



International Society for Plant Pathology

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ISPP

MPU

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Society membership. The society counts 271 members from 41 different countries. Its mailing list also includes old members and participants to the congresses and intermediate meetings

Report for 2009-2013.

Society Activities and publications. A brief background, and information about the aims and achievements of the MPU is given in the society website, with links to the journal published by MPU, to the MPU Newsletter and links to MPU activities.

The Society publishes in print and on-line, an international plant pathology journal, *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* (www.fupress.com/pm/). A lot of efforts in the Union has been recently devoted to promoting the journal and improving its quality and impact on the scientific community. The on-line edition improved a lot the access and indexing of the journal. The journal is also under inclusion within the Jstore database.

Plant Pathology in the Mediterranean Area.

The MPU journal devotes special attention and space to the role of Plant Protection in food health. In this frame it published in 2012 a Special issue dedicated to “Mycotoxin risks in Mediterranean countries”.

It also devotes a special attention to diseases of one of the more typical crops in the area, grapevine. This is reflected in the coorganization of Workshops by MPU in collaboration with the SMC on Grapevine Trunk Diseases, and in the publication of 8 Special issues on the subject.

A Special issue was also dedicated in 2013 to Pulse crops, another very relevant crop for the Mediterranean area. The next Special issue now in preparation will be devoted to the Future developments in Integrated Pest Management (2014)

Society Conferences and Workshops

MPU organized 13 congresses (see webpage). The last congress was held in Rome in 2010, the next one will be organized in Istanbul in 2014:

Joint XIV Mediterranean Phytopathological Union Congress and ISM (International Society for Mycotoxicology) Mediterranean Branch Meeting 2014

25-29 August, 2014 ISTANBUL - TURKEY

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Other plant pathology conferences in the Mediterranean Region

The society organises intermediate workshops and meetings. The last one was held in Bari, Italy:

[1st International MPU Workshop](#)

"Plant Protection for the Quality and Safety of the Mediterranean Diet"

Bari, Italy, 25-27 October 2012

Funding opportunities: MPU did not deal with those aspects up to now, but it is planning to start offering opportunities to establish contacts and start collaborations among plant pathologists in the different Mediterranean countries helping to start joint research programmes.

Plant pathology in the Region Served by the Society 2009-2013

MPU uses the journal and the MPU congresses and satellite meetings as a way to stimulate and create contacts and spreading of information on research carried out in the area.