

**WELCOME**

On behalf of the International Society of Citriculture and the Executive Organizing Committee of the XIII International Citrus Congress - ICC2016, it is our pleasure to announce the upcoming congress that will take place at the Mabu Thermas & Resort in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, from 18 to 24 September 2016.

The ICC 2016 is being organized by the Instituto Agronômico (IAC), from its Sylvio Moreira Citrus Research Center, and the Instituto Agronômico do Paraná (IAPAR). The Congress should draw attention from all fields of research and general management of the whole citrus industry by offering a scientific program that will include a number of plenary, sub-plenary, technical, and poster sessions under the title "Sustainable citriculture: the role of applied knowledge". Together with these two research institutions, ICC2016 will count on collaborations from universities, cooperatives, associations, companies, growers and sponsors.

This ISC Congress was first announced on Nov. 23rd, 2012 during the closing ceremony of the most recent Congress in Valencia, Spain. At that opportunity the following message was presented to the public:

"...we wish to spend another few words to speak about the next International Citrus Congress in Brazil. The event will be back after 32 years as Brazil organized the fifth edition in 1984, held in São Paulo city.

During this interval the Brazilian citriculture has seen many challenges and achievements, or better rephrasing, the industry has experienced continuous challenges and the need for continuous achievements.

By major challenges, we have identified not only the demands on infra-structure to build the whole industry but also the occurrence of pests and diseases, such as mites, scales, fruit flies, virus and virus-like diseases, bacterial diseases (citrus canker, CVC and HLB), citrus blight, sudden death, blossom blight and others. For achievements, we have participated on the forefront of research on plant breeding, biotechnology, genomics, nutrition, plant protection, orchard management and many other fields. All of those efforts have been possible because of the work of research institutions, universities and extension services working closely with growers in relation to critical discussions and needs. These efforts produced an outcome that has been translated into increased citrus productivity. It is also essential that during the next years extra efforts shall be made towards production sustainability, which will be made with collaboration with all of you.

Distributed from north to south Brazil, oranges, mandarins and acid limes represent about 50% of total fruit produced in the country, ranking first before banana, pineapple, grape, apple and others. With an area of 650,000 ha, mainly in São Paulo State, we can find different production systems, which guarantee to Brazil its global market share of orange juice. Of

the total production in Brazil, about 15% goes to fresh market. Those are only a few reasons to meet in Brazil in 2016.

Outstanding international and local speakers representing research, policy, and management will present and discuss the latest research results and innovations on various themes of citriculture. Other events and excursions are being organized as well.

Participants of the ICC2016 from all over the world will congregate at a place, which offers both outstanding facilities and scenic beauty in its surroundings and enjoy the scientific and social parts of this remarkable Congress..."

With that presented, the Executive Organizing Committee of the XIII International Citrus Congress - ICC2016 would like to thank the efforts dispended by Dr. Luiz Navarro and members of the International Society of Citriculture-ISC, Dr. Marcos Machado and colleagues of IAC, Mr. Florindo Dalberto and colleagues of IAPAR, Dr. Gene Albrigo and colleagues from the international citrus community, Dr. Luiz Carlos Donadio and local colleagues, Mr. Paulo Pratinha and citrus growers, Mr. Juliano Ayres and colleagues from Fundecitrus and other Brazilian citrus organizations, Mr. Paulo Sendim and colleagues of Paraná State, and the Convention Bureaus of Londrina and Foz do Iguaçu.

Save the date and we look forward to see you in Brazil in 2016. And please, distribute this announcement to all interested communities and keep track of all Congress news that are being posted at: www.icc2016.com. We will also take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!

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Sincerely yours,

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The Organizing Committees

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