

## Notice of Upcoming Conference

### International Symposium on Growing Media, Soilless Cultivation, and Compost Utilization in Horticulture

(International Society for Horticultural Science)

Portland, Oregon, USA, 20-25 August 2017

<http://www.ishs.org/symposium/490>

We want to update you on some important DATES and INFORMATION regarding this upcoming Symposium:

1) ABSTRACT SUBMISSION EXTENDED to 1 May, 2017! This will be the final extension. All presenters (oral or poster) are required to register by 1 May for their abstract to be considered and accepted. Participants not submitting abstracts may register any time before (or at) the Symposium but must do so by 10 July to guarantee a space on the tours and banquets. More details are on the website.

The direct link to submit your abstract is:

<http://www.actahort.org/members/symposiar?nr=490>

2) Graduate students are HIGHLY encouraged to attend. There will be a graduate student oral/poster session with the top students receiving awards.

3) Other than our Symposium there are TWO (2) other major events occurring in Portland the same week. A Solar Eclipse and a very large national Horticultural Trade/Industry Show - The Far West Show. Symposium attendees will be provided free passes to this trade show. We will also make plans to view the eclipse.

- Far West Show: <http://www.farwestshow.com/index.html>

- Solar Eclipse: [http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/path\\_through\\_the\\_US.htm](http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/path_through_the_US.htm)

4) Book your HOTELS EARLY. We will have dorm rooms available on the website soon for booking/reserving (\$68/night for two people and it is very close to the meeting venue) if you choose. Details are on the website. There are also many hotels in downtown Portland close to the meeting venue. Hotels near airport are cheaper. Portland has great ground transportation for moving about the city so hotels further away should not be a problem.

5) We are promoting this to the Horticultural Industry as much as we are to Academic/University members. Some of the areas of the industry we are promoting and recruiting include: 1) Peat producers and users, 2) Wood Fiber producers and users, 3) Compost producers and users, 4) Cannabis producers, 5) Biochar producers and users, 6) Raw Material suppliers, 7) Hydroponic and Aquaponic growers, 8) Perlite/Vermiculite/Mycorrhizae/ suppliers, 9) Organic Fertilizer producers, 10) Coconut Coir Producers and users, 11) Professional AND Retail growing media producers. 12) Urban Substrate and Urban Farming (green roof substrates, vertical walls, rain gardens, etc.) among others.

6) The west coast of the United States is a fabulous place to visit! Close to California, Las Vegas, Seattle, British Columbia and Vancouver. I hope that you will consider spending some time before or after the Symposium to explore :)

All other conference details including visa information, travel and accommodation suggestions, invitation letters, information about the region and things to do, among many other things can be found on the symposium website.

The link to the symposium website + other information can be found at <http://www.ishs.org/symposium/490>

**We look forward to seeing you in August in Portland, Oregon!**

Cheers,

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