

14th EUROPEAN CHESTNUT DAYS

September 12th-15th, 2024

Melivia, Municipality of Agia, Prefecture of Larissa, Region of Thessaly - GREECE

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Thursday, September 12th

Arrival of country representatives

17:30 – 19:30 General Assembly of Eurocastanea

Town Council Chamber, Agia Town Hall, Agia

Friday, September 13th

“Chrysallida” Cultural Center, Agia, Metaxohoriou str.

8:30 am: Registration of participants

9:30 am: Welcome and institutional greetings

Governor of the Region of Thessaly, Mayor of Agia, local MPs, Representative of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food

10:00-10:20 : Introductory speech of Eurocastanea chairman. Report on the mission to Kosovo and Albania Mr Bertrand Guerin

10:20-10:40 : The importance of chestnut cultivation around Mount Ossa, Prefecture of Larissa.

Evan Kraniotis, chairman of the Agricultural Cooperative of Melivia

10 :40-11 :00 : The chestnut cultivation in Greece Mr Stephanos Diamandis

11 :00-11 :30 : Coffee break

11:30 -13.00 : Chestnut production forecasts for the year 2024 in the Eurocastanea countries (Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Austria), 10 minutes per intervention
Forecast of chestnut production In China, Turkey, Albania and Kosovo. 10 minutes per presentation

13 :30-15:00 : Lunch

15 :00-17 :00: Chestnut cultivation in a climate crisis environment- Recent health problems in chestnut orchards.

15 :00-15 :20 Introduction Dr. S. Diamandis

15 :20-15 :40 : Ink disease and brown rot

Prof. Andrea Vannini, Univ. Of Tuscia, Viterbo (invitation)

15 :40-16 :00 : Chestnut wasp.

Dr. Dimitris Avtzis, Forest Research Institute

16 :00-16 :20 : Chestnut orchards and forests as a sink of carbon sequestration

16 :20-16:45 : Discussion

16 :45 – 17:00 : Coffee Break

17:00-17:30: Industry and GDO: market overview

World scenarios: in-person and streaming presentations/videos on the fresh market and industrial situation of Europe and the world (China, Turkey, Chile, Japan, Vietnam, Eastern Europe)

17 :30-18:00 : CAP and sweet chestnut: vision of common agricultural policies: the point of view of Eurocastanea countries

4 interventions including DG AGRI

19.00: Dinner

Saturday, September 14

Melivia Primary School, Melivia

09:00 – 09:30 am : Registration of participants

09:30-10:00 : Nut processing in Europe. Traditional and new products.

Karoli Egyed (Hungary) (Turkey ? France ? Italy ?.....)

10.00-11.00 : «The influence of chestnut cultivation in the local communities»

10:00 – 10:40 : The creation of the Chestnut Museum and Park in Melivia – Melivia Chestnut PDO

A.Gountaras -Mayor of Agia

10:40-11:00 : Irrigation good practices, the EU project «SPONGEWORKS - Co-creating and Upscaling Sponge Landscapes by Working with Natural Water Retention and Sustainable Management» HORIZON-MISS-2023-CLIMA-OCEAN-SOIL-01-01

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11 :00-11 :30: Coffee break

11.30-12 :00: «The influence of chestnut cultivation in the local communities» Good practices from Eurocastanea partners

Appropriate speakers from Eurocastanea partners 10 minutes each

12 :00-12:20 Presentation of chestnut beer «LOCHES»

Pinios Brewery & ACM

12.30-14.00: Lunch

14:00-19:30: Technical Visit to Orchards on Mt Ossa (Cultivation/Irrigation Practices)

Melivia-Karitsa-Kokkino Nero-Velika

20:30 Official Dinner, Velika

Sunday, September 15th

9.00 am: Technical Visits to chestnut groves, infrastructure and equipment around Melivia.

Forest Research Institute, SWRI GREECE

13.30: Farewell Lunch at Melivia Square – Closing Event

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