

*First announcement*

**3<sup>rd</sup> international scientific conference  
„Sustainable Fruit Growing:  
From Plant to Product”**

Riga-Dobele, 17–19 August 2016

Latvia State Institute of Fruit-Growing

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## Invitation

*Dear colleagues,*

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **3<sup>rd</sup> international scientific conference „Sustainable Fruit Growing: From Plant to Product”**, which will take place on **17–19 August 2016**, and will be organised by the Latvia State Institute of Fruit-Growing.

The conference program includes plenary and poster sessions. A technical tour to Institute (laboratories and experimental orchards) and commercial fruit farms will be organised for willing participants.

### Conference topics

- Genetic resources and genetics.
- Breeding for sustainable production.
- Orchard management and cultivar testing.
- Integrated plant protection.
- Postharvest technologies.

During the conference the **4<sup>th</sup> European Workshop on Seabuckthorn *EuroWorkS 2016*** will be organised by Latvia State Institute of Fruit-Growing and the German Society for Seabuckthorn and Wild Fruits.

### Tentative program

<b>16 August</b>	Arrival and accommodation.
<b>17 August</b>	Registration, oral and poster sessions of the conference
<b>18 August</b>	Oral and poster sessions of the conference / Registration, oral and poster Sessions of the <i>EuroWorkS 2016</i>
<b>19 August</b>	Technical tour

### Language

The official language of the conference will be English.

### Abstracts

A book of abstracts will be printed and handed out at the conference to participants.

Abstracts should contain the following information:

Title of the presentation (bold); Name(s) of the author(s) — underline the presenting author; Institution(s); Address(es); e-mail; Text of abstract (no more than 1400 characters, including spaces); Key words. The abstract must state the aim, time and place of the work, methods in short and the results.

The font must be Times New Roman, 12 points, with single spacing; paper A4, the margins: top 2 cm, bottom 2 cm; left 3 cm, right 2 cm. Text must be adjusted to fit the margins.

## Papers

Submitted conference papers will be peer-reviewed by international experts and published in the special issue of the *Proceedings of the Latvian Academy of Sciences. Section B. Natural, Exact, and Applied Sciences* (<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/prolas>) after journal editorial board acceptance in beginning of 2017.

Other papers will be published in the on-line conference proceedings (More information about papers will be given in the Second Announcement).

## Presentations

The conference will include oral and poster presentations. Guest lecturers will be invited.

## Contacts

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## Important dates

Pre-registration and abstracts:	22 February 2016
<b>Second announcement:</b>	<b>31 March 2016</b>
Notification to author about type of presentation:	31 March 2016
Early registration:	31 May 2016
Final registration:	22 July 2016
Paper submission:	at conference

## Registration fee

The participation fee will include the printing of abstracts and papers, coffee breaks, lunches and social dinner.

For early registration till 31 May 2016 there will be reduced participation fee: about 150 EUR.

For later registration till 22 July 2016 it will be about 200 EUR.

For the Ph. D. students — 100 EUR (with university confirmation; the book of proceedings is not included)

## For participants of *EuroWorkS 2016* (only)

For early registration until 31 May 2016 there will be reduced participation fee: about 80 EUR.

For later registration until 22 July 2016 it will be about 100 EUR.

For the Ph. D. students — 50 EUR (with university confirmation)

Technical tour: the participants will pay for the tour separately, about 50 EUR

## **Conference sessions**

The conference sessions will take place in Riga, 17–19 August 2016.

## **Accommodations**

The hotel choice will include rooms at the place of conference and alternative hotels in Riga. The prices in Riga hotels vary a lot, \*\*\* to \*\*\*\* hotels may cost about 50–80 EUR for one night (More information on accommodations will be included in the Second Announcement.)

## **Travel tips**

There is frequent air traffic to Riga (info: [www.riga-airport.com](http://www.riga-airport.com)).

Good bus traffic also is available from many European cities (for information: [www.autoosta.lv](http://www.autoosta.lv); [www.luxexpress.eu](http://www.luxexpress.eu); [www.ecolines.net](http://www.ecolines.net); <http://www.eurolines.com>; [www.1188.lv/transport/](http://www.1188.lv/transport/) ).

If you drive a car, take into account that traffic jams in rush hours are common in Riga.

The weather in August is still warm, but may vary a lot; better take a coat and an umbrella (for information: [www.1188.lv/weather/](http://www.1188.lv/weather/)).

Please, distribute this announcement to your colleagues who may be interested!

**Do not hesitate to contact us on more details!**

*Looking forward to see you,  
Organising Committee,  
Latvia State Institute of Fruit-Growing*

**Pre-registration form**

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Title .....

First name .....

Family name .....

Institution .....

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Postal address .....

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e-mail .....

Author(s) of presentation .....

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(Please, underline the name of the presenting author, if there are several authors)

Provisional title of presentation.....

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Preferred presentation: *oral presentation / poster*

(Note: the presentation type may be changed after reviewing the abstracts)

I will need hotel reservation: *yes / no*

I wish to participate in the post-conference tour: *yes / no*

Date .....

*Please, send this form together with your abstract to us until 29 February 2016  
(e-mail: arturs.stalazs@lvai.lv), fax: +371 63781718*