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

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

Website Proposal, Sponsor Letter

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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 Postharvest Unlimited Conference and the Postharvest Ornamentals 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

Padua is one of the oldest university cities in Europe and offers a unique combination of scientific



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tradition, cultural heritage, and accessibility. Located in the heart of Northern Italy and close to Venice, Padua is surrounded by important horticultural and agro-food production areas, making it an ideal setting for an international scientific event.

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.

Further information regarding abstract submission, registration, accommodation, and sponsorship opportunities will be available soon on the conference website.

Registration fees

Registration	Early bird	Regular
ISHS and SOI member registrations	600€	650€
Non-ISHS member registrations	700€	750€
Non-ISHS Non-SOI member registration	750€	800€
Student registrations*	350€	400€
Accompanying person	fee under definition	

*Student's status is Undergraduate, PhD student and PostDoc under 35 years-old.

VIII Postharvest Unlimited Conference, Abstract submission <https://ishs.org/symposium/833/>

XIII International Symposium on Postharvest Quality of Ornamental Plants, Abstract submission <https://ishs.org/symposium/834/>