



# SIXTH EUROPEAN BOTANIC GARDENS CONGRESS

## EUROGARD VI

European Botanic Gardens in a Changing World

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## Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I have great pleasure in inviting you to participate in the Sixth European Botanic Gardens Congress (EUROGARD VI), which is being held on Chios Island, the "Duchess" of the Aegean.

This will be an extremely important Congress for all Botanic Gardens and other stakeholders, as it will present and promote the vital role that botanic gardens could and should play in the conservation of plant biodiversity, thereby providing a life of high quality to mankind in the age of globalization and global crisis.

The Balkan Botanic Garden of Kroussia and the National Agricultural Research Foundation are delighted to host this European Congress, in collaboration with Botanic Gardens Conservation International and the European Consortium of Botanic Gardens. The Organizing Committee hopes to attract, not only representatives of botanic gardens from all over the world, but also everyone who cares about the future of our planet, to this unique biodiversity "hot spot" destination, Chios Island. The participants will have the opportunity to exchange their knowledge and experience on diverse and concurrently complementary thematic fields and savour an island with a living history and real beauty.

We are looking forward to welcome you to the Sixth European Botanic Gardens Congress (EUROGARD VI), to discover together answers to the substantial challenges of our rapidly changing world.

**Eleni Maloupa, Ph.D.**

*Chair of the EUROGARD VI Organizing Committee  
Research Scientist, NAGREF  
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## Congress Venue

The Congress will take place at the Homerion Cultural Centre of Chios, located in the City of Chios, Chios Island, Greece.

## Congress Theme

European Botanic Gardens in a Changing World

## Aim

The aim of EUROGARD VI is to bring together best practices and theory in order to:

- Promote effective action by botanic gardens for plant conservation.
- Strengthen the links between botanic gardens, research institutes, conservation networks and other stakeholders.
- Enhance botanic gardens as centres for sustainability, human well-being, environmental awareness and protection.

The United Nations has declared this decade, 2011-2020, the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. This Congress will provide an opportunity for botanic gardens to demonstrate their contributions to this important international initiative. A key theme of the congress will be incorporating theory into practice and presentations will show case approaches, tools and research that help us to confront the challenges of biodiversity loss in a changing world. Mitigation methods concerning *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation actions will be presented, as well as, effective networking practices that allow us to respond efficiently to the challenging targets of the European and Global Strategies for Plant Conservation.

The Congress will also aim to highlight the important relationships that exist between people and plants, and through this, link the work of botanic gardens to the achievement of the all important Millennium Development Goals.





## Congress Topics

### 1. Global and European Strategies for Plant Conservation for 2011-2020: The Role of Botanic Gardens

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Sara Oldfield**, *Secretary General, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, UK*

**Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson**, *President, Missouri Botanical Garden, USA*

How to monitor the progress and assess the deliverables of the Global and European Strategies for Plant Conservation (GSPC/ESPC)? Which actions should botanic gardens develop in order to implement the targets of GSPC and ESPC? Are there new steps and challenges for plant conservation? What should be the role of botanic gardens with respect to the new Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020? Should the role of botanic gardens be redefined in the age of biodiversity crisis? How could effective links between *ex situ* and *in situ* plant conservation be strengthened? What are the priorities and key-areas for plant conservation? What are the challenges for botanic gardens concerning biodiversity hotspots? How should the threats and levels of risk for species and populations be assessed? What should be the policy of botanic gardens with respect to the introduction of invasive, alien species? How can botanic gardens participate in allaying the effects of climate change?

### 2. Strengthening Networks for People, Plants and Botanic Gardens

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Professor Jose-Antonio Fernandez-Perez**, *Department of Biotechnology, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain*

**Dr. Alexandre Dingas**, *General Director, SO.FI.A. Cosmetiques, France*

How can joint actions and co-operations between botanic gardens be developed in order to combat biodiversity loss? How can new technologies be used in the generation of collaborative knowledge? Can new web-based platforms for capacity building and best practices standardization and sharing be developed? How can examples of cluster development-joint actions of interconnected partners (Botanic Gardens, Research Institutes, businesses, suppliers) be used to gain a competitive advantage nationally and globally, with the aim of developing co-operative programmes with different partners-stakeholders at a national and international level? How can local communities be linked with volunteers and funding in order to support conservation initiatives? How can the links between conservation, research and education be strengthened?





