

ECOPLANTMED

International Conference Agenda



Ecological use of native plants for environmental restoration and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region

14- 16 October 2015, Saint Joseph University, Campus of Innovation and Sports (CIS), Beirut, Lebanon

Wednesday 14th October

17:00	ECOPLANTMED International Conference, opening ceremony “under the high patronage of HE the Minister of Agriculture Akram Chehayeb”, at Saint Joseph University, Campus of Innovation and Sports (CIS), Beirut. <i>Registration and poster exposition</i>	
18:00	Opening ceremony, Pr Salim Dacchache sj. Rector of Saint Joseph University <hr/> Presentation on ENPI CBC MED Programme, (invited officer of JTS/JMA) <hr/> Presentation on ENPI CBC MED Projects in Lebanon, (invited local national contact) <hr/> Presentation on the European Chapter of the Society for Ecological restoration (SER), by Dr. Jordi Cortina-Segarra , Chair of the European Chapter of SER	Presentation on ECOPLANTMED project, by Mrs Panagiota Gotsiou , ECOPLANTMED Project Coordinator, CIHEAM - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Greece <hr/> Presentation on ECOPLANTMED pilot site by Dr. Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat , Saint Joseph University, President of the Conference Organizing Committee

OPENING CEREMONY COCKTAIL

Thursday 15th October

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and morning coffee	Welcome and a brief introduction on the day topics
SESSION 1 (09:00 – 11:05): Arid and Dune Ecosystems		
9:00	Priorities for the restoration of semiarid landscapes at different scales	Jordi CORTINA (keynote speaker)
9:45	Actions for the conservation and restoration of coastal dunes with <i>Juniperus</i> spp. in Crete and the South Aegean (JUNICOAST)	Dany Ghosn
10:00	The LIFE+ project “RES MARIS - Recovering Endangered habitats in the Capo Carbonara Marine area, Sardinia” (LIFE13 NAT/IT/000433): first year results	Francesca Meloni
10:15	Mimicking natural processes on urban dunes	Josep Lascurain
10:30	Restoration Against All Odds: The Case of Coastal Sand Dunes in Ouzai, Lebanon	Joanna Sabra
10:45	Contrasting survival and growth responses of two native species with different rooting strategy during plantation establishment under severe summer drought in the Mediterranean of central Chile	Juan Ovalle
11:00	Discussion	<div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">11:05-11:20</div> Coffee Break

SESSION 2 (11:20 – 13:40): Forest Ecosystem

11:20	Relevance of genetic considerations in ensuring effective forest restoration	Michele BOZZANO (keynote speaker)
12:05	Review on the historical afforestation in Rincon de Ademuz, an historical area in the province of Valencia (Spain)	Mario Romero-Vivó
12:20	Bioclimatic and niche characterization; a tool for ecological restoration strategies: case study of Oak species in Lebanon	Jean Stephan
12:35	Restoration of Tilio-Acerion forests in the eastern Iberian System. The Life Renaix el Bosc project	Daniel Arizpe Ochoa
12:50	A review on rehabilitation and afforestation experiences of Cedrus libani A. Rich in Turkey	Sezgin Ayan
13:05	The Mediterranean Mosaics Project: Building resilience to climate change through forest landscape restoration and management in the Shouf Biosphere Reserve (Lebanon)	Nizar Hani
13:20	Le caroubier en Tunisie : espèce autochtone à intérêt écologique et économique	Mohamed Larbi Khouja
13:35	Discussion	13:40-14:40 Lunch Break

SESSION 3 (14:40 – 16:45): Ecological Restoration Techniques and Key Parameters

14:40	Restoring ecosystems with ecological engineering techniques : case studies in Mediterranean France	Thierry DUTOIT (keynote speaker)
15:25	Bridging nature and human priorities in Mediterranean rehabilitation projects: a case report from Qattine- Lebanon	Johnny Fenianos and Carla Khater
15:40	Back to earth: Reintroduction of native Lebanese Medicago species as a means for their in-situ conservation	Jostelle Beyrouthy
15:55	Shrub plants and associated Mycorrhizal fungi mediate sustainable establishment of the native	Ouahmane Lahcen
16:10	Ecological restoration of forest ecosystems of Lebanon, using native species	Michel Khouzami
16:25	The importance of local gene banks for native plant conservation – The case of the Cretan Seed Bank	Christini Fournaraki
16:40	Discussion	16:45-17:00 Coffee Break

POSTER PRESENTATIONS SESSION (17:00 - 18:40)

18:40	"Comptoir" of Mediterranean flavors
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Friday 16th October

8:30- 18:00	Field trip to Holcim quarry restoration and Horch Ehdén Nature Reserve
20:00	Farewell dinner

Saturday 17th October

7:30-11:20	Field trip to ECOPLANTMED pilot site in Kfardebian
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