



The Second International Legume Society Conference

“2016: Legumes for a sustainable World”

The International Legume Society and the Instituto de Tecnologia Química e Biológica of the Universidade Nova de Lisboa cordially invite you to join us at the **Second International Legume Society Conference**, scheduled from **12-14 October, 2016** at Tróia resort, in the vicinity of **Lisbon, Portugal**.

In a world urgently requiring more sustainable agriculture, food security and healthier diets the demand for legume crops is on the rise. This growth is fostered by the increasing need for plant protein and for sound agricultural practices that are more adaptable and environmentally sensitive. Food, feed, fiber and even fuel are all products that come from legumes – plants that grow with low nitrogen inputs and in harsh environmental conditions. The Second Legume Society Conference will be held during **2016 - the United Nations’ International Year of Pulses**. The goals of this UN International Year include: the encouragement of connections throughout the food chain that would better utilize pulse based proteins; increase global production of pulses; better utilization of crop rotations; and to address challenges in the trade of pulses.

The conference will address the following themes: **Legume Quality and Nutrition; Farming Systems/Agronomy; Abiotic and Biotic Stress Responses and Breeding; Legume Genetic Resources; and New “Omics” Resources for Legumes**. The health and environment benefits, as well as, the marketing of legumes will be transversal topics throughout the conference. Special attention will be given to **foster the interaction of researchers and research programs with different stakeholders** including farmers and farmer associations, seed/feed and food industries, and consumers. For this, the conference will also be the site of the **Final Meeting of the EU-FP7 ABSTRESS project**, the **Annual Meeting of EU-FP7 LEGATO project**; and final dissemination events of **EU-FP7-ERANets MEDILEG and REFORMA**. The results and conclusions from these four important research programs will be shared with conference attendees.

Please join us in beautiful Tróia, Portugal from 12-14 October, 2016! Plan now to include the Second ILS Conference in your busy agenda. Kindly share this information with any colleagues dealing with legumes.

Diego Rubiales, on behalf of the Scientific Committee

Pedro Fevereiro, Carlota Vaz Patto and Susana Araújo, on behalf of the Organizing Committee





Local Organizers

The Instituto de Tecnologia Química e Biológica / Universidade Nova de Lisboa (ITQB/UNL) will be responsible for the organization of the Conference, in cooperation with the International Legume Society. The official language of the Conference will be the English.

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Venue

The conference will be held at Troia Design Hotel (<http://www.troiadesignhotel.com>) in Tróia in the vicinity of Lisbon, Portugal. Tróia is a beautiful sand peninsula dividing the Sado River from the Atlantic Ocean. The nearest airport is the Lisbon International Airport, about 50 Km away. Shuttles will be made available from and to Lisbon International Airport.

During the period of Roman occupation, date from the 1st century to the 6th century AD, Tróia was an island of Sado delta, called Ácala Island. Sado Estuary Nature Reserve, where dolphins swim, and the Serra da Arrábida Natural Park, where a full developed Mediterranean forest can be seen, are two of the main natural attractions nearby Tróia peninsula. The Tróia Golf Championship Course is considered the best course in Portugal in the categories of difficulty and variety. It also stands in 20th place in the list of the best golf courses in Europe drawn up by the Golf World magazine.



First tentative Program

October 11th 2016

Morning-Afternoon: Satellite projects meetings

Evening: Conference Registration

October 12th 2016

08:00 Registration; 09:00 Welcome addresses;

09:45 Session 1 (Opening plenary); 11:15 Coffee break; 11:45 Sessions 2&3; 12:45 Lunch;

14:30 Sessions 2&3; 16:30 – 19:00 Sessions 4&5;

20:45 Third International Legume Football Cup

October 13th 2016

9:00 Session 6; 11:15 Coffee break; 11:45 Sessions 7&8; 12:45 Lunch; 14:30 Sessions

7&8; 16:00 Coffee break;

16:30 Legume Society Assembly

20:45 Third International Legume Football Cup

October 14th 2016

09:00 Session 9; 11:15 Coffee break; 11:45 Sessions 10&11; 12:45 Lunch; 14:30 Sessions

10&11; 16:00 Coffee break; 16:30 Session 12 (Closing plenary);

20:00 Farewell Dinner

October 15th 2016

Satellite projects meetings