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From the Chairwoman

Juliana Freitas-Astua, Chair



Dear IOCV friends,

We are about to complete another cycle of three years and few important issues need to be addressed:

First of all, I would like to remind you that IOCV members have the responsibility and the duty to participate in the election of the chairperson of our Organization. The two members who received the largest number of nomination votes and accepted to be candidates for the office of Chairperson-elect to serve for the period 2019-2022 are, in alphabetical order, Georgios Vidalakis and Ray Yokomi. So if your IOCV membership has expired, please remember to renew it and do not miss the opportunity to actively participate in our Organization. Georgios and Ray wrote their statements and views for the IOCV and we hope you all take the time to vote for one of these two great scientists and long-term members of our Organization. You will receive the proper information on how to do that by our friend Robert Krueger, who kindly accepted to assume the IOCV secretary duties (in addition to his own duties as treasurer) now that Georgios is a candidate and stepped aside that position.

Also, in roughly two months we will have our most important event: the IOCV Conference, which this time will be held in Chongqing, China. The local organizing committee is working hard to make sure that all of us have a great scientific and also personal experience! If you have not planned your trip to China yet, you still have time for that... the deadline for abstracts submission was extended until March 10, so anyone can submit them and enjoy the meeting. You don't want to miss it!!

Finally, even before the 20th meeting starts we are already thinking about our 21st Conference, to be held in 2019. The Conference Location Committee is searching for possible venues and, even though some inquiries were made, no formal offer has been received yet. Hence, if you would like to host this conference in your country, please put together a proposal to present in China. Let's keep the tradition of putting together enriching conferences of high scientific level discussions and sharing good moments with our IOCV friends.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in China!!!

Juliana

IOCV Membership & Dues

Remember that IOCV dues are valid between IOCV Conferences, and that you must be a current member (2013 – 2016) in order to vote in the upcoming election. If you have any doubts about this, contact Robert Krueger, IOCV Treasurer and Acting Secretary Robert.krueger@ars.usda.gov. Dues for the 2016 – 2019 term will be payable at the XX Conference or any time thereafter. Current dues are USD 60 for active professional membership and USD 30 for student memberships.

IOCV is currently investigating new ways of handling finances and there may be a delay in processing payments. However, you will be updated as an active member in the database even if processing of payment is delayed. We are hoping to implement PayPal payments in the near future as an additional option for dues and proceeding payments.

Finally, please spread the word about IOCV. Some of our sister organizations, such as the International Society of Citriculture, have a membership drive in conjunction with their Congress. Our IOCV Conference is an excellent opportunity to do something similar, even if on an informal basis.

IOCV Presidential Election

The results of the nominating process are complete and we are pleased to have two very well qualified nominees, Drs. Georgios Vidalakis and Raymond Yokomi. Below are their candidate statements. You will receive an email from Electionbuddy.com to participate in the election. It is anticipated that this email will be sent the week of February 22.

Dr. Georgios Vidalakis

Cooperative Extension Specialist & Plant Pathologist
Director, Citrus Clonal Protection Program (CCPP)
Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology
University of California, Riverside
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Dr. Vidalakis completed his undergraduate studies in 1998 at the Agricultural University of Athens, Greece with concentration in plant protection and environment and specialization in plant virology. He became the director of CCPP in the summer of 2005 a year after earning his Ph.D. from the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of California, Riverside, where he was the recipient of the Special Dean's Fellowship Award for the duration of his doctoral studies.

His research and extension activities involve the study of graft-transmissible pathogens of citrus with emphasis on viruses and viroids. Mixed viral infection and their effect to biodiagnosis of citrus diseases as well as the biological activity, molecular properties and intrapopulation structure of citrus viroids have been part of his work. He is also focusing on the optimization of the functions of citrus certification programs, which include: diagnostics (bioindexing and laboratory), therapy (shoot tip grafting and thermotherapy), production, and distribution of citrus propagative materials (foundation blocks and variety management).

Dr. Vidalakis is also participating in several national and international programs. He is the Chair of the Citrus Network of the National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) for Specialty Crops and he is a member of the Laboratory Accreditation Board STAR-D of the USDA National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN). He is a member of the Viroid Study Group of the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) and he serves as the secretary of the International Organization of Citrus Virologists (IOCV).

Dr. Raymond Yokomi

Research Plant Pathologist
USDA, ARS, PWA, San Joaquin Valley Agricultural and Sciences
Center
Parlier, CA.



