

International Conference on  
**“CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE  
 USE OF WILD PLANT DIVERSITY”**

May 5-8, 2010  
 Orthodox Academy of Crete (OAC)  
 Kolympari, Chania, Greece

*“We have to preserve wild plant diversity to sustain and improve life support system on Earth”*

**CONFERENCE GOALS**

At the beginning of the 21st century, habitat alteration, unsustainable harvests, overgrazing, the climate change, the introduction of non-native plants, political indifference and public unawareness are just some of the leading causes of declining wild plant diversity and populations worldwide. It is widely accepted that the Earth is entering a severe ecological crisis and the life support system on our planet is in danger. This international conference on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Wild Plant Diversity (CSUWPD) aims at bringing together environmental stake holders, scientists, theologians, scholars, politicians, sociologists, farmers, specialists and amateurs to exchange information and insights to promote actions for supporting botanical activities and for building knowledge about plant conservation and their sustainable use. *“CSUWPD” conference addresses the need for a human response to plant diversity loss and unsustainable utilization.* It affirms human responsibility for the well being of the Earth and the vast communities of Life. The goal of the conference is to create a multi-disciplinary and international forum for information and knowledge exchange among all friends of plants who are conscious of their responsibility toward a more sustainable future for wild plant diversity and population.

**EVENTS AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME**

The main social event associated with the conference is the inauguration festivities of the new botanic garden of the Museum of Cretan Flora at the Orthodox Academy of Crete. Visits to the fabulous gorge of Samaria and/or the gorge of Irini will be scheduled in addition to the excursion to the splendid sea-side protected area of Elafonisi (NATURA 2000 - GR2540002) in the South-West of Crete. The scientific programme will consist of keynote lectures, selected oral and poster presentations as well as art exhibitions.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 30, 2009  
 Author Notification: February 4, 2010  
 Final Manuscript Due: April 2, 2010

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**

THE ORTHODOX ACADEMY OF CRETE - MUSEUM OF CRETAN FLORA  
 PLANTA EUROPA S.A.  
 PLANTLIFE INTERNATIONAL  
 BOTANIC GARDENS CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL  
 THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN – INTERNATIONAL  
 PLANT SCIENCE CENTER  
 BALKAN BOTANICAL GARDEN OF KROUSSIA  
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 MEDITERRANEAN AREA (OPTIMA)  
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 CHEMISTRY OF NATURAL PRODUCTS

**INVITE PAPERS ON**

**THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF  
 WILD PLANT DIVERSITY”**

**RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- TAXONOMY AND WILD PLANT BIOLOGY
- ECO-THEOLOGY AND PLANT ETHICS
- WILD PLANTS PRESERVATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
  - IN-SITU AND EX-SITU CONSERVATION
  - EDUCATION AND BUILDING CAPACITY
  - PROTECTED AND RESERVED AREAS, IPAS
  - HERBARIUM, MUSEUMS AND BOTANIC GARDENS
- SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
- MODELS AND ISSUES OF SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION OF WILD PLANTS: EDIBLE, COMMERCIAL, MEDICINAL, AROMATIC AND PHARMACEUTICAL WILD PLANTS.
- BEST PRACTICES, CASE STUDIES AND AD HOCs

**VENUE**



On the island of Crete, home to one of the richest floras of all the Mediterranean islands, the venue place is located at the beautiful village of Kolymbari, close to the historic monastery of Gonia (17th century), at a magnificent place with unlimited view over the sea and the mountains. The sea water is very clean and only a few meters from the venue place. Kolymbari is a small town of 5000 people, about 20 km west of Chania. The region is well-known for its natural beauty and unique and rare flora and fauna. The most historic and longer gorge of Europe (Samaria gorge) is within the prefecture of Chania. Crete has unique antiquities and it offers unlimited possibilities for recreational activities at a relatively low cost.





