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JORNADAS EUROPEAS DE LA CASTAÑA EUROCASTANEA 2025

PARQUE NATURAL SIERRA DE ARACENA Y PICOS DE AROCHE

ARACENA (HUELVA) DEL 10 AL 13 DE SEPTIEMBRE

THE CHALLENGES OF THE CHESTNUT SECTOR IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF EXTREME CLIMATE CHANGE

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Transfers from Seville to Barceló Hotel Aracena

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Reception of European Chestnut Days participants

Barceló Aracena Hotel

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Plenary Meeting of the Eurocastanea Assembly/Steering Committee

Local visits and dinner on your own

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 - 9:30 am Accreditation

9:30 - 10:00 am Opening of the Congress

- *Speech by the President of Eurocastanea, Mr. Bertrand Guerín.*
- *Speech by the Business Unit Director of Caja Rural del Sur, Mr. Manuel Perez Barrera.*
- *Speech by the President of the Provincial Council of Huelva, His Excellency Mr. David Toscano Contreras.*
- *Speech by the Minister of Sustainability and Environment of the Regional Government of Andalusia, Her Excellency Catalina García Carrasco.*
- *Welcome to the city of Aracena from its Mayor, Mr. Manuel Guerra González.*

10:00 - 10:30 am Opening Conference

- ***"The value of environmental services derived from the chestnut ecosystem, framework on CO2 markets"***
Fernando Rodriguez Lopez. University of Salamanca.



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Topic A. Andalusia, the chestnut tree in Southern Europe

10:30 - 11:00 am The Andalusian chestnut grove

- *The Malaga chestnut grove: future prospects. Francisco Boza, Head of the Chestnut Sector, COAG Andalucía (Spain)*
- *The Huelva chestnut grove's future prospects, Arturo Martínez Ronda, President of Castañera Serrana, Andalusian Cooperative Society, Huelva (Spain)*

11:00- 11:30 am Coffee break

Topic B. Current situation and prospects for the 2025 campaign in Europe

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. The European chestnut grove

Roundtable: The upcoming European chestnut campaign: the situation of the crop in an environment of climate change.

- *Situation in Italy: Giovanni Gamba, Unito.*
- *Situation in France Jean-Roland Lavergne, SNPC*
- *Situation in Portugal: Maria João Gaspar REFCAST / UTAD*
- *Situation in Greece: Theodora Patsiavoudi*
- *Situación in Austria: Herta Pichler, ARGE Zukunft Edelkastanie*
- *Situation in Spain: Efren Martín Martín, Red Estatal del Castaño*

12:30-12:45 pm Debate

Topic C: Processing and marketing of chestnuts

12:45 - 1:45 pm Relevant experiences in processing and marketing chestnuts

How to add value to territories through chestnut management and processing. National and international experiences.

- *Ensuring the Quality and Health of Chestnuts at Retail and Consumption. Giacomo Gatti, Laimburg Research Centre (Bolzano, Italy).*
- *Chestnut Organic market trends: the importance of sustainability for consumers. Alvaro Barrera Fernández, President of Ecovalia (Spain)*
- *Processing of local chestnuts: what tools to meet the needs of producers and the market? The example of the Ardèche department (France) Michel Grange – SNPC – SDCA (Syndicat de défense de la châtaigne d'Ardèche)*
- *Rethinking the chestnut: A shared European strategy for growth and consumer positioning. Diana Cataldo and Massimo Iannaccone, Miriade & Partners*

1:45-2:00 pm Debate



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2:00 - 3:30 pm Lunch. (Tasting of products from the Natural Park brand)

3:30-4:15 pm Recess

3:30 – 4:30 pm Future prospects for chestnut production and marketing in Europe

- *Introductory presentation. European chestnut sector in the context of global market. José Gomes-Laranjo - University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro*
- *Debate – dialogue/Round table:
Rocío Vazquez, Agrícola el Común SA
Daniel Mathieu, Verfeuille - Associação Portuguesa da CastaRegia Douro Parka
National /international marketing company*

5:15-5:30 pm Debate

5:45 – 8:00 pm Field visit

- *Facilities of Castañera Serrana SCA.*
- *Pilot farms of projects deployed in PNSAPA.*
- *Farms with different local varieties (Plantalajar, Helechal, Comisaria, Vazquez) to appreciate and distinguish the tree and fruit diversity.*
- *During the visits, live demonstrations: Machinery, craftsmanship.*

8:30 pm Dinner (Restaurant el Camino, Almonaster la Real)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30 - 9:00 am Accreditation.

