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VIII International Conference Postharvest Unlimited & XIII International Symposium on Postharvest Quality of Ornamental Plants

Padua (Italy), August 31 – September 3, 2027

Conveners: Claudio Bonghi, Antonio Ferrante

The VIII Postharvest Unlimited Conference and the XIII International Symposium on Postharvest Quality of Ornamental Plants will be held in Padua, Italy, from 31 August to 3 September 2027. Both events are jointly organized by the Department of Agronomy, Food, Natural resources, Animals and Environment (DAFNAE) of the University of Padua and the Institute of Crop Science of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, under the aegis of the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) and with the support of the Italian Society for Horticultural Science (SOI).

The VIII International Conference Postharvest Unlimited and the XIII International Symposium on Postharvest Quality of Ornamental Plants Symposium will take place simultaneously, featuring both joint and parallel sessions. Scientists, professionals, companies, and stakeholders from all over the world will gather to discuss the latest advances in postharvest biology, physiology, technologies, logistics, sustainability, and smart postharvest systems.

The scientific programme will include plenary lectures, keynote talks, oral and poster presentations, technical workshops, and industry-oriented activities devoted to technology transfer and interaction between academia and industry.

Special attention will be devoted to emerging topics such as:

- Artificial intelligence and digital tools in postharvest systems
- Smart storage technologies and precision postharvest management
- Robotics, automation and sensing technologies
- Shelf-life and vase-life prediction and decision support systems
- Sustainable packaging and circular economy
- Postharvest physiology and quality of vegetables and fruits
- Chilling injury and abiotic stress
- Controlled atmosphere technologies
- Omics approaches in postharvest biology
- Ornamental postharvest quality

The conference is expected to attract more than 300 participants from academia, research institutions, and industry worldwide.

Field visits, technical workshops, social events, and a programme for accompanying persons will also be organized.

The Venue

Padua is one of the oldest university cities in Europe and offers a unique combination of scientific tradition, cultural heritage, and accessibility. Located in the heart of Northern Italy and close to Venice, Padua is surrounded by important horticultural and agri-food production areas, making it an ideal setting for an international scientific event.



A view of Prato della Valle (Padova)

The meetings will take place at Centro Culturale Altinate / San Gaetano in the historic centre of Padua (Padova).



Centro Culturale Altinate / San Gaetano (Padova)

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Registration fees

The registration fee includes online access to the Acta Horticulturae Proceedings of the VIII International Conference Postharvest Unlimited & the Acta Horticulturae Proceedings of the XIII International Symposium on Postharvest Quality of Ornamental Plants.

Registration	Early bird[a]	Regular
ISHS and SOI member registration[b]	600€	650€
ISHS member registration	650€	700€
SOI member registrations	650€	700€
Non-ISHS Non-SOI member registratio	750€	800€
Student registration[c]	350€	400€
Accompanying person	tbd	

a) Early bird registration is possible until 31 May 2027.
b) Member of both societies.
c) Student's status is Undergraduate, PhD student and PostDoc under 35 years-old.

Abstract submission

VIII International Conference Postharvest Unlimited

Abstract submission: https://www.actahort.org/members/symposiar?nr=833

XIII International Symposium on Postharvest Quality of Ornamental Plants

Abstract submission: https://www.actahort.org/members/symposiar?nr=834

Further information regarding abstract submission, registration, accommodation, and sponsorship opportunities is available on the conference website https://www.postharvest2027.com