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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)
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- Dr. Cenk Ceyhun Kilic (Ege University- Bayindir Vocational School)
- Mr. Michel Marchand (International Potash Institute, Switzerland)

Scientific committee:

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- 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 22nd at 14:00 to Thursday November 25th at 14:00.

Language

The workshop language will be English.

Program:

Monday November 22nd 2010: Arrival of participants in Antalya,
11:00 – 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 22nd 2010: Gala dinner

Tuesday November 23rd 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 24th, 2010: Field visit and touristic tour in Antalya region

Thursday November 25th, 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 10th, 2010. No participation will be accepted after this date. Different options are proposed to participants:

	Before August 31st, 2010	From September 1st to October 10th, 2010
Workshop registration fees including coffee break (22 to 25/11)	150 €	200 €
4* Hotel single room including lunches and dinners	70 €/day	95 €/day
4* Hotel double room including lunches and dinners *	95 €/day	120 €/day
Field tour ** (24/11) including lunch and transport	40 €	45 €
Gala diner	47 €	50 €

* for 2 persons

** per person, the field tour includes transport, lunch as well as visit entrance.

Visa:

If you need an invitation letter to apply for a visa, precise this in the application form.

Abstracts:

All participants interested in presenting a contribution are invited to submit one full page abstract to the secretariat by **June 15th, 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 1st, 2010** (Word document). 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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Invitation letter for Visa application required	YES	NO
Registration fees:		
number of person:	x 150 € =	€ (Before August 31 st , 2010)
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Hotel accommodation, Single room:		
number of day:	x 70 € =	€ (Before August 31 st , 2010)
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Hotel accommodation, Double room:		
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Field tour:		
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Please return the completed form **with your bank cheque in Euros or copy of your bank transfer in Euros before August 31st, 2010 (or before October 10th)** to:

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