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*WPRS International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious
Animals and Plants: West Palaearctic Regional Section*

*SROP Organisation Internationale de Lutte Biologique et Intégrée contre les Animaux et les
Plantes Nuisibles: Section Régionale Ouest Paléarctique*

**IOBC-WPRS Working Group "Integrated Plant Protection in Fruit Crops"
Sub Group "Pome Fruit Diseases"**

12th International IOBC-WPRS Workshop on Pome Fruit Diseases

15-18 June 2020

Plovdiv, Bulgaria

First Announcement

On behalf of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group “Integrated Plant Protection in Fruit Crops” Sub Group “Pome Fruit Diseases”, you are cordially invited to the forthcoming **International IOBC-WPRS Workshop on Pome Fruit Diseases** that will take place from **15 to 18 June 2020 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria**.

The workshop takes place every 3 years and aims to bring together the latest advances in research of pome fruit diseases, to provide an opportunity for exchange of information and ideas and to stimulate common research and collaboration.

The scientific committee:

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Please, fill out the pre-registration form and send it to the local convenor Zvezdomir Jelev (zvezdomir_au@abv.bg) before 30 September 2019.

Proposed topics

- Biology and pathology of apple and pear diseases
- Bacterial, phytoplasma and viral diseases of apple and pear
- Canker diseases of apple and pear
- Postharvest diseases
- Monitoring and forecasting infection risks
- Control methods (biocontrol, chemical, induced resistance, physical, sanitation, etc.)
- Spraying quality and disease control

Preliminary Program

Sunday 14 June 2020	Arrival and check-in at the hotel. Evening registration. Welcome evening.
Monday 15 June 2020	Morning registration, opening. Scheduled oral and poster presentations. Meeting with the industry in the afternoon.
Tuesday 16 June 2020	Scheduled oral and poster presentations. Late afternoon: visit to Plovdiv Old Town, Roman Amphitheatre and City Center.
Wednesday 17 June 2020	Full day excursion to IPM and Organic Orchards with apples, pears and quinces. Visit of Thracian Tombs and excavations in Starosel, wine tasting in Starosel Winery.
Thursday 18 June 2020	Scheduled oral and poster presentations. Workshop dinner.
Friday 19 June 2020 (optional)	Excursion to Veliko Tarnovo, the North and Medieval Capital city of Bulgaria. Visit to Tzarevetz Fortress, the Old Town and market, lunch at the village of Arbanasi. There is no limit to the number of participants. Just book another night at your hotel in Plovdiv. A preliminary confirmation to the local convener is needed.

Further information

Official language: English.

Meeting site: [Agricultural University](#) in the city of [Plovdiv](#), Bulgaria.

Accommodation:

Rooms at [Park Hotel Plovdiv](#) will be offered at quite affordable prices for the participants

- Single Room White Edition - 45 EUR
- Double Room White Edition - 55 EUR
- Standard Single Room – 40 EUR
- Standard Double Room – 50 EUR.

Prices could be updated for the next season, but increased could be up to 10%, they include breakfast, internet, parking and all taxes. The hotel is within 5 min walk to the Agricultural University. It takes 15 min travel by bus to the City Center. Accommodation costs will not be included in the registration fee and everyone can make a choice in another hotel too.

Travel: Detailed information for traveling to Plovdiv will be provided in the second announcement. General Information [How to get to Plovdiv](#).

Excursion: A one-day excursion is planned for Wednesday 17 June 2020. The tour will include a visit to commercial orchards nearby Plovdiv, which grow about 200 ha apples and some pears. An organic apple producer and a quince orchard will also be visited. Bulgaria has traditions in selection of crispy apple-like quince varieties, which are offered to the fresh market and for processing.

Bulgaria exists since more than 1300 years under this name and has a very rich history and heritage. Even before that Thracian culture existed and became recently famous with its exquisite gold and silver treasures and murals. The most famous Thracians known to modern people are the mythological musician Orpheus as well as the rebel against the Roman Empire, Spartacus. A recently excavated Thracian tomb and spiritual place in Starosel will be visited. [More about Thracian heritage and culture could be observed here](#). Wine tasting will take place in Starosel winery.

Since we really wish to make this meeting special, we suggest a post-program tour. The main destination will be the medieval capital city of Bulgaria – [Veliko Tarnovo](#). It is a magnetic place you will never forget, including the Fortress of Tzarevets, the Old Town and craftsmen street, visit and lunch in the nearby village of Arbanassi with a beautiful view to Veliko Tarnovo.

Extra activities about accompanying wives/husbands of the participants.

Monday- sightseeing in Plovdiv will be organized.

Tuesday - tour to [Bachkovo monastery](#), [Assenova fortress](#) and Rhodopa mountain

Wednesday - join the main group excursion or have a free day

Thursday - visit to the Oil Roses valley. Bulgaria is named also the country of Roses due to its eternal traditions in growing oil roses. In this trip is planned visit to [Damascena complex](#) with Rose oil distillery, [Historic museum in Kazanlak with Golden Treasure and artifacts from different centuries](#), Art-Gallery and Thracian tomb in/near Kazanlak.

Further details on accommodation, travel and excursion will be available in the second announcement.

Important Deadlines

- Pre-registration: 30 September 2019
- Second announcement: 30 November 2019
- Submission of abstracts, payment of early registration fees: 30 March 2020
- Submission of full text for the IOBC-WPRS Bulletin: 31 July 2020.

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