



Message from the President of the ISHS



Dear Friends and Colleagues in Horticultural Science,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 28th International Horticultural Congress here in beautiful Lisboa, Portugal. After years of planning by the Portuguese and Spanish organizers and some action-packed months to finish and then polish the program, IHC 2010 is ready for us to enjoy. There are colloquia, symposia, seminars and workshops addressing every issue and specialization of horticultural science and industry. There are social events designed to build new friendships and renew old ones. There are post-Congress tours to enjoy in both Spain and Portugal.

Ours is a profession that promotes prosperity and good health; a profession widely respected for its unique role of connecting plant biodiversity to human life quality. Moreover, horticultural science addresses food and life quality issues of equal importance to rural and urban society. Indeed, we have a great deal to offer the citizens of this planet – Science and Horticulture for People – but IHC 2010 will demonstrate amply that we also have much to offer to one another.

The International Society for Horticultural Science is very proud of the fact that this is the 28th IHC – it all started with the Congress in Paris in 1889. ISHS is also proud of the fact that 2009 marked the 50th Anniversary of our Society in its modern form – 13 Congresses have now taken place during these last 51 years. But this week in August 2010 is the time for us to celebrate coming together in Lisboa – ready to share our knowledge and experiences; ready to learn from the work, knowledge and insights of thousands of colleagues from around the world.

Welcome to Lisboa. Welcome to IHC 2010!

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