

Preliminary ISCN 2020 Congress programme – Plenary sessions

The Programme Committee of ISCN 2020 is excited to present an outline of the Plenary Session Programme, **and invite speakers to submit abstracts by 31 March 2020 to admin@iscncongress2020.com for ORAL or POSTER presentations in these sessions.**

The Committee approached potential speakers in the various sessions, who are also planning to attend ISCN2020, and we are honoured to be able to present the preliminary programme below (titles and speakers are preliminary and subject to change).

○ **OPENING SESSION: Worldwide trends and threats to citrus production**

- Global citrus planting, marketing and consumption trends - **Graham Barry (XLnT Citrus, South Africa)**
- Successes and challenges of management of HLB in Brazil – **Juliano Ayres (Fundecitrus, Brazil)**

○ **Nursery challenges and solutions**

For this session, the ISCN2020 Programme Committee has invited speakers from different regions in the world to give presentations of unique and specific challenges in their region.

- USA (East Coast) - **Nate Jameson (Brite Leaf Citrus Nursery, USA)**
- Brazil - **Cesar Graf (Citrograf Nursery, Brazil)**
- China - **Zhao Xiaochun (Southwest University in Chongqing, China)**
- Australia - **Wayne Parr (Golden Grove Queensland)** and **Greg Chislett (Chislett Farms, Australia)**
- New Zealand - **Simon Jurisich (Kwan Citrus Nursery, New Zealand)**
- South Africa - **Scott McKenzie (DuRoi-Hall's Nursery, South Africa)**
- *To be confirmed: Israel, Spain, South American cone (Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay), USA-West*

○ **Nursery layout, mechanisation and structures**

- Planning and operating a new and modern nursery – **Jose Lima (Wonderful Citrus, USA)**
- Modernising and mechanisation of an established nursery – **Roger Smith (TreeSource Nursery, USA)**
- Influence of light and light levels on citrus tree growth in nurseries - **Kyra Smith (TreeSource Nursery, USA)**
- Citrus production under nets - **Paul Cronje (Citrus Research International, South Africa)**
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○ **Pest and disease control**

- Biocontrol of insect pests at TreeSource Nursery – **Eric Valle (TreeSource Nursery, USA)**
- Control of Phytophthora in citrus nurseries - **Jan van Niekerk (Citrus Research International, South Africa)**
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- *Extended interactive discussion session on pest and disease control in nurseries*

○ **Growing medium, irrigation and nutrition**

- *Platinum sponsor talk by Netafim*
- Management of fertigation – **Nate Jameson (Brite Leaf Citrus Nursery, USA)**
- Acidification of irrigation water in citrus nurseries - **Jim Graham (University of Florida, USA)**
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○ **Rootstocks and Cultivars**

- Breeding of HLB tolerant cultivars - **Fred Gmitter (University of Florida, USA)**
- Citrus cultivar evaluation in diverse climate areas - **Paul Cronje (Citrus Research International, South Africa)**
- Selecting the right cultivar – **BioGold**
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○ **Nursery business management**

- Software solutions for nursery administration – **Jonathan Chislett (Chislett Farms, Australia)**
- South Africa's nursery certification and advisory service – **Paul Fourie (Citrus Research International, South Africa)**
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