

7th International Workshop on Grapevine Trunk Diseases, Santa Cruz, Chile, January 17 -21 2010

The ISPP Subject Matter Committee on Grapevine Trunk Diseases (or International Council on Grapevine Trunk Diseases - ICGTD) held its 7th Workshop in Chile, on January 17-21 2010, at a regular interval of 2 years after those of Siena, Italy (1999), Lisbon, Portugal (2001), Christchurch, New Zealand (2003), Stellenbosh, South Africa (2004), Davis, California (2006), Florence, Italy (2008).

The 7th IWGTD was perfectly organized by Dr Jaime Auger Saavedra and Prof. Marcela Esterio (President of the Chilean Society for Plant Pathology) of the Facultad de Ciencias Agronómicas de la Universidad de Chile. The workshop was held in Santa Cruz, Valle de Colchagua - Chile, a major wine-producing area in central Chile. We had the opportunity to appreciate the wonderful hospitality of Chilean people just before the country was hit by the disastrous earthquake. Our thoughts go to them with best wishes for a quick as possible recovery.

The workshop was most successful and attended by 120 participants. The perfect organization and most friendly atmosphere that characterize all the ICGTD workshops provided very fruitful discussion and information exchange with situation updates on grapevine trunk diseases. Not only esca pathogens as *Phaeomoniella* and *Phaeoacremonium*, but also Botryosphaeriaceous and Diatrypaceous fungi and a range of other fungal species associated with different symptoms on grapevine trunks and cordons. Eighty papers were presented in four sessions: Pathogen Identification and Characterization, Disease Detection and Losses, Host-Pathogen Interactions and Disease Management.

The abstracts of the papers presented were just published in *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* April issue, Vol 49 2010 (www.fupress.com/pm) and hopefully a dedicated issue will appear on the same journal late this year with reviews and research papers based on the workshop. All the previous workshops abstracts and fully peer reviewed papers on grapevine trunk diseases published after each meeting are available at www.fupress.com/pm. Those interested in more information on the activities of this Subject Matter Committee can download the pdf of the abstracts and read full reports of the meeting on the ICGTD website at www.icgtd.org.

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