10th World Congress on Parasitic Plants

"Parasitic Plants in a Time of Global Change"

June 8-12, 2009 Pine Bay Hotel, Kusadasi, Turkey

Dear Colleagues,

Global changes create new problems as well as new opportunities. Climate change and increasing movement of goods and people are among the concerns in all areas of science. What can be expected of parasitic plant biology and distribution under various climate change scenarios? Increasing movement worldwide brings new problems and expands others world wide. We hope the effect of these changes will be discussed during the conference, as well as other current issues. Let's make Kusadasi a platform to discuss scientific topics, see historical places and enjoy the charming nature.

Local Host Committee

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the 10th World Congress on Parasitic Plants, to be held from 8 to 12 June, 2009 in Kusadasi, Turkey. Preparations are already well underway for a fantastic meeting that will embrace all aspects of parasitic plant research.

You may notice that this conference is occurring sooner than the 3-5 year interval that has traditionally separated major parasitic plant symposia, but there is good reason for this change. The rate of progress in parasitic plant research has been accelerating in recent years, and new approaches and resources have led to breakthroughs in parasite evolution, biology, ecology, host-parasite communication, and host response to parasitism. The future holds even more promise. However, despite these advances in knowledge, parasitic weeds continue to devastate crops in much of the world and farmers have few new tools at their disposal. For these reasons, participants at the 9th World Congress on Parasitic Plants agreed that a two year cycle for major meetings would provide a better timeframe for advancing our work.

Thus, in 2009 we will again assemble the world's foremost experts on parasitic plants with the objective of furthering the state of our science. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join colleagues old and new for the 10th World Congress on Parasitic Plants. This will be an outstanding event, and on behalf of the Organizing Committee and Society, we are looking forward to seeing you in Turkey.

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PROGRAMME
Contribution and participation from researchers, industry and all relevant people on any weedy and non-weedy parasitic plants is encouraged.

The program will consist of oral presentations and posters. Oral presentations will be invited or selected from submitted preliminary abstracts.

Topics will include but are not limited to the following:
- Evolution and phylogeny of parasitic plants
- Parasite biochemistry and physiology (including molecular biology)
- Floral biology
- Ecology and population biology of parasitic species
- Host-parasite communication (including germination stimulation, haustorial induction, etc.)
- Host and non-host responses to parasitism
- Parasitic weed management
- Regulation and phytosanitation
- Economics

Or any other aspects, descriptions, approaches and ideas related to parasitic plants.

Participation of students and young researchers is strongly encouraged.

THE VENUE
Kusadasi

Kusadasi is one of the most tourist attracting areas of Turkey with its beaches, charming nature and nearby historical sites. Davutlar Milli Parkı, a protected area, (http://www.unep-wcmc.org/protected_areas/data/sample/0075w.htm) is only 30 kms from the venue. Bafa Lake, is another natural attraction that is 69 km south of Kusadasi. One can have a chance to see sparkling white castle like cascades, Pamukkale where there is one of the most important highlights of Turkey, unique in the world. Ephesus is one of the over 30 historical landmarks of Kusadasi area. The seven cities in Anatolia that have a very special place in Christianity are Ephesus, Sardes, Smyrna, Philadelphia, Thyatira, Hierapolis and Leopoleia. Selçuk and Ottoman era mosques such as Ia Bey Mosque, bazars and other buildings are also worth a visit. It is also possible to make your trip more valuable visiting Istanbul or Cappadocia before or after the meeting. There are scientific opportunities for parasitic plant scientists around Kusadasi. Most of the scientists are familiar with Orobancheae, Cuscuta and Viscum species, but seeing Lomatium on chestnut trees and Melampyrum on wheat are rare occasions that can be seen in Turkey. Local entertainment and shopping areas are as close as your hotel room. However, if you would like to experience shopping in a bazaar or dancing with *cefe*’s, just visit surrounding towns and cities as well as Kusadasi herself.

Conference Site
The Conference will be held at the Pinebay Resort Hotel, Kusadasi (http://www.pinebay.com)