



ISTITUTO DI FRUTTI-VITICOLTURA

under the Co-Sponsorship of



I INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON VINEYARD MECHANIZATION AND GRAPE AND WINE QUALITY



**PIACENZA, ITALY
June 27 - 29, 2012**

Sala Convegni "G. Piana"
Via Emilia Parmense, 84 - Piacenza

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PRESENTATION

Under the Co-Sponsorship of ISHS, Section Vine and Berry Fruits (SEVI), the Institute of Pomology and Viticulture of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart is pleased to announce the 1th edition of the International Workshop on Vineyard Mechanization and Grape and Wine Quality. The Workshop will be held from 27-29 June, 2012 in Piacenza – Italy and aims bringing together scientists interested in any mechanical operation performed in vineyard management from pre-planting to senescence not excluding robotics and ground application of precision viticulture. Under the pressure of increasing competitiveness in the global wine market associated with reduction in skilled labour

and price tags, that the desired grape composition has to cope with stable and remunerative yields as well as cost reduction is becoming a must in both Old and New World Viticulture.

The Workshop venue is located nearby the "Colli Piacentini" DOC area nowadays featuring about 6,500 hectares of vineyards planted on surrounding hills characterized by gentle slopes and altitude varying from 150 to 500 m a.s.l.

The Workshop program will include contributions from international key-note speakers as well as visits to vineyards with machine demonstrations.

TOPICS

The Scientific topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- **Mechanization of harvesting.**
- **Mechanization of winter and summer pruning.**
- **Mechanization of planting, spraying and other vineyard operations.**
- **Ground based precision viticulture.**
- **Robotics and new technologies.**
- **Relationships between mechanization, grape composition and wine properties.**
- **The economics of vineyard mechanization.**

KEY DATES

➤ **January 15, 2012**

Abstract submission deadline.

➤ **February 15, 2012**

Notification of abstract acceptance for oral and/or poster presentation.

➤ **February 29, 2012**

Registration deadline for authors of accepted papers.

➤ **March 15, 2012**

Last day for early registration.

➤ **May 15, 2012**

Registration closes.

➤ **June 1, 2012**

Deadline for submission of full papers.

➤ **August 15, 2012**

Notification of acceptance/rejection/revision of submitted papers.

➤ **September 30, 2012**

Deadline for receipt of revised papers.

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➤ **Internet website**

Update information about scientific program, abstract submission, registration fees and accommodation will be made available in due course on the following website:

<http://meetings.unicatt.it/ishs>

➤ **Official language**

The official language will be English.

English-Italian simultaneous translation will be available.