



7th BACSA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“Organic Sericulture – Now and the Future”

“ORGASERI” 2015

Sinaia, Romania

April 19th – 24th 2015

Letter of Open Invitation

1st announcement

Dear Colleagues,

The 7th BACSA international conference **“Organic Sericulture – Now and the Future” - “ORGASERI” 2015** will be held in **Sinaia resort, Romania from 19th to 24th April 2015.**

The Institute for Bioengineering, Biotechnology and Environmental Protection – S.C.BIOING SA, Bucharest – Romania is hosting the meeting in collaboration with the Black, Caspian Seas and Central Asia Silk Association (BACSA).

The meeting aims to bring together keynote speakers from some of the most important players in the world of research and policy to further deepen understanding among key stakeholders of the need for cooperation and coordination on scientific and economic challenges to achieve scientific and societal goals, while also allowing ample time for long and deep debate on key issues.

Sericulture as a kind of organic farming has become very important, especially concerning the possibilities to get state/donors subsidies for mulberry as a plant, which contributes to the nature preservation. On the other hand in many countries the sericulture in reality is entirely or partly organic because many mulberry trees are located on the streets in the villages and they are not treated at all by any pesticides and chemical fertilizers are usually not used as well.

However the organic sericulture has much more aspects like for example the organic certification not only of mulberry leaf produced, but also the cocoons, raw silk and even the silk fabrics - the main sericulture products which is worthily to be certified as organic, what is the place of sericulture as a part of a bigger organic agriculture farm and others.

We aim to focus first on the scientific and economic challenges at hand. Together, attendees will work to deepen understanding of the need for cooperation and coordination on scientific and economic challenges to achieve scientific and societal goals. The conference will also allow ample time for long and deep debate on key issues.

Audience and Desired Outcomes:

We expect the 7th BACSA international conference to achieve two main goals:

- Getting feedback from all key stakeholders (but first and foremost scientists) on key issues (organic sericulture research, the interaction between the organic mulberry leaf, cocoons and silk production and the economy, national research institutions in sericulture problems, issues and development strategies, the role of Europe and Central Asia and international cooperation etc.);
- Highlighting BACSA and some other international organizations in sericulture as facilitators of debate on wider issues concerning the sericulture development as a whole.

The key invitees are scientific stakeholders first and foremost. However, all other stakeholder groups are invited: we cannot forget the general public and civil society, as well as business. I believe that the event would be of particular interest for policy-makers, civil society groups and business groups.

Attendees' input will be essential in drafting a "*white paper*" explaining how research infrastructures, and particularly BACSA can help respond to the grand challenges. It will be sent to all stakeholders, with the hope of providing greater clarity for policy-makers and thus furthering understanding of how the international organizations in sericulture can play an important role in research, the environment and the economy.

We appreciate presenting contributions on the main Conference topic as well as country reports, science and technology papers in the field of mulberry and non-mulberry silkworms, cocoon and silk production, pathology, breeding and bacology, using silkworm and mulberry for non-textile purposes, post-cocoon technologies, silk enterprise and trade.

Exhibition sessions will also be organized for equipment/tools, sericultural products and organic products.

Those who require a personalized letter of invitation for the purpose of travel documents to Romania may wish to contact:

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Updated information about the forthcoming event as well as other activities in sericulture industry development you may find at the BACSA web site: www.bacsa-silk.org.

Hoping that we will meet at The 7th BACSA international conference ORGASERI 2015 the Organizers send you their best wishes!

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr Panomir Tzenov

President, Black, Caspian Seas
Central Asia Silk Association (BACSA)



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PROGRAMME

Organizing committee:

President: Prof. Dr P. Tzenov, President of BACSA and Director of Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Sericulture and Agriculture Experiment Station, Vratsa, Bulgaria.

