VEGEPOLYS VALLEY, AGRICITY INFOS and the CITY OF ANGERS are collaborating to offer you a study trip (French and English) on the theme of "Agriculture and plants in the city" for an all-inclusive price (sessions, visits, meetings, accommodation, catering and transport from Paris) of 960 € DF.

Urbanization has been a marked phenomenon on a global scale for several decades and is expected to continue in the future: according to the UN, if 55% of the population lived in urban areas in 2020, this figure should reach 70% in 2050. More and more urban dwellers are expressing a need for access to nature. This phenomenon has been largely reinforced in recent years following the health crisis and the resulting lockdowns. Cities will necessarily continue to grow but must adapt and mitigate climate change and its consequences. Plants play a key role in this context, contributing to the provision of numerous ecosystem services to city dwellers: urban agriculture fulfills, among other things, a nutritional function; ornamental vegetation contributes to the improvement of the living environment and to physical and mental health. The IHC congress will deal extensively with these subjects.

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Link to symposia:
Symposium S6 - Innovative technologies and production strategies for sustainable controlled environment horticulture
Symposium S7 - II International symposium on greener cities: improving ecosystem services in a climate-changing world (Green cities 2022)
Symposium S8 - Advances in vertical farming
Symposium S9 - Urban horticulture for sustainable food security (UrbanFood2022)

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- Presentation of the Imagine Angers competition projects: Arborescence and Climax

Arborescence:
Arborescence is the architectural expression of an exceptional site linking nature to the city, the Maine River to the city center. Inscribed in the vegetal DNA of the city of Angers, this new residence on the banks of the Maine is a tribute to the heritage of Angers reinterpreted on the scale of a contemporary lifestyle.

Nature in the city
The idea of nature in the city is expressed on the main facades of Avenue Montaigne and the alleyway that leads to Rue Larévellière. They will be planted with trees in pots, plants in tubs, planters...
For more than 10 years, Lamotte and Tétrarc have been experimenting with different perennial techniques of building vegetation (e.g.: Arboréa in Nantes, award-winning building in Pyramides).

Climax:
Innovation in form - To date, the operation of such an integrated urban farm is still unheard of in France. Inventing it in Angers makes it possible to enhance the value of the entire plant sector, which is rooted in the history and the local territory. The greenhouse, suspended on the top floor, constitutes an unexpected figure radiating over the district.
IN THE PROGRAM

- Briefing and debriefing
- Dedicated sessions, plenary sessions, workshops, networking.
  - The congress kit (Program book, Abstracts)
  - Access to the exhibition
  - Access to breaks and lunch
  - Wednesday afternoon technical tours and other visits
  - Meeting times with researchers, elected officials, speakers
  - Transportation during the 2.5 days + train ticket Paris - Angers
  - Social evening (Wednesday August 17, 2022) and gala dinner (Thursday August 18, 2022)
  - 2 nights in a *** hotel

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STUDY AND INSPIRATION TRIP
TO MEET THE ACTORS OF THE RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY
THURSDAY AUGUST 18, 2022

8:00am - 10:00am Additional visit or plenary lecture
10:30am - 12:30pm Our proposal of symposia to choose from:
  - Symposium 8: Light
  - Symposium 9: Impacts and assessment of urban horticulture on sustainability of food systems
12:30pm - 2:00pm Lunch on site and exhibition visit
2:00pm - 6:00pm "Landscaping and green city" Technical Tour
6:00pm - 6:30pm Debriefing 1st day
6:30pm - 9:00pm Evening and dinner

Night at the hotel

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 2022

8:00am - 10:00am Presentation and briefing
10:00am - 10:30am Our proposal of symposia to choose from:
  - Symposium 6: Sustainability in controlled environment
  - Symposium 7: Innovation / new way to greener cities
12:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch on site and exhibition visit
2:00pm - 3:30pm Meeting with elected officials of the city and metropolis of Angers
3:30pm - 5:30pm "Landscaping and green city" Technical Tour
6:00pm - 7:30pm Debriefing 1st day
8:00pm - 10:00pm Gala dinner at Greniers St Jean

Night at the hotel

FRIDAY AUGUST 19, 2022

8:00am - 10:00am Meeting with experts or additional technical visit
10:30am - 12:30pm Our proposal of symposia to choose from:
  - Symposium 6: Soilless cultivation: microbiome & fertilization
  - Symposium 8: Nutrients, secondary metabolites, quality and photosynthesis
12:30pm - 1:00pm Debriefing
1:00pm Transport departure