

Invitation

The European Weed Research Society (EWRS) is pleased to announce the

19th Symposium

"Lighting the Future of Weed Science"

Athens, Greece, 21-24 June 2021

It gives us immense pleasure to announce the 19th EWRS Symposium, 21-24th June 2021, in Athens, Greece. The theme of the Symposium is more timely than ever. There is an urgent need to shape the future of Weed Science aimed at addressing the major challenges for sustainable weed management: the need to reduce reliance on chemical control; the decrease in available active ingredients; the lack of cost-effective and safe alternatives to herbicides; the environmental protection and human safety goals and a sharp rise of the world population. Lighting the trends in Weed Science in areas such as weed biology/ecology, management of herbicide resistance, precision weed/herbicide technologies, biological control, innovative cropping systems, and biotechnology discoveries is a commitment of the EWRS. The 19th EWRS Symposium will enhance this commitment thanks to the participation of renowned scientists from around the globe.

The Symposium organizers invite weed scientists from academia, research, public/private sector, and industry to actively participate and make the best of this unique opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we will make every effort to provide an excellent environment for a stimulating and enjoyable scientific congress. The program will provide valuable information and networking opportunities for attendees with an interest in any basic or applied aspect related to weed science.

We hope to see you all, in Athens.



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**Symposium
web-site**

www.ewrs2021.org

Scientific programme

The programme includes four days of sessions plus one day prior to the Symposium dedicated to the EWRS workshop(s). The session will consist of keynote papers, standard platform presentations and poster presentations. All participants are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

DATE	SESSION	VENUE
EWRS workshop(s) Sunday 20 June 2021	Registration opening Workshop(s) Reception	Congress Hall Auditorium Auditorium
1st Day Monday 21 June 2021	Presentations Working Group Meetings	Auditorium Meeting rooms
2nd Day Tuesday 22 June 2021	Presentations Field tour / Excursion Gala Dinner	Auditorium Suburbs of Athens Restaurant
3rd Day Wednesday 23 June 2021	Presentations Social activity (visit to the Acropolis museum)	Auditorium City of Athens
4rd Day Thursday 24 June 2021	Presentations Closing Session	Auditorium Auditorium

Instructions for the preparation and submission of abstracts and keynote speakers will be at the beginning of September 2020, on the web site www.ewrs2021.org. Side events, e.g. EWRS Working Group meetings will also be scheduled.



Scientific programme

There will be several new features at the symposium, including well-known and inspiring key-note speakers and an invitation for submission of proposals for dedicated workshops in emerging areas of weed research. The participation of PhD students and early-stage career scientists (postdocs, research associates) is especially encouraged. In the 19th EWRS 2021 Symposium, dedicated posters and oral sessions for the above group of participants will be organized.

The scientific programme will cover the following topics (non exclusive list):

1

Weed biology

Reproduction, dispersion, soil seed bank, germination, life cycles

2

Weed ecology

Communities, biodiversity, distribution, invasive species, climate aspect

3

Crop-weed interactions

Competition, parasitism, allelopathy

4

Integrated Weed Management

Approaches, concept, on-farm and in crop measures

5

Non-chemical weed control

Mechanical, allelopathy, natural products, new systems

6

Chemical control

Optimization of herbicide use, adjuvants, mixtures, timing, application technique

7

Novel weed management technology

Site-specific weed control, UAV, robotics

8

Herbicide resistance

New cases, detection, management

9

Economic & social aspects of weed management

Economic metrics, end-user attitudes, adoption and implementation strategies

Venue ▼

The symposium will take place at the Eugenides Foundation, commonly known the “planetarium” (www.eef.edu.gr/en). It is located close to the city centre, close to the sea front where major touristic and cultural sites (such as Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre) and the new pedestrian walk across the sea front exist.

The auditorium has a capacity of 400 people and an elevated, permanent stage, with panel seating for 11 persons and podium; smaller areas such the conference hall and a meeting room also exist.

Participants will also visit, as part of parallel activities of the Symposium, the New Digital Planetarium, the New Science & Technology Centre and the Utech Lab inside the venue premises.



Language of the Congress ▼

The official language of the Congress will be English.
No translation facilities will be available.

Short Courses ▼

One or two pre-symposium short courses will be offered.
Detailed information about dates and costs will be included in the Second Circular.



Registration ▼

Congress registration fees will be announced in September 2020; it will be in line with the most recent EWRS Symposiums. Student registration fees will be available. Registration fees will cover lunches, morning and afternoon refreshments, the welcome reception, dinners and congress materials including detailed congress programme and book of abstracts.

Subsidies for junior scientists ▼

EWRS will supply subsidies to cover part of the expenses of junior scientists submitting an oral or poster paper. Details on when and how to apply for these subsidies will be disseminated through the symposium and EWRS website and the EWRS Newsletter.

Important dates & deadlines

▼ Please mark up the following dates in your agenda:

Abstract submission starts	01 September 2020
Deadline for submitting abstracts	30 November 2020
Paper revision process via abstract tracking systems (session organisers);	15 January 2021
Decision on paper acceptance/rejection, definition of sessions at dedicated SciCom meeting	01 February 2021
Submission of final version of abstracts	01 March 2021
communication of paper acceptance (LoCom to authors);	01-15 March 2021
Release of 2nd circular (LoCom);	April 2021
Proceedings and Booklet of Abstracts (session organisers to LoCom);	5 April 2021
19th EWRS Symposium	June 2021

Visa Requirements ▼

Greece is a Member-State of the European Union and has signed the Schengen Agreement.

Travel to Athens ▼

Athens is considered the cradle of modern western civilization. Travel to Athens and explore a modern city with glorious history. Luxurious hotels and new hostels, fancy restaurants and traditional meze tavernas, elegant bars and vibrant bouzouki halls, magnificent museums and unique archaeological sites, open-air cinemas and underground theatres create perfect scenery in a city that combines classic with modern.

Athens is well connected with a plethora of international flights from around the world.



Accommodation ▼

There are endless options (from 2* to 5*) to select a hotel in Athens for your trip. Indicative hotel prices are as follows:

HOTEL CATEGORY	SINGLE ROOM (incl. breakfast)	DOUBLE ROOM (incl. breakfast)
5 Stars	from € 140 - 430	from € 160 - 460
4 Stars	from € 110 - 130	from € 120 - 140
3 Stars	from € 55 - 105	from € 65 - 125

Hotels near the venue:

Sygrou Avenue, one of the main streets of Athens. It can easily be reached from the port of Piraeus and Athens International Airport, as well as the city centre and the southern suburbs.

To ease some of the stress with trying to find the perfect hotel for your stay close to the venue, here is a list of the top hotels and accommodation based on their star rating, price, and location.

Athens Avenue Hotel

Athens Marriott Hotel

Grand Hayatt Athens Hotel

Athenaeum
Intercontinental Hotel

Atrium Athens Hotel

Athenaeum Grand Hotel



In the city centre, the most **desirable places** to stay in Athens are the central neighborhoods of Plaka, Syntagma, Thission, Koukaki, Monastiraki, and Makrigianni, all of which **surround the Acropolis**.





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