Vice-president: Dr Maria Ichim, General manager, Institute for Bioengineering, Biotechnology and Environmental Protection, Bucharest, Romania

Secretary: Mr. Liviu Ionel Ichim, Institute for Bioengineering, Biotechnology and Environmental Protection, Bucharest, Romania

Members:

Dr Evripidis Kipriotis, BACSA vice president for Europe, Greece;

Dr Homid Homidy, BACSA vice president for Central Asia and Caucasus, Uzbekistan, presently International consultant in Rwanda;

Dr Silvia Cappellosza, Head, Council of Research and Experiments in Agriculture, Apiculture and Sericulture Unit of Bologna, Padua seat, Italy;

Dr Shevkat Umarov, Uzbek Sericulture Research Institute, Tashkent, Uzbekistan;

Mr. Durmush Yilmaz, Kozabirlik sericultural cooperative, Bursa, Turkey;

Dr Udo Krause, Technische Universität Dresden Institute of Genetics, Dresden, Germany;

Mr. Ueli Ramseier, President, Swiss silk association, Switzerland.

Scientific committee

Dr E. Kipriotis

Dr S. Cappellosza

Prof. Dr S. Madyarov

Prof. Dr P. Tzenov

Venue and Dates:

Sinaia resort, Romania, **hotel Rina Sinaia**, April 19th – 24th 2015.

Programme (tentative):

19 April, Sunday

Arrival of the participants, check in at Rina Sinaia hotel and registration.

20 April, Monday

9:00 – 9:30 registration.

9:30 – 10:00 opening ceremony.

10:00 – 12:00 Organic sericulture Session 1

12:00 – 12:30 visit the sericulture exhibition.
 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
 13:30 – 14:30 Organic sericulture Session 2
 14:30 – 16:00 Organic agriculture Session 3
 16:00 – 18:00 scientific – technical reports session 1
 20:00 Welcoming Dinner

21 April, Tuesday

9:00 – 13:00 Country reports on sericulture research institutions – background, present status, problems, issues and development strategies
 13:00 -14:00 Lunch
 14:00-16:00 – Country reports on sericulture session
 16:00 – 18:00 - Scientific – technical reports session 2
 - Dinner at the hotel

22 April, Wednesday

- Visit amazing touristic places in Transilvania, Poiana Brasov (lunch during the tour).
 - Dinner at the hotel

23 April, Thursday

9:00 – 12:00 Technical and study tour visit to organic production and/or processing enterprises
 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
 13:00 – 17:00 Visit Peles Castle
 18:00 – 19:00 BACSA Executive committee meeting

24 April, Friday

9:00 – 10:00 Closing the conference
 Departure

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Registration Form

To be sent attached by the e-mail to Dr. Maria Ichim with copy to Prof. Dr Panomir Tzenov.

Closing for submission: **January 15th 2015**

Language

English. English and Russian for the BACSA Executive committee meeting.

Call for papers

Participants who wish to present papers are invited to submit an abstract first. The abstracts must be written in English and sent to Prof. Dr. Panomir Tzenov by the e-mail, with the Abstract Submission Form.

Closing for abstract submission: **January 15th 2015**

Papers: In formats of A4, single line, Times New Roman, font 12, the text not exceeding 15 pages (tables and figures included), in English; MS-Word file (s) e-mail-attached. The papers should be sent to Prof. Dr P. Tzenov by the e-mail.

Deadline for the paper submission: **March 31st 2015**

Each paper, submitted to the conference will be reviewed by the Scientific committee and if necessary returned back to the authors for revision. Those papers who do not meet the requirements for scientific novelty and contributions may be cancelled for publication in the conference proceedings.

Registration fee: 350 EURO/person

The registration fee includes: 1) transfer from the Bucharest airport to the conference venue and back; 2) 4 lunches; 3) 4 dinners; 4) technical and study tour visit to organic production and/or processing enterprises 5)

guided tour to amazing touristic places in Transilvania; 6) Congress materials (abstract book and gadgets); 7) access to the sericulture and organic products exhibition.

The registration fee is the same amount both for Conference participants and accompanying persons.

The registration fee should be transferred to the bank account below no later than **January 15th 2015**:

For the payment in EURO:

Account Holder: S.C.BIOING S.A. Bucuresti;
Bank: Banca Comercială Română, sector 4, B-dul
 Alexandru Obregia, nr.28, Bucuresti; Romania
IBAN no.: RO56RNCB0083049686120001;
SWIFT Code: RNCB RO BU;
Fiscal Code: 1556099.

When they pay this fee, the participants are asked to specify on the payment order, at "Payment details", the family and the first name and the text "Registration fee Conference".

If anybody needs some additional details on the payment modalities of the participation fee, please contact **Dr Maria Ichim** by e-mail at ichim52@gmail.com or by phone at (+40) 021 2113765, Mobile: 0040740152000.

