

Fifth International Conference on Mycorrhiza, 2006, Granada, Spain

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The Fifth International Conference on Mycorrhiza (ICOM5) will be held 23–27 July, 2006, in Granada (Spain). ICOM5 will discuss recent advances in mycorrhiza research and outline future trends around the theme “Mycorrhiza for Science and Society”, with particular emphasis on basic knowledge about this universal fungal/root association and its role in satisfying societal demands for sustainable production of safe foods and promotion of environmental quality. The Organizing Committees of ICOM5 warmly invite you to attend this international event which will be the opportunity to evaluate the impact of the substantial progress that has been made during the last few years in the understanding and exploitation of mycorrhizal symbioses in fields such as population biology and diversity, evolution and phylogeny, genetic and cell programmes, symbiotic functions, fitness and stress adaptation, microbiome interactions, biotechnology for plant production, ecosystem conservation and restoration.

ICOM5 will be held in an excellent, well-equipped Congress Centre which is situated close to the centre of the city, surrounded by the most modern hotels within 5

minutes walk. The Conference will consist of invited keynote lectures, scientific sessions with invited papers, workshops with offered oral presentations and a large space will be available for posters. Participants are encouraged to give priority to latest advancements in order to ensure a stimulating meeting. All the activities (including lunches) will take place at the Congress Centre where the excellent climatic conditioning provides an enjoyable environment, in spite of the usually high outdoor daytime temperatures which can range between 35–40°C during July in Granada. Because Granada is situated at about 650 m above sea level, evening and night temperatures are somewhat cooler (around 20°C). A Social Programme is being organized, including a visit to the Alhambra and a closing dinner in a Historical Palace. Post-Congress excursions are also being organized.

More information about the conference, registration, accommodation and abstract submission can be found at the ICOM5 Website: www.eez.csic.es/icom5/.

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