### 3. Plants and People: From Myth, History and Art to Science and Culture

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Professor Stella Kokkini**, *School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece*

**Assistant Professor Soultana-Maria Valamoti**, *Department of Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece*

How have the relationships between people, cultures and the uses of plants (foods, medicines, cosmetics) through the centuries shaped the history of primitive and advanced cultures? How have the medicinal applications and the traditional uses of plants in ancient and contemporary times been monitored and recorded and how is this knowledge significant in the modern world? How should the role of plants in food and nutrition be evaluated in a changing world? How has Archaeology played a role in discovering the origins of agriculture? How can the identification of landraces and the ancestors of contemporary crops help in a world of climate change? Can Archaeology and historical texts be used to explore the impacts of anthropogenic activity in the past on the environment? Can plant mythology and art be used to raise public awareness regarding plant biodiversity and conservation? How are plant secondary metabolites (e.g. hallucinatory drugs, essential oils, poisons) linked with human cultures, their traditions, rituals, the supernatural and ways of life? Can Formal Gardens be considered as designs, art or as a rearrangement of biodiversity? How are plants linked to cultural heritage, folklore, symbolism and art?

### 4. Consider Globally, Act Locally: Experiences in Addressing a Changing Environment

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Professor Stephen Blackmore**, *Regius Keeper, Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh, UK*

**Professor Costas Thanos**, *Department of Botany, Faculty of Biology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece*

How can new approaches and methods for the management of plant diversity research be implemented? How can horticulture tools for the management of plant species under conservation be improved? How can innovative technologies help in plant management? Can new approaches for *ex situ* plant conservation be developed? Should the practices for the reintroduction of plant species into the wild be reassessed? How can Access and Benefit Sharing and Fair-Trade be applied to plant resources? How can botanic gardens promote and implement "Green" practices? How can the impact of biodiversity loss on human well-being be determined and evaluated? How can conservation methods and the status of economically and socially important plants be promoted? Can case studies of the evaluation and commercial exploitation of local plants and their products be implemented globally? Does plant diversity play a role in human nutrition? How to give emphasis to the evaluation of local and regional plants (e.g. aromatic, medicinal) for the promotion and the demonstration of excellence of specialised local products? Can the ornamental horticulture industry be used to highlight plant diversity? Which plants should be utilized in landscaping and green roofs with respect to climate change? Can plant diversity be part of alternative forms of tourism?



## Call for Papers and Submission Guidelines

Interested participants are invited to submit contributions to the scientific programme based on the Congress Topics. To ensure a high quality of presentations, we welcome submissions of oral and poster presentations related to recent scientific results and focused on best practices examples and educational case studies.

Please submit your abstract together with your registration. Full details of the guidelines and format of contributions (abstracts, posters presentations and full-length papers) are available on the Congress website ([www.eurogardvi.gr](http://www.eurogardvi.gr)). The Scientific Committee will announce the official outcomes of the selection process within three weeks after the deadline of abstract submission. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Congress Book of Abstracts, provided that at least one of the authors is a congress delegate.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to submit full-length papers because there is the possibility of publishing these as a thematic issue of an internationally recognized peer-reviewed scientific journal (to be announced later), provided that a sufficient number of qualifying contributions are submitted.

## Proceedings

The EUROGARD VI Congress Proceedings will be published and will also be posted on the Congress website [www.eurogardvi.gr](http://www.eurogardvi.gr).

## Language

The official language of the EUROGARD VI Congress is English.

## Preliminary Congress Programme

The EUROGARD VI Congress Programme will be finalized two weeks after notification of the acceptance of the abstracts.







## Proposed Congress Workshops

### 1. The Crocus Bank

*Workshop organizers & co-ordinators:* **Professor Jose-Antonio Fernandez-Perez & Jean Marie Thiercelin**

An update on the "Preservation of Crocus species and allied genetic resources" programme of the 7th FP. Presentation of the Crocus network in Europe and Asia in the frame of the funded COST Action.

### 2. The Hellenic Botanical Society (HBS)

*Workshop organizer & co-ordinator:* **Professor Costas Thanos**

A workshop organized by the HBS on "Current Actions and Pursuits" along with a Meeting of the Committee Members of the HBS.

### 3. Policies for Combating the Introduction of Invasive, Alien Species

*Workshop organizer & co-ordinator:* **Professor Emeritus Vernon Heywood**

Botanic gardens and Invasive Alien Species (IAS). The combined action of the Council of Europe and BGCI towards the formation of a Code of Conduct on Botanic Gardens and Invasive Alien Species. Presentation and discussion of preliminary code format.

Based on previous suggestions, a session focused on "Botanic Gardens Policy on Risks and Threats by the Introduction of Alien Species" will present current threats, strategies and actions pursued by governmental schemes, foundations and organizations.

### 4. Wild Species Conservation in Genetic Reserves

*Workshop organizer & co-ordinator:* **Professor Nigel Maxted**

A workshop organized and coordinated by Professor Nigel Maxted (University of Birmingham, UK), along with the active participation of members from the respective ECPGR working group including Professor Andreas Katsiotis (Department of Genetic Agriculture, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece).

