

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



## IWBLD – 1<sup>st</sup> International Workshop on Barley Leaf Diseases

Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy, June 3-6, 2014

### ***"Healthy Barley for Healthy Feed and Food for the Future"***

*The 1<sup>st</sup> International Workshop on Barley Leaf Diseases (IWBLD) will be held in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy on 3-6 June 2014. The workshop will provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas relating to understanding and controlling leaf diseases of barley. The goal of the International Scientific Committee (ISC) is to bring together international experts and young students interested in recent advanced studies in all aspects (theoretical and applied) of barley leaf diseases. **HEALTHY BARLEY** means vigorous growth and development, which ultimately produces superior grain for various end uses.*

***With this in mind, we cordially invite you to actively participate in and enjoy the 1<sup>st</sup> IWBLD in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy.***

*The 2014 Salsomaggiore Terme event represents the debut of the IWBLD, which replaces the "International Workshop on Barley Leaf Blights" — last held in Dundee, Scotland in 2011. This name change reflects the ISC's goal to include a wider group of researchers investigating all barley leaf diseases, instead of only leaf blights.*

### **Session topics**

- *Epidemiology and disease management: conventional and bio-based products for barley health*
- *Resistance breeding*
- *Pathogen populations and variation*
- *Structural and functional genomics of leaf barley pathogens*
- *Molecular plant-pathogen interactions*
- *Barley diseases and climate changes*
- *Special topic: Ramularia and non parasitic leaf spots*

## **International Scientific Committee**

*Adrian Newton (JHI, United Kingdom) - President*

*Brian Steffenson (UMN, USA)*

*Hugh Wallwork (SARDI, Australia)*

*Kelly Turkington (LRC, Canada)*

*Frank Ordon (JKI, Germany)*

*Marja Jalli (MTT, Finland)*

*Amor Yahyaoui (CIMMYT, Mexico)*

*Michael Baum (ICARDA)*

*A. Michele Stanca (UNASA-UNIMORE, Italy)*

*Giampiero Valè (CRA, Italy)*

*Giovanni Vannacci (UNIFI, Italy)*

## **Local Organizing Committee**

*A. Michele Stanca (UNASA-UNIMORE) - Chair*

*Valeria Terzi (CRA) – Co-chair*

*Luigi Cattivelli (CRA)*

*Alessandro Tondelli (CRA)- Secretariat*

## **Technical Assistance (CRA-GPG)**

*Nadia Faccini, Renzo Alberici, Fabio Reggiani, Marcello Baravelli, Donata Pagani, Marina Baronchelli, Stefano Delbono, Roberta Ghizzoni, Ivana Tagliaferri*

## Venue

Hotel Valentini, Salsomaggiore Terme (PR)- Sala VERDI  
V.le Porro 10, 43039 Salsomaggiore Terme (Parma), Italy  
[www.hotelvalentini.it](http://www.hotelvalentini.it)  
[info@hotelvalentini.it](mailto:info@hotelvalentini.it)  
Tel 0039 0524 578251

## Registration fee

Normal rate: Euro 170 (rising to Euro 200 after deadline)

Students: Euro 80

Registrations will open on **15 December, 2013**. The deadline is **31 March, 2014** for payments and abstracts submission.

\* In order to pay the reduced fee, students must submit via e-mail an official certificate signed by the director/dean of the school of studies (in PDF format) confirming their student status.

\*\*Fee of 50 Euros for accompanying persons includes welcome reception, symposium lunches and dinners, excursion and social event.

## Abstracts

You are kindly invited to submit an abstract for oral or poster presentation. Participants are invited to register and submit their abstract online, scientific contributions will be accepted only from registered participants. The Scientific Committee will select the oral contributions and posters based on the submitted abstracts. Authors will be informed of this decision no later than 20 April 2014.

Abstract must be sent in a single .doc or .docx file. Abstracts should be written in standard English in MS Word, page size A4 (21 x 29.7 cm), font Times New Roman 12 pt., and single line spacing throughout. The margins should be 2.5 cm. Authors are responsible for the content and layout.

Title (bold)

Author's full name (first name + surname)

Affiliation(s) / Address(es) / e-mail of corresponding author

Abstract: up to 350 words

Specify session topic and preference for: a) oral presentation, b) poster.

To submit an abstract send an e-mail to:

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A confirmation message will be sent in response to your e-mail.

## Accommodation

*Delegates will be required to book their own accommodation. Rooms are available at:*

**Hotel Valentini** (four stars), V. le Porro 10, Salsomaggiore Terme (Parma)

*90 EURO per night which includes bed and breakfast, lunch and dinner per room per night for single occupancy; or 80 EURO per night and per person which includes bed and breakfast, lunch and dinner per room for double occupancy.*

[www.hotelvalentini.it](http://www.hotelvalentini.it)

[info@hotelvalentini.it](mailto:info@hotelvalentini.it)

Tel 0039 0524 578251

**Hotel Primarosa** (four stars), Via Valentini 12, Salsomaggiore Terme (Parma), is available at 70 EURO bed and breakfast, lunch and dinner per room per night for both single and double occupancy.

[www.hotelprimarosa.it](http://www.hotelprimarosa.it)

[info@hotelprimarosa.it](mailto:info@hotelprimarosa.it)

Tel 0039 0524 575549– Fax 0039 0524 573954

*Hotel Primarosa is a short walk away from Hotel Valentini, less than 100 meters.*

*Thermal indoor swimming pool at Hotel Valentini: **free***

*Wellness treatments available on request and early reservation. Bookings can be made by telephone or by email stating that you are attending the International Workshop on Barley Leaf Diseases.*

*There are a range of **other hotels** and guest houses; you can find more information on <http://www.portalesalsomaggiore.it>.*

## Invitation Letter

*The secretariat is pleased to send an official invitation letter upon request. It is understood that such an invitation is intended to help potential attendees raise funds or obtain visas. It is not a commitment on the part of the organizer to provide any financial support.*

## Cancellation

*Cancellation must be notified in writing to the secretariat ([alessandro.tondelli@entecra.it](mailto:alessandro.tondelli@entecra.it)). Please refer to the following cut-off date for cancellation. All refunds will be made after the meeting for administrative reasons. Bank charges will be deducted from the refunded amount before 2 May 2014.*

## Travel

*Salsomaggiore is a small town located in the middle of the Po valley in the northern part of Italy, between Bologna and Milan.*

*How to arrive in Salsomaggiore:*

- **by car:** "Autostrada del Sole A1" highway, exit Fidenza (12 km)
- **by train:** Milan - Bologna railway line. In Fidenza (9 km) change, get the shuttle for Salsomaggiore. Info at [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it)
- **by plane:** the closest airports are at Parma (32 km), Milan Linate (110 km), Milan Malpensa (162 km), Milan Orio al Serio (148 km) and Bologna (122 km).

*For any further information or assistance please contact the organizers.*

## Contact

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*Second announcement will be available on 15 December 2013*