Conducts research on biological and molecular characterization, epidemiology, detection and management of *Citrus tristeza virus* (CTV) and *Spiroplasma citri*, causal agent of citrus stubborn disease. Dr. Yokomi has over 35 years of research experience in applied and basic aspects of plant pathology, entomology and insect vectors. He has authored more than 70 refereed journal papers, 7 book chapters; co-editor of 2 Proceedings of the IOCV; and has been an IOCV member since 1981. Dr. Yokomi is recognized for contributions in aphid transmission of CTV, characterization and differentiation of CTV, detection of *S. citri*, biological control of aphids and whiteflies, and whitefly-plant interactions and associated phytotoxemias. *IOCV vision*. New technologies have come to the forefront citrus virus and virus-like diseases. In fact, futuristic ideas of new strategies for mid-term and long-term sustainable management of citrus pathogens/pests of a few years ago are now realities. Biotechnology is having a profound impact on current management practices and risk analysis of citrus diseases. IOCV has a rich tradition of scientific exchange through international conferences, technology transfer, pre- and post-conference tours. IOCV and its members play leadership roles in citriculture/horticulture, citrus nurseries, certification and clean-stock programs, germplasm exchange, communication, and mentorship. Maintaining IOCV publications through the Journal of Citrus Pathology is a vital link of the past with the present and future. I endorse all these IOCV endeavors and look forward to an opportunity to serve IOCV to pay my respect and dues for all I have gained and experienced from our organization and its members. I pledge to continue the legacy of IOCV.

XX Conference of the International Organization of Citrus Virologists Update

Abstract submission deadline extended

The organizing committee of the 20th IOCV Conference would like to inform you that the Abstract submission deadline has been extended to March 10, 2016. Submitters will be notified of acceptance within five working days of reception of the submission.

For submission instructions you can visit: <http://iocv2016.cric.cn/callforpaper/Poster%20Guidelines.html>

In addition the committee invites all of you that intent to attend the conference to proceed with registration. April is approaching fast and it will take some time to make travel plans acquire visas etc.

Scholarship Winners Announced

The committee is pleased to announce that the following young scientists have been funded to attend the conference. Congratulations to these deserving people!

Agustina de Francesco (Argentina): ihpCP sweet orange Transgenic Lines are Resistant to Psorosis A and Psorosis B

Gabriella Dias Arena (Brazil): Plant Defense Mechanisms During the Locally-Restricted Infection of Citrus Leprosis Virus C

Juan Camilo Cifuentes-Arenas (Colombia): Monitoring Citrus Flush Shoot Ontogeny as a Potential Strategy For HLB and Psyllid Management

María José Benitez Galeano (Uruguay): Evolutionary Dynamic of a New CTV Genetic Lineage: What Does the History Tell Us?

Sagheer Atta (Pakistan): Variability and Sequence Diversity of Citrus Tristeza Virus Isolates from Pakistan

Alberto Gochez (Argentina): Effect of Bacterial and Concentration in Diagnosis of HLB Using Conventional and QPCR Methods

XX Conference of the International Organization of Citrus Virologists General Information

**Chongqing, China
Beibei and Guiling**

**Conference: April 10-16, 2016
Post Conference Tour: April 16-19, 2016**

Online at:

<http://iocv2016.eric.cn/>

Important dates

Nov. 9, 2015 to Feb.1, 2016	Pre-Registration
Nov. 9 to Jan. 4, 2016	Financial assistance applications for young scientists
Dec. 15, 2015 to Mar. 10, 2016	Abstract submission
Feb. 1 to Mar. 15, 2016	Registration
Apr. 11 to 15, 2016	Conference
Apr. 16 to 19, 2016	Post Conference

Registration

Early bird (until Feb. 1, 2016): member \$560 / non-member \$660

Standard (Feb. 2 - Mar. 15, 2016): member \$660 / non-member \$720

Student* (until Feb. 1, 2016): \$450, (Feb. 2 - Mar. 15, 2016): \$500

Late (After Mar. 15, 2016): \$800

**Reduced fee for actively participating students. Please provide a copy of your student status with your registration.*

The registration form can be downloaded from the website (<http://iocv2016.cric.cn/registration/>) and is also attached at the end of this newsletter.

The registration fee will be paid by international bank transfer. Payment details are available on the registration form.

The conference fee includes:

Access to all conference sessions; conference abstract booklet; welcome reception on Apr. 10, 2016; conference dinner on Apr. 14, 2016; mid-conference tour; snack lunch and coffee breaks during the conference.

The welcome reception and conference dinner will be offered to accompanying guests free of charge. Local tours and social activities during the conference will be organized for accompanying guests. The information and cost of the tours and activities are available on [IOCV2016 website](#).

Post-conference tour

1. Schedule

A post-conference tour will be co-organized by Guangxi Academy of Specialty Crops for the 20th IOCV meetings in Guilin from Apr. 16 (Saturday) - 19 (Tuesday), 2016. The tour will end at Guilin on Tuesday, Apr. 19, 2016. The participants will need to organize the returning trip directly from Guilin.

2. Program

Saturday morning, Apr. 16, 2016, participants will travel from Chongqing to Guilin. After visiting Guilin Elephant Hill, the badge of Guilin city. The participants will be received by Guangxi Academy of Specialty Crops, showing the facilities such as screen-houses and laboratories for the production of virus-free nursery trees in HLB areas.

Sunday Apr. 17, a cruise ship will take the participants to Yangshuo. The eye-feasting landscape and country scenery will be the feature of this 80 km river trip. The kumquat orchard will be visited at afternoon to learn the technique for protection of kumquat in the winter to improve the fruit quality. The performance of the “Impression of Liu Sanjie” will be the program after dinner. The show is performed in the world largest natural theater which utilizes the waters of the Li River as its stage, with twelve mist shrouded hills and the heavens as its backdrop.