### 5. Plants and Business

*Workshop organizer & co-ordinator:* **Bob Ursem (Scientific Director)**

Plants and plant products sustain life. Human beings have depended on plants for food, medicine, shelter, clothing, and cosmetics since time immemorial. The relationship between plants and people is of special significance in a rapidly changing world. The workshop will focus on aspects of sustainable development of natural plant products including spices, herbal teas, aromatic plants, essential oils, "functional food" ingredients, medicinal raw materials and formulas and other flavour and fragrance products and dietary supplements, all of which are rapidly expanding markets.



## Art & Craft Workshops

### Applied Uses of Native Plant Species in Relation to Traditional Uses

*Workshop organizer & co-ordinator: **Maria Passali***

Workshops organized by Maria Passali, President of Friends of the Balkan Flora are the following, and are available for both delegates and accompanying persons. Small fee applicable.

- **Art and Environment – Co-existing in harmony**

*Engravings from plant diversity - Representations of herbs from antiquity to the present.  
Creation of arts projects - Engraving workshop.*

- **Art & Design**

Workshop for creating small artwork inspired by the culture of Chios.

- **Myrepsos - Byzantine Chios**

*How to make cosmetics, face and body treatment products (soaps, peeling and aromatherapy products). A constant, timeless process that continues to this day.  
Beauty treatment workshop.*

- **Chios Seasonings: Aromatic Plants in our Daily Life**

*Salts - Oils - Herbs at the Chios table.*

A workshop for producing seasonings of high gastronomic value for daily meals.

- **Dining Chios-style**

*An initiation into the production of traditional products belonging to the Mediterranean diet of Chios, using raw materials of a unique quality from the plant diversity of the island.*





## Congress Tours

The Congress Tour to Mount Pelinneon and Kardamyla Village in the Northern part of Chios Island, will take place on the 30th of May.

This excursion, a scenic and botanical field trip, will discover the rich Chios flora on Mount Pelinneon. Coffee and Lunch will be offered to the participants at the picturesque village of Kardamyla.

The region of Kardamyla in northeastern Chios, is rich in history and tradition which is linked to the history and fate of Chios and the whole of the Eastern Aegean.

A combination of mountains, plains, picturesque architecture and the sea, harmonise in beauty and with wisdom to impress the visitor.

### Post-Congress Tours (subject to additional payment)

Post-Congress Tours will be of 3-4 days duration to one or more of the following destinations:

1. Island of Crete
2. Northern Greece
3. Other Islands close to Chios (Limnos, Lesvos, Oinousses) and/or Turkey (Izmir)

More Information will be added on the website.

## Social Programme

The social programme offered will give the opportunity to delegates and accompanying persons to meet up with colleagues and friends in a wonderful environment.

*"In ancient times, Chios Island was famous for the high quality of life of its inhabitants, and phrases such as "Chian life, Chian laugh, Chian hospitality" appeared referring to this life style. Today, despite the influence of modern cultures, Chios still features most of the elements that once characterized the island, thus maintaining its status as a treasured island of the Aegean Sea".*

**The social programme includes:**

#### • Visit to the region of Kambos

The area to the south of Chios City is known as Kambos. It is completely flat and it is covered by a dense network of small roads. Most of the land is planted with citrus trees. The orchards are individually surrounded by high stone walls to protect the trees from wind and dust. The scenery of Kambos is distinctive only to Chios.

The aristocratic families of Chios, both Genoese and native, built houses here on their private estates from as early as the 14th century. Behind the high, forbidding walls, each estate was a world of its own, with pleasant courtyards, comfortable houses, shady avenues of trees, and flower gardens.





• **Inauguration Ceremony of the Aegean Botanic Garden**

The location of the Inauguration Ceremony of the Aegean Botanic Garden will be announced promptly on the Congress website [www.eurogardvi.gr](http://www.eurogardvi.gr).

• **Visit to the Mastic villages: The Castle Village of Mesta**

*(optional participation at an extra cost)*

Mesta is a perfectly preserved castle village of the Byzantine period (14th-15th Century) and is designated as a listed monument. It is located 35 km southwest of Chios City. The preserved Castle-village takes you back centuries. The houses are joined tightly together in what seems like a closed and compact form. The streets are cobbled and narrow. This type of fortress, a four-cornered structure, was built for protection against the frequent attacks by pirates and the Turks, and aided the cultivation of the mastic bush. It lies in a small, treeless valley far from the sea. The gray houses had doors and windows that faced only the interior of the wall, that is, inside the village. The outer walls contained adjoining parapets with small towers at the corners and gates at two or three points. At the centre of every medieval village rises the defence tower, a form of Acropolis, where the inhabitants took refuge in the case of attack, using a movable bridge.

• **Traditional Gala Dinner at Elata village**

Elata is a small, but noteworthy village, built on the slopes of a steep hill. It is a medieval village with well preserved castle towers and the remnants of the fortified walls. During the Dinner, delegates will have the opportunity to taste local dishes and enjoy traditional music and dancing.

