



## PRESENTATION

In September 1992, Córdoba (Spain) organized and housed the First International Congress of Ethnobotany, with the participation of more than 500 researchers and experts in very different fields: Anthropology, botany, agronomy, phytochemistry, genetics, sociology, history and other sciences related to Ethnobotany. The objective of this Congress was to make a profound reflection on the degree of transfer of useful species and their Germplasm, of popular and scientific knowledge about plants travelling from the Old to the New World after 1492.

On occasion of the Congress, the Royal Botanic Garden of Cordoba inaugurated the Ethnobotanical Museum, which was visited by the Kings of Spain two months later. Besides, FAO presented its book *Neglected Crops, 1492* from a different perspective.

The Congress Minutes gathered most part of the lectures and communications presented, as well as a Declaration in defense of the biological and cultural diversity, which became precursor of the text and development of the Convention on Biological Diversity born at the same time on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean

After the Congress in Córdoba, the ICEBs (International Congress of Ethnobotany) have been held approximately every four years in Mérida (Mexico), Naples (Italy), Istanbul (Turkey) and Bariloche (Argentina). In all of them, it was confirmed the interdisciplinary character of Ethnobotany and its commitment with local knowledge.

## OBJECTIVES

The first objective of the ICEB 2014 should be to summarize the experience of previous ICEBs, which have served to stimulate the interaction and mutual knowledge among ethnobotanists and related science experts all around the world. It should also update keywords such as: biological and cultural diversity to face global change; traditional knowledge as world heritage or legacy; international framework of transfer of species and popular knowledge among cultures and continents; recovery of knowledge and plant germplasm through historical documents; role of neglected and underutilized crops; role of cultural landscapes and agroforestry systems in the conservation of the ethnobotanical heritage; plants used as food and medicine; plants, their names and uses as identity generators, etc. But among all of them, 2014 will provide two singular opportunities and messages:

**Family farming, urban and suburban vegetable gardens, and agrobiodiversity exchange through farmers networks. The UN has declared 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming.**

**Cooking and traditional food habits as a source of knowledge for agricultural innovation and tool in the fight against hunger and health deficit in the world. Córdoba (Spain) will be Ibero-american Capital of Gastronomic Culture 2014.**

Several events related to the ICEB 2014 will take place in Cordoba in November: the 2nd Spanish-Portuguese Ethnobiology Meeting, the presentation of the Spanish Inventory of Traditional Knowledge, activities related to traditional cooking and food, the conservation and cooperation among germplasm banks, the seed exchange in farmers networks, the presentation of several books and other contributions within the ethnobotanical scope, cultural trips, exhibitions and other ways of showing the richness of a cultural and natural heritage, of the great legacy of traditional knowledge of peoples and communities in the planet, knowledge received by tradition or by historical records.

## VENUE

IMGEMA - Real Jardín Botánico de Córdoba and University of Córdoba.

## DATE

17th- 21st November 2014

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The estimated fee is around 200 euros, with a special fee for Major Degree, MS and PhD students.

There will be several trips to localities near Córdoba, related to plants crafts and food. November 19th and 21st.

Detailed information about the Congress Programme will be provided in the second newsletter, as well as registration fees, and organizing and scientific committees.

Accommodation is being arranged. Different types and affordable prices.

Oral Communications or posters are possible. A scientific Committee will examine the received abstracts, which will be published and available for the participants. Precise instructions and abstract model will be provided soon in the Congress Web page.

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### Pre-registration form

Pre - registration before February the 20th 2014

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Oral communication

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