Monday Apr. 18, the participants will travel to Lipu County to investigate the field-symptoms of HLB and integrated disease management techniques for HLB such as identification and removal of affected trees, as well as control of citrus psyllid. The participants will be back to Guilin at afternoon.

Tuesday Apr. 19, the participants will leave Guilin for home.

3. Cost of post-conference tour

The cost is US\$ 350.00/person for twin share double room, or US\$ 500.00/person for single room. This includes: transportation, hotel accommodation and breakfast, meals, and visits. Payments can be made by international bank transfer. Payment details for selected tour participants will be sent by e-mail in case of positive acceptance.

4. Participation

To be eligible for participation in the IOCV Post-conference Tour, participants must have participated conference from Apr. 11th to 14th. The “Tour” can only accommodate forty five participants, therefore will be only available to the early paid participants. Candidates for the Tour should request their participation as quickly as possible by e-mailing the filled form to Ms. Jia Wang (wangjia@cric.cn). This should be not later than Feb.1, 2016. The forty five first requests for participation will receive by return e-mail a positive acceptance answer from the organizers by Feb. 5, 2016; payment of the “Tour” cost should then be made not later than Feb.12, 2016. Otherwise, the acceptance could not be guaranteed.

Financial Assistance - Scholarships

Support for six (6) young scientists will be available. The funds will be raised primarily by the local organizers from local enterprises and an IOCV contribution. The financial assistance is intended for young scientists who are PhD students or received their degree within the last five (5) years.

The scholarships will be offered to cover the cost of:

1. Airfare
2. Accommodation (hotels and meals)
3. Conference registration

The support will not include a daily allowance, and will not be given as cash.

To be eligible for these scholarships, the candidates are required to give either an oral or a poster presentation at the XX IOCV Conference.

To apply for these scholarships, please download the application form from 2016 IOCV webpage, send filled form along with a CV to Ms. Jia Wang at wangjia@cric.cn. **The application deadline is January 4, 2016.**

An IOCV appointed committee will evaluate applications and inform successful applicants of the outcome by Jan. 25, 2016. IOCV members are encouraged to identify young, talented, motivated scientists for participation.

Call for Papers

1. Abstract submission

Participants are welcomed to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the conference.

Abstracts must be submitted on line in the website <http://iocv2016.cric.cn> before March, 10 2016.

To submit an abstract, you must register first (<http://iocv2016.cric.cn/registration/>). In the registration process you will create a username and password that will allow access to the abstract submission page.

Please specify in the abstract form if you wish to submit an oral or poster presentation. Submitters will be notified of acceptance within five working days of reception of the submission. All accepted

abstracts will be printed in the conference abstracts given to all registered participants. Abstracts will be withdrawn from the program if delegate(s)/author(s) are not registered by the closing date.

Please use the following format when submitting abstracts:

Capitalize the title and set it in bold. First names or initials must precede last family names. Affiliation must be in italic. Underline the name of the presenting author, who will be considered as the contact person for all correspondence. Begin the body of the abstract on a new line and indent five spaces. Use 12-point Arial font throughout the text. The abstract must not exceed 2400 characters (with spaces), including title, authors and affiliation. For more information visit <http://iocv2016.cric.cn>.

2. Presentations

Oral presentation

Each speaker will have 15 minutes total (10 minutes presentation and 5 minutes discussion). Chairpersons will be asked to strictly maintain the schedule.

Poster presentation

Posters (size 90 cm wide x 110 cm high)

During the poster sessions the contributor will be requested to be present at the poster stand for discussions with poster viewers.

3. Full Papers and IOCV Conference Proceedings

As it was discussed with the IOCV membership in the 2013, 19th IOCV Conference in South Africa the IOCV will not publish IOCV conference proceedings as in the past therefore, there is no requirement for full paper or short communication submissions for the 2016, 20th IOCV Conference.

All IOCV related research can be submitted for publication at the *Journal of Citrus Pathology* at any time independently of the three year IOCV conference cycle (http://escholarship.org/uc/iocv_journalcitruspathology).

The IOCV proceedings from 1957-2010 (IOCV 1st-18th) are available on line at www.iocv.org and soon at the http://escholarship.org/uc/iocv_proceedings. Beginning with the abstracts and papers submitted in the 2013, 19th IOCV Conference the *Journal of Citrus Pathology* is publishing all IOCV Conferences' related abstracts, papers, contributions, etc. in a special section of the journal.

General Inquiries

Should you have enquiries regarding registration, the venue or accommodation, please direct them at:

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International Society for Citriculture XIII Congress

**Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil
18 to 23 September 2016**

The International Society of Citriculture and the Executive Organizing Committee of the XIII International Citrus Congress - ICC2016 is pleased to announce the upcoming congress that will take place at the Mabu Thermas & Resort in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, from 18 to 23 September 2016. The ICC 2016 is being organized by the Instituto Agrônômico (IAC), from its Sylvio Moreira Citrus Research Center, and the Instituto Agrônômico do Paraná (IAPAR).

Additional information is available at: < <http://www.icc2016.com/welcome/about-the-conference> >