



International Meeting on
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Agroforestry
17-19 November 2011

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AGROPINE2011

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PRAE Valladolid (Spain), 17-19 November 2011

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Organized by

- FAO-CIHEAM Inter-Regional Cooperative Research Network on Nuts
- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (IAMZ-CIHEAM)
- Institute for Food and Agriculture Research and (IRTA)
- National Institute for Agricultural and Food Research and Technology (INIA)
- Forest Service and Promotion Centre Castilla y León (CESEFOR)
- Forest Sciences Center of Catalonia (CTFC)

Support by

- Junta de Castilla y León (Regional Government)
- Spanish Agency for International Development and Cooperation (AECID)

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MAIN OBJECTIVES

The pine nut, the edible kernel of the Mediterranean stone pine, *Pinus pinea*, is one of the world's most expensive nuts. Although well known and planted since Antiquity, pine nuts are still gathered mainly from natural forests in the Mediterranean countries, and the crop has only recently taken the first steps from wild harvested to domestication as an attractive alternative on rain-fed farmland in Mediterranean climates.

During the last century, the Mediterranean stone pine has experienced a range expansion, especially in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Basin, as well as a large increase in planted area in its native countries, both by forest restoration and farmland afforestation. The species performs well on poor soils and needs reduced cultural practices, it is affected by few pests or diseases and it resists climate adversities such as drought and extreme or late frosts. It is light-demanding and hence has potential as crop in agroforestry systems in Mediterranean climate zones around the world.

The knowledge about stone pine as crop in grafted plantations is increasing by ongoing researches. Plantations on farmland could yield in the future more pine nuts than the natural forests and contribute to rural development and employment for local communities.

Recently, the FAO-CIHEAM Inter-Regional Cooperative Research Network on Nuts restored its sub-network on Stone pine that had closed in 2000 after the 1st Symposium on Mediterranean Stone Pine held that year in Valladolid (Spain), linked with the former Cooperative Research Network on Stone pine silviculture in the framework of FAO Silva Mediterranea (1987-1997). In this context, the international meeting AGROPINE2011 aims to get the main research groups and potential users together, to gather the current knowledge on Mediterranean stone pine as nut crop and to analyse its potential and current challenges.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The meeting will be structured by the following general themes:

- **Genetic improvement, selection and breeding in Mediterranean stone pine**
- **Management of stone pine for cone production in forests and agroforestry**
- **Pine nut industry and markets**
- **Modelling growth and production**

Main emphasis is placed on Mediterranean stone pine, but eventual contributions relating to other pines with edible seeds from other geographic areas are also welcome. All oral sessions will be plenary sessions held in English.

PRE-SCHEDULE

Thursday, 17 November 2011

- Registration and Welcome Reception 8:30 to 9:00 h
- Conference opening 9:00 h
- Invited speaker 9:30 h
- **Session Genetic Improvement, selection and breeding** 10:00 h
- Discussion 12:00 h
- Lunch 13:00 h
- **Session Management for cone production in forests and agroforestry** 14:00 h
- Discussion 16:00 h
- Introduction to Posters 16:30 h

- Poster session 17:00 to 19:00 h
- Dinner 20:00 h

Friday, 18 November 2011

- Invited speaker 9:00 h
- **Session Pine nut industry and markets** 9:30 h
- Discussion 12:00 h
- Lunch 13:00 h
- **Session Modelling growth and production** 15:00 h
- **Session FAO-CIHEAM Inter-Regional Cooperative Research Network on Nuts: Past and prospects of the subnetwork on Stone pine** 16:00 h
- Meeting closure 17:00 h

Saturday, 19 November 2011

Field trip to stone pine forests, grafted plantations and experimental sites around Valladolid

OTHER DETAILS

Organising Committee

- Sven Mutke, Pablo Martínez-Zurimendi, Rafael Calama, Gregorio Montero (SFM-RI UVA-INIA)
- Dunixi Gabiña, Antonio López-Francos (IAMZ-CIHEAM)
- David Bono, Mercè Rovira (IRTA)
- Javier Gordo (Junta de Castilla y León)
- Jorge Herrero (CESEFOR)
- Míriam Piqué (CTFC)

Deadline for abstracts submission

Authors willing to submit a communication for an oral presentation or a poster should send an ABSTRACT written in English (no less than 300 words, but not exceeding one A4 page including title, authors, and affiliations) **before 30 September 2011**. Presentations are not compulsory for participation.

E-mail for abstracts submission: agropine2011@inia.es

Registration

Early fees: 120 € (deadline: 30 September 2011)

Regular fees: 150 € (deadline: 1 November 2011)

Special fee for students: 100 € (deadline: 1 November 2011)

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Payment procedures

The payment could be done by credit card after PREINSCRIPCIÓN or by wire transfer to:

Forest Service and Promotion Centre Castilla y León (CESEFOR)
G-42164020.

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