



**CENTENARI**  
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## ✓ Pre-Registration

Willing to participate? Please, fill in the pre-registration form attached with this 1<sup>st</sup> announcement and send it back to [growingmedia.composting2011@upc.edu](mailto:growingmedia.composting2011@upc.edu)

## ✓ Early Registration Fees

ISHS / IPS members ..... 550€  
Non-members..... 650€  
Students..... 180€

Student fee does not include symposium dinner and the copy of the *Acta Horticulturae*.

## ✓ Accommodation

Participant accommodation is not arranged by organization. Hotels with special prices for the Symposium's participants will be provided on the webpage.

## ✓ Barcelona

Barcelona is a cosmopolitan city with an essentially Mediterranean culture and history. It offers a lot of touristic attractions. The Catalan Modernism Architecture (Gaudí, Domènech i Montaner, Jujol), the Picasso Museum, the MNAC (Romanesque and Gothic collections), the Gothic Quarter, the new and old port facilities and the famous boulevard La Rambla can be considered as part of the most interesting.

# International Symposium on Growing Media, Composting and Substrate Analysis



17-21 October, 2011  
Barcelona - Spain

under the auspices of:



## Hosting institutions:

Escola Superior d'Agricultura de Barcelona

Departament d'Enginyeria Agroalimentària i Biotecnologia



## 1<sup>st</sup> ANNOUNCEMENT

The *International Symposium on Growing Media, Composting and Substrate Analysis* will be held in Barcelona (Spain) from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011 in the facilities of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya. (BarcelonaTECH).

The Symposium is organized under the auspices of the International Society for Horticultural Science and co-sponsored by the International Peat Society, with support from the ISHS-Commission of Plant Substrates and Soilless Culture and their Working Groups on Growing Media, Composting for Horticultural Applications and Substrate Analysis. The UPC-institutions hosting the Symposium are the Escola Superior d'Agricultura de Barcelona (ESAB) and the Department d'Enginyeria Agroalimentària i Biotecnologia (DEAB). The ESAB celebrates the centenary of its foundation in the academic year 2011-12, and the Symposium is included as a special event of this celebration.

The conference will bring together stakeholders from around the world to address the scientific and technological advances in growing media, analytical methods and composting for horticultural uses, focusing on the sustainability of the involved processes, resources, products and management practices. The Symposium intends to provide a forum for information exchange and discussion and to foster collaboration amongst the participants.

The Organising Committee is pleased to invite you to attend and contribute to the **International Symposium on Growing Media, Composting and Substrate Analysis**.

F. Xavier Martínez (Convener)

## ✓ Symposium topics

- Advances in analytical methods for growing media and compost
- Physical and chemical properties of growing media
- Novel materials and new uses for existing materials
- Developments in composting and compost products for growing media
- Sustainable uses of compost and growing media in horticultural production
- Water and nutrition management in growing media
- Biological/microbial influences in growing media and composted products
- Weed, pest and diseases control in growing media

## ✓ Call for Presentations (oral/poster)

Proposals of communications are welcome. Title, authors and preferred presentation (oral or poster) must be indicated in the Pre-Registration form.

## ✓ Language

The official language of the Symposium is English

## ✓ Schedule and Key dates

October 2010 - First announcement

December 2010 - Second announcement with Call for Abstracts

1 March 2011 - Deadline for submission of abstracts

10 April 2011 - Notification of acceptance of oral/poster presentations

10 May 2011 - Early registration / End of reduced registration fee period

June 2011 - Announcement of Symposium Programme

July 2011 - Confirmation of definitive Programme

17-21 October 2011 - Symposium

21 October 2011 - Final and absolute deadline for submission of papers for publication in *Acta Horticulturae*