

PIC LEARNING EXPEDITION EUROPEAN PROJECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE PLANT SECTOR

The French scientific and professional communities welcome IHC 2022, a great event to foster horticultural sciences and innovation worldwide.

In the frame of this international event, **VEGEPOLYS VALLEY** and the **PlantInterCluster** organizes a learning expedition about European projects and opportunities around the plant sector. By joining this group, you will benefit of an entire package (960€) to facilitate your venue and be focused on the networking and learning about European plant challenges.

Nowadays, agriculture is facing the global challenge to feed the world. Climate changes, reduction of pesticides, sustainable use of resources are strongly impacting our sector and particularly plant industry. To overpass these barriers, several plant clusters decided to join their effort and facilitate the linkage between innovative projects.

The PlantInterCluster (PIC) has almost 10 years and built a strong international network with clusters around those sectors: cider, cereals, fruit and vegetables, ornamental horticulture, medicinal plants, mushrooms, seeds and winegrowing. This international and sectorial network works thanks to a common vision and motivation from its stakeholders.

Taking advantage of the impact of IHC 2022 in Angers, the consortia decided to organize a specific learning expedition to foster the cross-innovation and collaboration between European actors working for the future of plant production.

From the 17th to the 19th of august, the PIC invites you to:

- Participate to scientific symposia on your main interests
- Follow a study visit on site about vegetable experimentation and production
 - Make networking during the congress and the social events
- Work on European projects opportunities during the PIC workshop

Links to the symposia of interest:

- **Symposia 5:** Innovations in ornamentals: from breeding to market
- **Symposia 6:** Innovative technologies and production strategies for sustainable controlled environment horticulture
- **Symposia 9:** Urban horticulture for sustainable food security
- **Symposia 12:** Water: a worldwide challenge for horticulture!
- **Symposia 14:** Sustainable control of pests and diseases
- **Symposia 23:** Post-harvest technologies to reduce food losses



LEARNING EXPEDITION :

2,5 DAYS PACKAGE - 960€ HT

*STUDY VISIT AND WORKSHOP
TO MEET FRENCH EXPERTS AND
EUROPEAN PARTNERS*

IN THE PROGRAM

- Train from Paris to Angers
- Welcome coffee and reception of the congress kit including the programme, the book of summaries and your badge
- Access to the dedicated and plenary sessions of the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and to the Thursday afternoon workshop.
 - Access to the exhibition
 - Coffee breaks and catering
- Technical tour on Wednesday afternoon and other visits
 - Meetings with researchers, elected representatives and speakers
- Transport for the 2,5 days
- Friendly evening (Wed 17 August 2022) and Gala dinner (Thur 18 August 2022)
- 2 hotel nights ***



PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 2022

- 9:30am - 10:00am Arrival by train from Paris
- 10:00am - 10:30am Welcoming coffee with presentation and briefing
- 10:30am - 12:30pm Our proposal of symposia to choose from :
·**Symposium 6** : Innovative technologies and production strategies for sustainable controlled environment horticulture / *Session 5 - Sustainability in controlled environment*
·**Symposium 23**: Post-harvest technologies to reduce food losses / *Session 6 - Physiological disorders*
- 12:30pm - 2:00pm Lunch and exhibition visit
- 2:00pm - 6:00pm Study visit "Vegetable experimentation and production"
- 6:30pm - 9:00pm Friendly evening with dinner

Night at the hotel

THURSDAY AUGUST 18, 2022

- 8:30am - 10:00am Plenary session "Competitiveness and skills for horticultural value chains"
- 10:00am - 10:30am Coffee break
- 10:30am - 12:00pm Our proposal of symposia to choose from :
·**Symposium 5**: Innovations in ornamentals: from breeding to market / *Session 3 - Consumer demands, market preference*
·**Symposium 9** : Urban horticulture for sustainable food security / *Session 3 - Impacts and assesment of urban horticulture on sustainability of food systems*
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch and exhibition visit
- 2:00pm - 6:00pm PIC workshop "European projects and opportunities around the plant sector"
- 7:30pm - 10:00pm Gala dinner

Night at the hotel

FRIDAY AUGUST 19, 2022

- 8:00am - 10:00am Plenary session "Food, human health and well-being of citizens"
- 10:00am - 10:30am Coffee break
- 10:30am - 12:00pm Our proposal of symposia to choose from :
·**Symposium 12**: Water: a worldwide challenge for horticulture! / *Session 3 - Water quality and recycling for irrigation: benefits and risks for health and environment*
·**Symposium 14**: Sustainable control of pests and diseases / *Session 3 - Epidemiology, early detection*
- 12:00pm - 12:30pm Debriefing
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch and Goodbye