9:00–9:30 am Cooperation and Knowledge Transfer

- *European opportunities for cooperation in research, development, and knowledge transfer to boost the sustainability and resilience of the chestnut sector. Gertruud van Leijen, grant consultant at Van Leijen.*
- *European Cooperation & Grants (Rome, Italy)*

Topic D. Ecology of the chestnut grove in Europe

9:30-10:00 am The ecology of the chestnut grove. The chestnut grove and its relationship with habitats of community interest and the Natura 2000 Network

- *Chestnut cultivars facing climate change: phenoclimatic and topoclimatic modeling in France and new perspectives. Yildiz Thomas, CNRS (France)*
- *Chestnut forests in Andalusia: characterization based on the synthesis and integration of geographic information systems. José Ramón Guzmán Álvarez, Department of Ecosystem Restoration, Forestry Action Service, Directorate General of Forestry Policy and Biodiversity, Ministry of Sustainability and Environment, Regional Government of Andalusia (Spain).*



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Topic E. Pests and diseases that affect fruit quality

10:00 – 11:00 am Disease and pest control in chestnut cultivation. Fruit quality

- *Development of a biological control against Cydia with Trichogramma: Karolina Pecharova, INRAE, France*
- *Monitoring the presence of Cydia splendana in the Sierra de Aracena and Picos de Aroche Natural Park, Pablo Alvarado. AGAPA, Regional Government of Andalusia*
- *Use of mating confusion pheromones against Cydia fagiglandana and Cydia splendana ecc. Massimo Dal Pane and Pierangelo Mereghetti - In Farm - GEA (Milano - Italy) .*
- *The Eurocastanea protocol for the management of chestnut rot caused by Gnomoniopsis castaneae, Andrea Vannini, University of Tuscia (Italy), José Gomes-Laranjo – University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (Portugal)*

11:00 - 11:30 am Debate.

11:30 - 12:00 am Coffee break

Topic F: Diseases that affect trees

12:00 – 1:00 pm Disease and pest control in chestnut cultivation, the grove

- *Biological control of the chestnut wasp in Malaga. Eva Wong, IFAPA, Andalusian Regional Government (Spain).*
- *Ink disease control: effectiveness of limestone amendments in Andalusia. María Dolores Carbonero, IFAPA, Andalusian Regional Government (Spain).*
- *LIFE Fagesos - Development of a protocol for integrated management of ink disease. Carmen Morales (University of Tuscia) and Francisco J Ruiz-Gómez (University of Cordoba)*
- *Chestnut blight control. M^o del Carmen Rodríguez Molina. Paula Serrano Pérez. Scientific and Technological Research Center of Extremadura (CICYTEX), Spain.*

1:00 - 1:30 pm Debate

1:30 - 3:00 pm Lunch

3:00–3:45 pm New chestnut reproductive materials. Experiences and measures to mitigate climate change:

- *Conservation and recovery of the ancestral chestnut genome for fruit production, improving its resilience to climate change. Darío Arias, GO YesWeCast.*
- *Use of rootstocks tolerant to ink disease, adaptation to the territory, Beatriz Cuenca, Vivero de Maceda, Grupo Tragsa , Spain.*
- *Potential distribution of chestnut trees in Spain. IMFOREST, Roberto Rubio y Rocío Gallego, proyecto IMFOREST, CESEFOR*



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3:45-4:15 pm Debate

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Field visits

- *Ruta del Jabugo*

9:00 pm Closing dinner of the Congress. (Iglesia de Santo Domingo, Restaurante Montecruz, Aracena- cata de jamón ibérico ofrecido por DOP Jabugo)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 - 12:00 am B2B Meeting

- *Bilateral meetings between congress participants, at the request of one party.*

10:00 - 12:00 am Creation of cooperation and innovation networks

Identification of opportunities for cooperation and innovation among participants. Three thematic sessions will be held in parallel on the following topics:

- *Chestnut pests and diseases*
- *Ecology and climate change*
- *Promotion and marketing*

12:00 - 13:00 pm Final meeting of the Eurocastanea steering committee.

Transfers to Seville Airport and Santa Justa Station.

Lunch on your own





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