



# INTERNATIONAL POTASH INSTITUTE

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## **First announcement**

### **International symposium on “Soil Management and Potash Fertilizer Uses in West Asia and North Africa Region ” Antalya, 22-25 November 2010**

The International Potash Institute (IPI), in collaboration with Ege University organizes an international symposium in Antalya entitled "Soil Management and Potash Fertilizer Uses in West Asia and North Africa Region".

The WANA region is known for its exports of agricultural products, including fruits and vegetables, which provide important incomes. However, a large part of the production is used to feed the population, which is increasing in a huge way. Balanced fertilization and particularly the use of potash is generally not well known.

The sustainability of agricultural systems greatly depends on balanced fertilization to improve soil fertility for secure and sustainable food production. Potassium fertilizers play a crucial role in improving the quality and yields of crops and thus contribute to the welfare of farming communities. Many areas of the region are sandy soils or calcareous soils, leading easily to nutrient deficiencies. Water availability and high evaporation are other important parameters which affect productivity. The development of advanced technologies and fertilization practices is a priority to secure food production in the region, as well as a significant effort in education.

During the symposium, issues including soil fertility, quality of mineral fertilizers, efficient use of fertilizers, fertigation and foliar application will be discussed. This event will be of interest to soil and plant nutrition scientists, agronomists, and extension officers from universities and research organizations, government offices, agribusinesses and farmers who share an interest in improving food production and quality in the region. The organizers anticipate participation from across the region. Invited speakers will include scientists from the WANA region and from Europe,. The symposium will be announced at all universities in Turkey. Poster presentations are open to all, and students in the region are particularly encouraged to participate and present research related/relevant to the themes of the symposium.

## Main themes

- Soil status in WANA region with an emphasis on potassium soil fertility
- Agricultural development and the current fertilization practices in WANA region
- Improvement of soil fertility and responsible use of potash fertilizers to ensure advancement of food security
- Nutrient management with an emphasis on potassium to increase yield and quality of crops grown in the region
- Potassium and nitrogen interaction
- Use of potash fertilizers to improve water use efficiency
- Potassium and plant stress: salinity, drought, etc.
- Potassium and application techniques: fertigation, foliar spray, etc
- Environmental benefits of Potassium on salinity control, drought tolerance, etc.
- Fertilization of crops to improve sustainability and farmers' income
- Extension strategies to deliver knowledge to farmers

## Organizers

Members of the organizing committee:

- Dr. Dilek Anaç (Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Dpt of Soil Sciences, Turkey)
- Dr. Nevin Eryuce (Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Dpt of Soil Sciences, Turkey)
- Dr. Bulent Okur (Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Dpt of Soil Sciences, Turkey)
- Dr. Burcin Cokuysal ( Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Dpt of Soil Sciences, Turkey)
- Dr. Cenk Ceyhun Kilic ( Ege University- Bayindir Vocational School)
- Mr. Michel Marchand (International Potash Institute, Switzerland)

## Scientific committee:

- Dr. Dilek Anaç (Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Dpt of Soil Sciences, Turkey)
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- Dr. Bulent Okur (Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Dpt of Soil Sciences, Turkey)
- Dr. İsmail Çakmak (Sabanci University, Tuzla, Istanbul, Turkey)
- Mr. Hillel Magen (International Potash Institute, Switzerland)
- Mr. Michel Marchand (International Potash Institute, Switzerland)

## Venue

The workshop will take place in Antalya, Turkey, at the Kervansaray hotel, from Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 14:00 to Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 14:00. Details concerning accommodation and registration fee will be given in the second announcement.

## Language

The workshop language will be English.

**Program:**

**Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010:** Arrival of participants in Antalya,  
12:00 – 14:00: Registration  
14:00 – 14:20: **Opening ceremony**  
14:20 – 15:40: **First session**  
15:40 – 16:00: Coffee break  
16:00 – 17:40: **Second session**

**Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010: Gala dinner**

**Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010:** 08:30 – 10:10: **Third session**  
10:10 – 10:30: Coffee break  
10:30 – 12:10: **Fourth session**  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch  
14:00 – 15:40: **Fifth session**  
15:40 – 16:00: Coffee break  
16:00 – 17:40: **Sixth session**

**Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010: Field visit and touristic tour in Antalya region**

**Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** 08:30 – 10:10: **Seventh session**  
10:10 – 10:30: Coffee break  
10:30 – 12:00: **Conclusion**  
12:00 – 14:00: Lunch and departure of participants

**Presentation of papers:**

The workshop is open to all contributions as oral presentations or posters in line with the themes presented above.

**Registration:**

Participants must be registered before **October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. No participation will be accepted after this date. Participants who will register before **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010** will benefit of special conditions on registration and hotel accommodation.

**Abstracts:**

All participants interested in presenting a contribution are invited to submit one full page abstract to the secretariat by **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010** as two copies or through e-mail. Abstracts written in English should not be more than 200 words and give a precise summary of the study.

Title should be typed in capital letters, following by author names. Underline the presenting author. Use single line spacing and 12 point Times New Roman font.

**Manuscripts:**

All manuscripts, written according to the same instructions as abstracts should be delivered to the organizers before **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010** (Word document, 10 pages). Manuscripts will be subjected to review by the Scientific Committee and Scientific Editor before printing.

**Posters:**

Poster presentations are open to all, and Turkish students are particularly encouraged to participate and present research related/relevant to the themes of the symposium.

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