

**Department of Plant Biology of the University of Perugia
Italian CITES Management Authority**

TO THE CITES MANAGEMENT AND SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITIES OF THE EUROPEAN REGION

**European Regional CITES Plants Meeting
18-21 October 2006
Perugia, Italy**

Dear Colleagues,

The organization of the Regional meeting is proceeding and we are preparing the final programme. We'd like to remind you that the meeting will deal with topics linked to the trade and conservation of plants listed in CITES Appendices and in the European Regulations with a particular reference to timber, medicinal and ornamental plants.

The meeting could be a very important opportunity to discuss, at the European level, the outcomes of the 16th Plants Committee meeting and as preparation for the next 14th Conference of the Parties which is scheduled in June 2007 in The Netherlands.

The programme includes the following themes:

- 1. Outcomes of the 16th Meeting of the CITES Plants Committee and preparation for the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties;**
- 2. Enforcement of the Convention within the European Region with emphasis on Cacti, Succulents and Orchids;**
- 3. Timber trade;**
- 4. Medicinal plants, including the problems linked to their use in Traditional Chinese medicine;**
- 5. Workshop on EU legislation on wildlife Trade**

The times and venues of the meeting are the following:

Wednesday 18th (Main hall Agricultural Faculty of Perugia University)

14.00 - 15.00 Registration and Welcome reception

15.00 - 18.00 Working Session

Thursday 19th (Hotel Giò, Perugia)

09.00 - 12.00 Working Session

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

14.00 - 18.00 Working Session

Friday 20th (Hotel Giò, Perugia)

09.00 - 12.00 Working Session

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

14.00 - 18.00 Working Session

Saturday 21th (Hotel Giò, Perugia)

09.00 - 12.00 Working Session

12.00 - 12.30 Concluding remarks

All the members of the Management, Scientific and Enforcement CITES Authorities of the European region are invited to take part and contribute to the work of the meeting. We think this could be an important opportunity to bring together these Authorities in order to facilitate the collaboration between European countries.

The Meeting is organized by Perugia University and the Italian CITES Management Authority. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact Prof. Dr. Giuseppe Frenguelli (Fax: +39.075.5856425; e-mail: freng@unipg.it) for further details and proposals for contributions.

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Giuseppe Frenguelli

Perugia, 12 June 2006

General Information

Perugia is one of the oldest University towns in Italy; it is situated in central Italy, between Rome (160 km) and Florence (160 Km), on the first slopes of the Apennine mountains; it is at 490 m a.s.l. on the top of a hill overlooking the Tiber valley. The region has the characteristics of a Mediterranean climate: in October the mean temperature is 15°C and sometimes it can rain and the temperature drops especially in the evening.

Travel to Perugia

By plane - The international Rome Fiumicino airport (200 km from Perugia) has daily direct connections with every main European cities; regular trains and bus connect the airport to Rome Termini railway station and therefore Perugia.

Perugia also has an airport which has regular flights to and from Milan Malpensa (www.alitalia.it).

By train - Perugia is connected to Florence (Santa Maria Novella railway station) and Rome (Rome Termini railway station) by regular train. For those arriving from Florence, line Florence-Terontola-Perugia-Foligno (about 2 hours), for those arriving from Rome, line Rome-Orte-Foligno-Perugia (about 2 hours) (www.trenitalia.it).

By car - Perugia can be reached by car through the European highway network linked to Motorway A1 (Autostrada del Sole) Milan-Rome-Naples. For those arriving from North exit at "Valdichiana" (100 km South of Florence) then continue for 56 km to Perugia. For those arriving from South exit at "Orte" (60 km North of Rome) then continue for 100 km to Perugia.

Hotels

<p>We have an agreement with the "Hotel Giò" (via R.D'Andreotto, 19) a 4 stars hotel where the sessions of the meeting will be held. The rate is 62 € for a single room and 80 € for double room, included breakfast. For reservation: fax +39.075.5837314; e-mail <hotelgio@interbusiness.it> (please refer to this Meeting). For more information please consult the web-site of the hotel (www.hotelgio.it/pagina.htm).</p>

However, there is a wide choice of Hotels in Perugia, ranging from two to five star categories, available with a corresponding wide range of prices (50-200 € per day per room): please consult the web site: <http://www.perugiahotel.it/>

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Registration form

Personal details:

Title _____ First Name and Family name _____

Institution _____

Country _____

Street _____ n° _____

Post/zip Code _____ City _____

Fax n. _____ e-mail _____

I'd like to attend the Meeting _____

I'd like to present a contribution _____ Title _____

To be returned to Prof. Giuseppe Frenguelli, Dep. Plant Biology, University of Perugia

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