• **Lunches**

**Lunches which are included in the registration fee** will be offered in the city centre, where participants will have the opportunity of savouring local dishes and of coming in to close contact with Greek culture.





## Accompanying Persons Programme

The programme includes the Gala Dinner, the Congress Tours and the Social Programme of the delegates. Accompanying persons may also attend Workshops. The venue is in the City of Chios with local attractions, shops and the beach all within walking distance.

## Accommodation

Block reservations at Hotels close to the congress venue have been made for EuroGard VI - congress participants. Please see our web pages for further details.

The main Congress Hotels will be the following:

- ▶ The Chios Chandris Hotel
- ▶ The Grecian Castle Hotel
- ▶ Argentikon Luxury Suites
- ▶ Mavrokordatiko Hotel
- ▶ Mouzaliko Traditional Hotel

In addition rented rooms will also be available.

Accommodation bookings will be made through the Congress Secretariat ARTION Conferences & Events.

## Travel Information

Travel and other information about Chios Island and Greece (links to Websites) will be posted on the Congress website [www.eurogardvi.gr](http://www.eurogardvi.gr).

Chios Island can be reached by air from Athens and Thessaloniki and by ship from Piraeus, Kavala and Izmir.





## Registration and Fees

Please use the Congress website for registration: [www.eurogardvi.gr](http://www.eurogardvi.gr)  
For registration via regular mail or fax, please contact the Congress Secretariat.

<b>FULL CONGRESS</b>	<b>ONE DAY</b>
<p><b>Early bird fees</b> Deadline 6th March, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full participant: EUR 350</li> <li>• Student: EUR 180</li> <li>• Concession: EUR 200 (see website for list of countries)</li> <li>• Accompanying person: EUR 200</li> </ul>	<p><b>Early bird fees</b> Deadline 6th March, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full participant: EUR 150</li> <li>• Student: EUR 70</li> <li>• Concession: EUR 80 (see website for list of countries)</li> <li>• Accompanying person: EUR 80</li> </ul>
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<p><b>OnSite Registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full participant: EUR 550</li> <li>• Student: EUR 310</li> <li>• Concession: EUR 300 (see website for list of countries)</li> <li>• Accompanying person: EUR 330</li> </ul>	<p><b>OnSite Registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full participant: EUR 250</li> <li>• Student: EUR 140</li> <li>• Concession: EUR 120 (see website for list of countries)</li> <li>• Accompanying person: EUR 150</li> </ul>
<p><b>TWO DAYS: Prices are two times the one day fees</b></p>	

Student registration requires a copy of an International Student Identity Card (ISIC) or a Certificate of Student Status signed by the Head of the Institute or Department and must be sent to the Congress Secretariat before the registration deadline by fax, regular mail, or as a scanned document via e-mail. Please note in the e-mail title "Student Certificate".

### **The Registration fee includes**

- Admission to Congress Opening Ceremony
- Admission to all Scientific Sessions & Workshops
- Admission to Poster Sessions
- Congress Material
- Congress Book of Abstracts and Proceedings
- Admission to Commercial Exhibition
- Admission to all Social Events  
(Welcome Reception, Inauguration Ceremony, Gala Dinner)
- Congress Excursions and Visits
- Coffee Breaks & Luncheons
- Certificate of Attendance

### **The Registration fee for accompanying persons includes**

- Admission to Congress Opening Ceremony
- Admission to Commercial Exhibition
- Admission to all Social Events (Welcome Reception, Inauguration Ceremony)
- Congress Excursions and Visits
- Gala Dinner





## Cancellation of Registration and Refund Policy

All cancellations have to be made in writing to the Congress Secretariat.

Cancellations received by May 4th, 2012 are entitled to a full refund, except for a 50€ administrative processing fee. Refunds will be processed after the Congress has taken place.

Refunds will be made at the exchange rate of the processing date. The organizers cannot be held responsible for a loss caused by an alteration in exchange rates. No refund will be issued for cancellation received after the May 4th, 2012.

## Important Dates

<b>3rd November, 2011</b>	Registration starts
<b>10th November, 2011</b>	Abstract submission for poster and oral presentations starts
<b>30th December, 2011</b>	Final deadline for abstract submission
<b>6th February, 2012</b>	Final decision of contribution acceptance by the Scientific Committee
<b>6th March, 2012</b>	Final deadline for early bird payment
<b>4th May, 2012</b>	Final date for refund in case of cancellation
<b>20th May, 2012</b>	Deadline for late bird registration
<b>28th May - 2nd June, 2012</b>	<b>EUROGARD VI CONGRESS</b>
<b>30th June, 2012</b>	Final deadline for full-paper submission





## For Further Information

Please check the Congress website [www.eurogardvi.gr](http://www.eurogardvi.gr) for regular updates.

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