

Conference venue

Park Plaza Histria
Verudela 17, 52100 Pula, Croatia
<https://www.parkplaza.com/pula-hotel-hr-52100/hrvpphp>

Accommodation:

Special prices for attendees are available at:

Park Plaza Histria

Verudela 17, 52100 Pula
Single room: 90 EUR
Double room: 130 EUR
<https://www.parkplaza.com/pula-hotel-hr-52100/hrvpphp>

Park Plaza Arena

Verudella 31, 52100, Pula
Single room: 80 EUR
Double room: 130 EUR
http://www.arenaturist.com/croatia_hotels/park_plaza_arena_pula

Conference booking code: **COSTFA**
www.arenaturist.com

Key dates:

Pre-registration deadline: **30 June, 2016**

Deadline for submission of abstracts:

30 June, 2016

Registration deadline and hotel booking:

20 August, 2016

How to reach the meeting venue?

<https://www.google.hr/maps/place/Park+Plaza+Histria+Pula/@44.836295,13.839554,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xb23a23d4ac5e12!8m2!3d44.836295!4d13.839554>

Arriving in Pula by car:

From the North:

Venezia airport - Trieste - Kopar - Kastel / Plovanija – Pula 274km

Trieste - Kopar - Kastel/Plovanija – Pula 157km

Ljubljana airport - Kopar - Kastel/Plovanija - Pula 222km

From the East:

Zagreb airport - Rijeka - Tunnel Ucka - Pazin - Kanfanar - Pula 268km

Arriving in Pula by plane:

Airport PULA
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W: www.airport-pula.com

More info will be available soon at:

www.iptpo.hr/costfa1204



**COST ACTION
FA1204**

**Vegetable Grafting to
Improve Yield and Fruit
Quality under Biotic and
Abiotic Stress Conditions**

**Final Conference
Pula
Croatia
19th to 21st September 2016**



Aims of the COST Action FA1204:

- to stimulate cutting-edge multidisciplinary collaborative research towards identifying and understanding how rootstock-mediated traits can improve vegetable crop yield and quality under biotic and abiotic adverse conditions
- to share knowledge and enhance scientific and technical collaboration
- to fill knowledge gaps in the area of vegetable grafting
- to stimulate the wider commercial development and exploitation of vegetable grafting in Europe

Aims of the Final conference:

- to bring together members of the COST Action FA 1204 and to discuss achievements, added value of networking and future plans
- to bring together experts, academics and practitioners in vegetable grafting to exchange knowledge and to discuss options and strategies for topic improvement
- to strengthen connection between scientific research and practical Implementation



Chair:

Dr. Giuseppe Colla, University of Tuscia, Italy

Vice Chair:

Dr. Francisco Pérez-Alfocea, CEBAS-CSIC, Spain

Working groups:

WG 1 – Genetic resources and rootstock breeding

Dr. Andrew Thompson, Cranfield University, UK

WG 2 – Rootstock-scion interactions and graft compatibility

Dr. Jan Henk Venema, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

WG 3 – Rootstock mediated resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses

Dr. Dietmar Schwarz, Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops, Germany

WG 4 – Rootstock mediated improvement of fruit quality

Dr. Cherubino Leonardi, University of Catania, Italy

Local organizers:

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

18 September, Sunday

All day - Arrival

19 September, Monday

08:00-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Official opening

09:30-11:00 Session I: WG1 Oral presentations

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Session II: WG2 Oral presentations

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Session III: WG3 Oral presentations

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:30 Poster session (I, II, III)

18:00 Social event and networking (Pula city tour)

20 September, Tuesday

09:00-10:30 Session IV: WG4 Oral presentations

10:30-11:00 Poster session (IV)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Session V: Round table – (practical implementation)

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Session VI: STSMs – Achievements and outcomes

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:30 Conclusions and closing

18:00 Social event and networking (Visit historic places and joint dinner)

21 September, Wednesday

08:00-18:00 Technical visit to nurseries and growers in Istria