

## **Subject: FIP Conference in Valencia**

Dear friends,

I am writing to inform you about the organisation of the first FIP Conference which will take place in Valencia this year.

In our last meeting in Rome we proposed to organise a conference on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation open to all FIP members and to other international groups, such as the EuropeanVegetation Survey (EVS). The initial project included also a long excursion in the region of Valencia.

### Location and dates of the Conference

In many countries, University courses are still running in June, so shifting the date of the Conference from June to September 2011 would help participation.

The Conference will take place in the Botanical Garden of the University of Valencia, which hosts important botanical collections and offers a good variety of spaces (Aula Magna, smaller rooms for scientific and administrative meetings, etc.)

### Draft programme

September 13

9 - 12 Registration, set up of posters and welcome coffee

12 - 13 Opening

13 - 14 Opening lectures ( Salvador Rivas Martinez & Carlo Blasi)

14 - 16 Lunch and poster session

16 - 20 Symposium 1: Biodiversity, Plant sociology, Vegetation mapping, Ecosystem services

Coordinator: Jorge Capelo

Schedule:

- Introduction by the coordinator (15 minutes)
- Lecture by an invited speaker not from FIP
- Coffee break (30 minutes)
- 9 talks of 15 minutes each
- Final synthesis by the coordinator
- Final discussion (30 minutes)

To ensure proper debate at the end of the session, the role of the coordinator will be fundamental. In this regard, each coordinator should choose an accompanying chairman among the presidents of the national societies belonging to the FIP

September 14

9 - 14 Symposium 2: Habitats Directive

Coordinator: Edoardo Biondi

The same schedule of Symposium 1 applies, but the talks could be 12-13. Biondi should suggest the names of the invited speaker and of the second chairman.

14 - 16 Lunch and poster session

16 - 20 Symposium 3: Old-growth forests

Coordinator: Richard Pott

The same schedule of Symposia 1 and 2 applies, but the talks could be 9-10 (15 minutes each).

21.30 Social dinner

September 15

Daily excursion : Vegetation of the coastal area around Valencia (dunes, saltmarshes and cliffs)

September 16

9 - 12 Workshop on "Vegetation prodromes: updating national and international projects"

Coordinator: Javier Loidi.

The same schedule of previous Symposia applies, with: introduction by Loidi (15'), first series of talks (10' each), discussion (30'), second series of talks (30') to answer questions and conclude.

Loidi should propose 6 invited speakers among all participants (either Presidents of Federate Societies or not).

12 - 12.30 Coffee break

12.30 - 14 General assembly "Future perspectives of FIP" coordinated by Carlo Blasi

14 - 16 Lunch and poster session

16 - 18 Removal of posters and visit to the Botanical Garden

18 - 22 City tour

September 18

Excursion "Vegetation of the Mediterranean high mountain (from thermo-Mediterranean to oro-Mediterranean)".

Not included in the Conference fee.

Language

English is the official language of the Conference, but other European languages can be used as well, since the Federation is an ensemble of national scientific association.

However, slides, posters and abstracts should be in English.

Circulars and communications will be in English, as well.

Further requests for participation and registration to

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Greetings to all members of the Reinhold-Tuexen-Gesellschaft  
yours Richard Pott

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