

WELCOME



Message from the co-presidents of the IHC 2010



Welcome to the 28th International Horticultural Congress. We are proud to announce a rich and diversified programme with colloquia, symposia, seminars, thematic sessions, workshops, poster sessions and exhibitions. The technical visits and post-congress technical tours will be an opportunity to discover the dynamic and innovative horticulture industry in Portugal and Spain.

Science and Horticulture for People, the theme of the Congress, emphasises horticulture scientific components and how it relates to scientists, producers, consumers and society at large. People are also the focus of horticulture for development. The IHC is a forum for horticulture people to know each other, to interact and to establish relationships. This is why there are breaks scheduled during the day, sufficient time for poster display and a permanent encouragement for round table discussions. E-posters and 'The Horticulture Brokerage Event', a novelty in horticultural congresses, will also contribute for an easier and more durable interaction among participants.

We present our most sincere thanks to the sponsors for their financial support and to all persons that voluntarily served in the various committees. They made this Congress possible despite the difficulties of the global economy. A very special mention goes to the conveners of the various events, who largely deserve the credit for the quality of the scientific programme. It was a great pleasure and a big honour to work with such a qualified and dedicated team during the last four years.

We wish that all participants can benefit from the Congress and that the multiple activities in the programme meet their expectations. However the IHC it is also the time to relax and to experience Lisboa, this exciting city on the banks of the River Tagus.

Thank you very much for coming and enjoy your stay with us.

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The Congress co-presidents