After January 15th the registration fee is 450 EUR/person.

Commercial Opportunities include:

- Exhibition;
- Advertisement in the Conference Programme and Exhibition;
- Buyer-seller meetings.

Hotel accommodation

Hotel **Rina Sinaia**, web: <http://www.hotelsinaia.ro/>

Hotel rates: **35 euro for single room/night (including breakfast), 52 euro for double room/night, including breakfast**

Romania, the hosting country:

Bucharest (Romanian: București) is the capital city and the commercial centre of Romania. It is located in the southeast of the country, at 44°25'N 26°06'E, and lies on the banks of the Dâmbovită River.

The city was first mentioned in 1459 and became the capital of Romania in 1862. Since then, it has gone through a variety of changes and has become the centre of the Romanian mass media, cultural and arts scene.

Tourism in Romania focuses on landscapes and its rich history. Crossed the waters of the Danube, Romania has a sensitive story, including the beautiful Carpathian Mountains with pine forests, Black Sea Coast and Danube Delta, which is the largest European delta so well preserved. Emphasize the role of natural landscapes are rustic villages where people live and remain there for hundreds of years traditions Romania is an abundance of religious architecture and medieval towns and castles. In recent years, Romania has become a favorite destination for many Europeans (more than 60% of foreign tourists coming from EU countries). Resorts such as Mangalia, Saturn, Venus, Neptune, Olympus and Mamaia (sometimes called the Romanian Riviera) are among the main attractions during the summer. In winter, ski resorts in the Prahova Valley and Poiana Brasov are destinations favorite of foreign tourists. for their medieval atmosphere and castles located there, several Transylvanian cities like Sibiu, Brasov, Sighisoara, Targu Mures and Cluj have become major attractions for some tourists. Recently developed and rural tourism that focuses on promoting folklore and traditions. Main sights

posed Bran Castle and monasteries in northern Moldavia, the wooden churches of Transylvania or Merry Cemetery. Other sights tourist in Romania are the natural and the Danube Delta, Iron Gates, Cave Scărișoara and yet some other caves in the Apuseni Mountains.

România Bucovina is located in northern Romania, in northwestern Moldova. Picturesque mountain region, with ethnographic tradition that endures unchanged, Bukovina is noted by a dynamic tourism activity, due primarily monasteries. The five monasteries with exterior painting entered the world heritage tourism, beauty remains after more than 450 years.

Sinaia: Sinaia (Romanian pronunciation: [si'naja]) is a town and a mountain resort in Prahova County, Romania. The town was named after Sinaia Monastery, around which it was built; the monastery in turn is named after the Biblical Mount Sinai. King Carol I of Romania built his summer home, Peles Castle, near the town. Sinaia is about 60 kilometres (37 miles) northwest of Ploiesti and 50 kilometres (31 miles) south of Brasov, in a mountainous area on the Prahova River valley, just east of the Bucegi Mountains. The altitude varies from 767 to 860 metres (2,516 to 2,822 feet) above sea level. The city is a popular destination for hiking and winter sports, especially downhill skiing. Among the tourist landmarks, the most important are Peles Castle, Pelisor Castle, Sinaia Monastery, Sinaia Casino, Sinaia train station, and the Franz Joseph and Saint Anne Cliffs.

For more information about Romania may visit the web sites:

<http://www.romaniatourism.com/main-attractions.html>

<http://ezinearticles.com/?All-That-You-Wanted-To-Know-About-Romania&id=1070692>

<http://www.ultramarine.ro/engleza/Engleza%20romania.htm>

Weather:

The end of April is considered as spring season in Romania. Average day temperature ranges usually 15 - 25° C, but as Sinaia is located in the mountain the weather is colder, so it's advisable to have winter cloths as well.

Currency: The Romanian currency is **leu**, plural – **lei**, code **RON**, the rate is around 4.40 RON = 1 EUR

Travel: The foreign conference participants may take flight to Bucharest international airport, Romania, where S.C.BIOING will arrange their meeting at the airport and transfer to conference venue and back to the airport. The travel details should be strictly indicated in the Registration form.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Registration Form – by January 15th 2015

Abstract submission form – by January 15th 2015

Registration fee: by January 15th 2015

Papers – by March 31st 2015