Elafonisi protected area is at the far West coast of Crete. The clear, turquoise waters in contrast with white sandbars of Elafonisi beaches have attracted travelers for centuries. This natural site hosts very

important and rare endemic Cretan plants such as the *Androcymbium rechingeri* (the Greek favorite plant at OAC Museum –Wake Up Calls).

## ORGANIZERS:

**GENERAL CHAIR:** KONSTANTINOS KENANIDIS (Doctor in Theology and General Director of the Orthodox Academy of Crete)



**PROGRAMME CHAIR:** LUCAS ANDRIANOS (Doctor in Environmental sciences and Responsible for the Institute of Theology and Ecology at the Orthodox Academy of Crete)

**SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISOR** JACQUES ZAFFRAN (Professor emeritus of Botany and Director of the Herbarium and Museum of the Cretan Flora at the Orthodox Academy of Crete)

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## INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Jan-Willem Sneep** (Chairman of *Planta Europa*. and Director of the National Park, Netherlands), **Werner Greuter** (Professor emeritus of Biology and Secretary General of the Organization for the Phyto-Taxonomic Investigation of the Mediterranean Area (OPTIMA)), **Avinoam Danin** (Professor Emeritus of Botany, Hebrew University of Jerusalem), **Yannis Phillis** (Director of the Park for the Preservation of Flora and Fauna, Technical University of Crete), **Beth Newman** (European Biological Information Management Officer at Plantlife), **James S. Miller** (Dean and Vice President for Science at the International Plant Science Center of the New York Botanical Garden), **Eleni Maloupa** (Director of the Balkan Botanic Garden of Krouisia), **Athanasios Tsaftaris** (Professor and Researcher at the Institute of Agrobiotechnology - CERTH), **Kostas Iatrou** (Professor and Head Researcher, the National Centre for Scientific Research “Demokritos”)

## REGISTRATION

Registration application form (please download and fill in the form from: [www.oac.edu.gr/artman/uploads/csuwpc2010reg.pdf](http://www.oac.edu.gr/artman/uploads/csuwpc2010reg.pdf)) can be sent by fax to +0030-2824022060 or by email to [oac@otenet.gr](mailto:oac@otenet.gr). Registrations are only accepted after the payment of the registration fee.



The **registration fee** is 150 € for participants and 50 € for accompanying persons before 30 April 2010. After 30 April 2010 and onsite: the conference fee is 200 € for participants and 100 € for accompanying persons.

The **registration fee** includes: conference participation kit, excursions – visit of historical sites of Crete (lunch included), admission to all sessions, refreshments and social events. **The Gala dinner** on Thursday night 7 May with Cretan and popular Greek music and dances is free for all participants.



Payment could be done by bank transfer to the account of the OAC below or by credit card onsite.

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## ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be accommodated in the rooms of the Orthodox Academy of Crete (OAC) close to the beautiful village of Kolympari, Crete. It has 130 beds in double rooms. Rooms will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis. The rooms have their own bathroom and view to the sea or the mountains. The “all inclusive” costs for staying at the OAC or at the hotels are 80 Euros for sharing a double room and 110 € for a single room per night. The accompanying person’s cost is 60 € per night (all inclusive, room sharing). These costs cover accommodation, breakfast, lunch\*, dinner\* (\* according to the Cretan Cuisine with local wine), two coffee breaks and the use of all facilities (conference rooms, beach facilities, laundry, wireless internet, etc.).



Participants should directly contact the venue place at [oac@otenet.gr](mailto:oac@otenet.gr) (or tel. 0030-28240-22245) and also pay for accommodation.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The conference language is English. Abstracts should be submitted in an electronic form to [oac@otenet.gr](mailto:oac@otenet.gr) and should include title, names of authors, session topic and affiliations and should not exceed one page. The preliminary deadline for abstract submission and registration is **December 31, 2009**. The future of wild plants depends on our actions today. Please forward this call and download the conference poster from [www.oac.edu.gr/artman/uploads/csuwpc2010poster.pdf](http://www.oac.edu.gr/artman/uploads/csuwpc2010poster.pdf)



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