



COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT IP-BioSusHort

‘Potentials of using biodiversity for achieving
a sustainable horticulture’

May 13 - May 24, 2013, Zagreb, Croatia

Introduction

Global horticulture influences the biodiversity on our planet by manifold interferences in our natural environment. Horticultural production is blamed to have a negative impact on biodiversity, but horticulture also needs and even creates biodiversity.

In this IP, students (MSc) will follow an educational program which enables them to gather essential knowledge and develop competences to analyze, understand, protect, increase and use biodiversity in the context of horticultural business.

Course

Approximately 40 students from all over Europe learn how to handle complicated multidisciplinary problems related to biodiversity related to the horticultural business. A group of professors from the participating universities in Europe will give lectures about a broad range of topics related to the overall course topic. Students will intensively collaborate in international teams on case studies about specific problems in this field. Excursions to relevant horticultural sites near Zagreb are integrated parts of the IP. The course (6 ECTS) can be broken down into 3 parts:

1. **Preparation period** at home, before the start of the IP. This includes the preparation of a presentation, which will be given during the IP (1.5 ECTS; free to plan **between April 01 to May 06, 2013**; subject will be announced at the start of the preparation period; deadline product delivery: May 06th)
2. **Intensive Program** at ‘University of Zagreb’, Zagreb, Croatia (3 ECTS; **May 13 - May 24, 2013**)
3. **Exam project** (1.5 ECTS), which starts during the 2nd week of the IP in Zagreb and will be finalized at home, while working together using video-conferencing systems via the internet (dead-line approximately 5 weeks after the IP).

Organizers and Participants

The course is organized for students specializing in Horticulture who are in the final phase of their MSc (or study-program equivalent). There is a limited number of positions available, open **only** for students studying at one of the 11 partner Universities (see list below). The partner universities will select the students. English will be the language of communication and examination. Good communication skills (written and oral) are a pre-requisite. The EU only subsidizes travel and housing costs of students from the partner universities outside Croatia.

How to Apply

Contact your local teacher as soon as possible. Application deadline 01.03.2013

Partner Universities and contact teachers

Belgium (KU Leuven, Prof. Maurice De Proft), Croatia (Uni Zagreb, Dr. Boris Duralija), Czech Republic (CULS Prague, Prof. Josef Soukup), Finland (UH Helsinki, Prof. Paula Elomaa), France (ACO Angers, Prof. Emmanuel Geoffriau), Germany (LUH Hannover, Dr. Andreas Fricke), Italy (UniTo, Torino, Prof. Silvana Nicola), The Netherlands (WU Wageningen, Prof. Wim van Ieperen), Poland (SGGW Warsaw, Dr. Monika Latkowska), Portugal (UTAD Villa Real, Prof. Eduardo Rosa), Sweden (SLU Alnarp, Prof. Beatrix Alsanius)

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