

GENMEDA - NETWORK OF MEDITERRANEAN PLANT CONSERVATION CENTRES

General Assembly annual meeting 2022

(in person & on-line)

Wednesday 28th September 2022, 16:00 – 19:00

Eva Mamelì Calvino Conference Hall, Hortus Botanicus Karalitanus (HBK)
Viale Sant'Ignazio da Laconi 11, Cagliari, ITALY

In conjunction with the BESTMEDGRAPE International conference

15:30 – 16:00 Arrivals and registration

16:00 – 16:10 Welcome from the GENMEDA President (Gianluigi Bacchetta, HBK)

16:10 – 16:20 Follow-up of network activities/news by GENMEDA Secretary (Adamantia Kokkinaki, MAICh)

16:20 – 16:30 Updates from the Steering Committee coordinator (Emilio Laguna, Centre for Forest Applied Research, Valencia, Spain)

16:30 – 17:00 Updates from GENMEDA Working Groups

- WG1 - Communication (Adamantia Kokkinaki, MAICh)
- WG2 - Database (Lara Dixon, CBNMed)
- WG3 - Orchids and microbiota (Sara Magrini, RIBES)
- WG4 - Seed Force International (Joseph Buhagiar, DBUM)
- Odissea Seminum - Editorial Board (Editor-in-chief Issam Touhami, INRGREF)

17:00 – 17:15 Accession of new members

- Presentation of applications
 - International Association of Mediterranean Forests (AIFM)
 - Sicilian Plant Germplasm Repository of the University of Palermo (SPGR/PA)
- Approval of accessions of associate members
 - IUCN/SCC – Mediterranean Plant Specialist Group (MPSG)
 - Botanical Garden of Rome, Sapienza University of Rome (BGR)
 - Tuscia Germplasm Bank - University of Tuscia (TGB)

17:15 – 17:45 Coffee break

17:45 – 18:30 Presentations of activities/news by network members

- X Congress on Botanic Gardens in 2025 (Eurogard), organised by the BGR - outcomes of the event on Mediterranean temporary ponds (habitat 3170) held in Rome in March and its follow-up - outcomes of the LIFE project proposal on orchids, LIFE SALEP, and if its resubmission would be of interest to some of the consortium members (Vito Emanuele Cambria, BGR)
- Release of the "Red Book of the flora of Morocco" (Jalal El Oualidi, ISR)
- Conserving the Flora of the Balkans: Native Plants of Greece - a new project in collaboration with RBG Kew (Costas Thanos, NKUA)
- Cone/seed morphometry and germination ecophysiology of *Juniperus drupacea* at the westernmost area of its global distribution (Mt. Parnon, Greece) (Evangelia Daskalaku, FRIA)
- Short presentation of the book "DIASPORES. Fruits and seeds of Balearic Flora. DISPERSAL" by J.L. Gradaille and J. Bonet (Magdalena Vicens, JBS)
- RESEDA-Flore, network of french organisations for the conservation of Mediterranean flora (Katia Diadema, CBNM)

18:30 – 19:00 Discussion

- future GENMEDA issues – working plan / working groups
- Fourth Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week (Valencia, 2023)
- Session on *ex situ* and *in situ* conservation World Botany Congress (Madrid, 2024)
- Next GENMEDA meeting

19:00 Conclusions – Closure of the Meeting

19:00 – 21:00 Free time

21:00 – 23:00 Social dinner offered by Hortus Botanicus Karalitanus