. From that date onward, no repayments will be made in the event of cancellation. Please note that refunds will be issued only after the end of the meeting.

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms are being held at the Congress venue hotel at special rates. Accommodation at **Splendid Hotel La Torre** (4 stars) includes breakfast. **THE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE ARRANGED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. SINCE THE AREA OF PALERMO ATTRACTS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TOURISTS EACH YEAR, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO BOOK YOUR ROOM IN ADVANCE.**

Participants will be automatically rebooked in other hotels of Mondello and/or Palermo in case all rooms at the Splendid Hotel La Torre will be filled.

Since all activities of the Congress will take place within the space of the **Splendid Hotel La Torre** (conferences, meetings, display of posters and lunches), accommodation in this hotel is very advantageous and convenient. Hotel reservations can be confirmed together with the Congress registration.

Only guaranteed reservations will be accepted. To guarantee your reservation, full payment is required.

All hotel rates are in Euros, per room/night, including service, breakfast and 22% VAT.

A City Tax per person of **€ 2,00** (for the first four days of stay) is not included in the room's price.

SPLENDID HOTEL LA TORRE

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Standard Room Dus	B&B	€ 107,00
Room Garden View Dus	B&B	€ 128,00
Sea View Room Dus	B&B	€ 150,00
Extra person staying in hotel room	B&B	€ 30 per day