



Program GrowingMedia2021 – 2nd International ISHS Symposium on Growing Media, Soilless Cultivation, and Compost Utilization in Horticulture

PAC - Provinciaal Administratief Centrum 'Het Zuid'

Woodrow Wilsonplein 2, 9000 Gent

August 22-27, 2021

Sunday, August 22 – Groot Vleeshuis, Gent

14:00 - 16:00 Hospitality Tour
16:00 - 18:00 Welcome reception + registration desk open

Monday, August 23 – PAC 'Het Zuid'

08:00 - 16:00 Registration desk open

08:45 - 09:15 Opening (Bart Vandecasteele and representative of ISHS)
09:15 - 10:00 *Keynote: C. Blok. Aspects of circularity; recirculation, more circular fertiliser concepts and control over resilience in time*

10:00 - 10:45 Coffee break
10:45 - 12:00 Selected presentations from abstracts

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch break and poster session

13:30 - 14:15 *Keynote: D. Neher. Biological indicators and compost for managing plant disease*

14:15 - 15:30 Selected presentations from abstracts
15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break
16:00 - 17:00 Nomenclature workshop
17:00 - 17:15 Poster pitch

18:00 - 19:30 Belgian drinks and foods reception at City Hall Ghent

Tuesday, August 24 – PAC 'Het Zuid' and on location

08:30 - 09:15 *Keynote: M. Pugliese. Use of compost in nursery as pre-planting substrate to control soil-borne pathogens on vegetable crops in field conditions*

09:15 - 10:30 Selected presentations from abstracts
10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00 Selected presentations from abstracts

12:15 - 17:15 Lunch break and Technical Tours

17:15 - 21:00 Diner@Greenhouse at ILVO (Melle)

Wednesday, August 25 – PAC ‘Het Zuid’

08:30 - 09:15	<i>Keynote: E. Graber. Mysteries and musings at the biochar-plant-stress-growing media interface</i>
09:15 - 10:30	Selected presentations from abstracts
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00	Selected presentations from abstracts
12:00 - 12:15	Poster pitch
12:15 - 13:30	Lunch break and poster session
13:30 - 16:15	Horti-BlueC open event (Interreg 2 Seas)
16:15 - 17:15	ISHS Business Meeting
18:00 - 23:00	Conference diner at Het Pand (Ghent)

Thursday, August 26 – PAC ‘Het Zuid’

08:30 - 09:15	<i>Keynote: M. Sánchez-Monedero. Biochar as an additive in composting: Impact on process performance and on the agronomical quality of the end product</i>
09:15 - 10:30	Selected presentations from abstracts
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00	Selected presentations from abstracts
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch break and poster session
13:30 - 15:15	Policy workshop by the European Compost Network
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 - 16:30	Final summary & conclusions and award ceremony

Friday, August 27 – On location

08:30 - 12:00	Optional visits and activities. Choice between: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field trip to growing media, digestate and compost production plants• Technical Workshop “Next Generation Sequencing technology and corresponding bio-informatics for microbiome analysis of soil and growing media”
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