The EWRS Working Group “Herbicide Tolerant Varieties” workshop will take place at The Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops in Novi Sad, Serbia from May 29 – 31st, 2017 as announced in the EWRS Newsletter of October 2016.

We are pleased with the positive reactions received so far. Additional interested scientists who want to register for the workshop are kindly asked to notify Ivo Brants by a simple e-mail before 15 April, 2017 (ivo.o.brants@monsanto.com). Registration is mandatory. There is no registration fee.

Travel and accommodation are at own expense. Selected exceptions can be made for students after evaluation (official application and justification needed). Hotels are located about 10-12 km from the workshop venue (at The Institute) and the participants will be transported by bus of the Institute. More logistic details can be found at the end of this document.

The timing (end May) and location provide a great opportunity to combine research presentations with a field visit to herbicide tolerant technology trials located at the Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops in Novi Sad.

The proposed Workshop structure is as follows.

May 29th am. Arrival and registration of participants.

May 29th pm. Invited guest speaker – Dr. Thorben Sprink – JKI, Germany.

“CRISPR/cas9 – technology for breeding of herbicide tolerance crops – possibilities and limits”

Presentations Session 1

May 30th am. Presentations Session 2

May 30th pm. Workshop tour (downtown Novi Sad and Petrovaradin fortress) and dinner

May 31st am. Field visit, discussions and closure

May 31st pm. Departure participants,

Topics to be discussed include:

- Weed management systems using HT varieties
- Impact on IWM practices
- Advantages and/or disadvantages for rotational systems,
- Watch outs and opportunities for HT varieties in specific agricultural systems,
- Economic sustainability
- Agronomic sustainability
- Environmental impact studies
- Stewardship and Best Management Practices
Presentations will take 15 minutes and 5 minutes are added for questions.

Participants that are intending to present are requested to provide title of the talk to Ivo Brants.

A visit to HerbicideTolerant field trials located near the venue of the workshop will be part of the workshop program. Trials will include performance of weed control in sunflower tolerant to imidazolinones and tribenuron, sugar beet tolerant to ALS inhibitors, and cycloxydim-tolerant maize.

More information on the EWRS Working Group „Herbicide Tolerant Varieties“ can be found on http://www.ewrs.org/Herbicide_tolerant_varieties.asp

We hope to see many of you in Novi Sad in May,

Jan Petersen, Ivo Brants, Goran Mailidza

Practical information.

About Novi Sad

Novi Sad is the second largest city in Serbia and the capital of Vojvodina, the northern province of Serbia. Located on the left bank of the river Danube, between Budapest and Belgrade, it is a treasured regional and cultural centre, famous for 18th century fortress on the right river bank as well as its attractive city beach and Fruška Gora Mountain. The city is industrial and trading centre with century's long educational and cultural tradition. Its multi-ethnic population is 300 000.

Currency

The official currency in Serbia is dinar (RSD). You can find actual exchange rates at Exchange Rates List of National Bank of Serbia (http://www.nbs.rs/internet/english/index.html). International credit cards Visa, Master Card, Diners are accepted in the most shops, airline companies, hotels and restaurants.

Banks & Post offices:

On week days banks and post offices are opened from 08.00 a.m. to 07.00 p.m. On Saturdays they are opened from 08.00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m.

Post-Workshop tours: The City of Novi Sad has the necessary diversity of a modern tourist center that aims to and has the ability to put itself on a world tourist map. It is located on the Danube, on the intersection of the most important roads, near the mountain of Fruska Gora with 17 culturally and historically significant monasteries. In addition, there are 17th-century Petrovaradin Fortress, appealing old city center, numerous museums, prestigious Novi Sad Fair, as well as many world famous festivals and events. More information: http://novisad.travel/en/

Accommodation

Available hotels:
5 stars:
http://novisad.travel/en/?post_type=item&category=101&location=103&s=hotel

4 stars:
http://novisad.travel/en/?post_type=item&category=132&location=103&s=hotel

3 stars
http://novisad.travel/en/?post_type=item&category=133&location=103&s=hotel
Recommended choice due to the easy approach by bus, the quality of service and position:
Hotel Park ***** ([www.hotelparkns.com](http://www.hotelparkns.com))
Hotel Centar **** ([www.hotel-centar.rs](http://www.hotel-centar.rs))
Hotel Aleksandar **** ([www.aleksandar-hotel.com](http://www.aleksandar-hotel.com))
Hotel Novi Sad **** ([www.hotelnovisad.rs](http://www.hotelnovisad.rs))
Hotel Putnik *** ([www.hotelputnik.rs](http://www.hotelputnik.rs))

Travel information

Transportation by air
Airport “Nikola Tesla” ([http://www.beg.aero/en/home](http://www.beg.aero/en/home)) is located in the vicinity of Belgrade, 80 km southeast of Novi Sad.

Transportation by car/bus
Novi Sad is located on the international road which connects Budapest and Vienna, Thessalonica, Athens, Bucharest and Istanbul. The highway E-72 (Budapest-Belgrade-Nis) passes alongside Novi Sad while the highway E-70 (Zagreb-Belgrade) is in the close vicinity.

Transportation by train