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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

You receive this letter because you have submitted, as presenting author, or co-author, an abstract to the XI Symposium on “Integrating Canopy, Rootstock and Environmental Physiology in Orchard Systems” (Bologna **Aug. 28 – Sept. 2, 2016**). I am pleased to inform you that the process of abstract evaluation is now complete. As this occurs with some delay, the early bird deadline is postponed to April 30, 2016. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

In order to help in your planning, I would like to provide you with further information. At this stage, you should have been notified directly by the ISHS Abstract server about the status of your submission(s). We’re quite pleased to report that we received more than 110 contributions, which will be presented over 3.5 days of oral and poster presentations at what looks already as an exciting symposium. A technical day is foreseen, on Aug 31st and will bring participants to discover the pome and stone fruit commercial realities of the Po Valley Fruit Industry.

A Post-Symposium tour will be offered, starting on Sept. 2, 2016, ending on Sept. 7. The Tour will head North-West to the Piedmont Region, where we will visit that Region's quite interesting fruit industry and the AGRION (formerly CRESO) Technical Center, located in Manta, near Cuneo. On Sept. 4, we will head East and North, to Lake Garda and on to Trento, where we will visit orchards and the Edmund Mach Foundation, before making it to South Tyrol, for more visits of commercial orchards and the Laimburg Research Center. All these Regions mix quite modern and interesting fruit growing with beautiful Alpine landscapes and awesome foods and wines, so you shouldn't miss it!

The Tour will leave from and return to Bologna. The cost is expected to be in the range of 800€ per person, which includes lodging, meals and travel. The cost will not be subject to an early bird rate and the tour is offered subject to reaching at least 35 participants. Therefore, please go to the website (orchardsystems2016.org) and book the tour. No payment will be required until we receive at least 35 bookings, after which you will be contacted to complete the payment.

On behalf of the home Team, we look forward to seeing you soon in Bologna,

Best Regards

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