

General Information:

The Centro Stefano Franscini (CSF) is the congress centre of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Zurich (ETH Zurich) and has been situated at Monte Verità since 1989. It is an ideal meeting place for all members of the international scientific community who wish to discuss the state of the art and new challenges in any field of research. The Monte Verità Foundation offers all on-site facilities to the CSF: various conference rooms for up to 110 people, a hotel with 25 single bedrooms and 27 (usually shared) double bedrooms, a restaurant with panoramic view of the lake of Lago Maggiore and the mountains. The CSF is situated 15 minutes walking distance from the famous tourist village of Ascona above the Lago Maggiore. The conference centre is surrounded by a splendid park. The botanical garden on the famous isles of Brissago is not far.

Connections:

Zurich airport is connected by direct trains to Locarno, 3 h 10 min trip; approx. 45 € one way

Milano Malpensa airport is connected by a shuttle bus named "Malpensa Express" to Bellinzona, 1 h 45 min trip; approx. 26 € one way

Bellinzona – Locarno by train, 27 min; approx. 6 € one way

A shuttle bus connects the CSF with the **nearest railway station Locarno** in 15 minutes; approx. 5 € one way

The primary objectives of the symposium are:

Agricultural weeds and plant invaders are generally studied in isolation; both are often intractable. The focus of this symposium is to stimulate and advance discussion among researchers in weed biology and plant invasions. Both weeds in agro-ecosystems and natural environments are of increasing concern in our society. This meeting encourages the participation of researchers, operators and decision makers in order to allow a broader discussion and transfer of knowledge between the different stakeholders.

The symposium web site is:

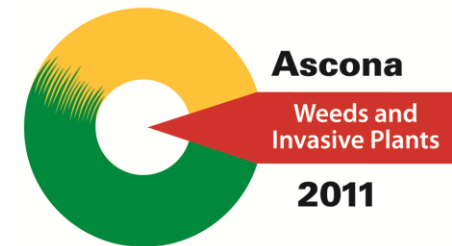
www.invasive.weeds.ascona.ewrs.org

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



The European Weed Research Society

3rd International Symposium on Weeds and Invasive Plants

October 2 -7, 2011 in
 Ascona (Monte Verità)
 Switzerland



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The conference venue:

Centro Stefano Franscini

Congress centre of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich



Important dates for papers, posters :

- Deadline for short abstract submission: December 31, 2010
- The short abstract should show
 - the title of the presentation (font: Times New Roman 14 pt bold)
 - name and affiliation of the presenting author
 - 250 word abstract (font: Times New Roman 11 pt)
 - no tables and graphs
- Communication of acceptance: end of January 2011
- Extended abstracts will be available in the proceedings book at the symposium; deadline for submission: March 31, 2011
- The extended abstracts should be set up as follows:
 - font Times New Roman 11 pt (title 14 pt bold)
 - Authors full names (presenting author underlined)
 - Affiliation
 - Text structured in: 1) Summary (= short abstract) 2) Introduction 3) Methods 4) Results 5) Discussion maximum 6 A4 pages incl. tables, graphsAccepted format is Microsoft Word 2007 or older
- Extended abstracts back from organizers to authors by May 31, 2011
- Deadline for submission of revised abstracts: July 15, 2011

Important dates for registration:

Registration starts now
Early registration until March 31, 2011
2nd announcement by end of December 2010

Topics:

Early detection and mapping

Ecology and genetics

Control methods and efficiency control

Social, ecological and economical impacts

Local, national and international policies

Organizers:

Research Station Agroscope Changins-Wädenswil ACW

Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research, WSL

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BOKU, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

**EWRS – European Weed Research Society:
Working Group on Invasive Plants and
Working Group on Biological Control**

