

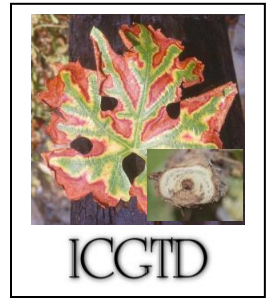


International Society for Plant Pathology

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**July 2018 Committee Report to the ISPP Executive and Council
ISPP Committee on GRAPEVINE TRUNK DISEASES**



SUBJECT MATTER COMMITTEE. International Council on Grapevine Trunk Diseases (ICGTD)

Established: in California (USA) in July 1998

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Current membership. 300 members belong to the Council as all researchers that participated to the workshops became automatically ICGTD members. The Council is run by a Board. The chair person of the Board is the researcher that organized the last workshop. The founder members and the organisers of the previous workshops also become stable members of the council. Regional coordinators are also nominated

About the SMC. The committee keeps in touch by email and meets in workshops every two years. In those occasions it is also held a meeting of the Council Board, planning future meetings, publication of results, committees composition. During the workshops decisions are taken on the names to use for diseases and other matters of common interest.

Committee Meetings:

- 1st IWGTD, Siena, Italy (October 1999)
- 2nd IWGTD, Lisbon, Portugal (September 2001)
- 3rd IWGTD, Christchurch, New Zealand (February 2003)
- 4th IWGTD, Stellenbosh, South Africa (January 2005)
- 5th IWGTD, Davis, California (2006)
- 6th IWGTD, Florence, Italy (2008)
- 7th IWGTD, Santa Cruz, Chile (2010)
- 8th IWGTD, Valencia, Spain (2012)
- 9th IWGTD, Adelaide, Australia, (2014)
- 10th IWGTD, Reims, France (2017)

Committee Activities:

Workshops are organized every two years, the results of which are published in *Phytopathologia Mediterranea*. A strong network was created since the very beginning that brings to create a close network of communication and collaboration. Students and researchers moved from one research centre to the other for collaboration in research and for exchange of information. The frequent and most friendly contacts created a really fruitful and pleasant friendly atmosphere in the group. In this atmosphere ICGTD

Workshops also became an occasion for discussion and decision making on general matters as names of the trunk diseases we are dealing with.

A proposal for a European research project within the H2020 frame is under evaluation which involves collaborations with ICGTD members also out of Europe.

Subject Matter Committee focus issues:

The ICGTD is a non-profit organisation. It has no sponsors, no membership fees. All its activities are carried out on a volunteer basis and has the strong support of ISPP and of MPU (Mediterranean Phytopathological Society, editor of *Phytopathologia Mediterranea*).

Tasks and delimitation of activities. Grapevine fungal trunk diseases, whose agents are located in the mature stem (trunk and cordons) of grapevines, with special emphasis on Esca and related diseases, but also including trunk diseases caused by other fungal pathogens such as *Eutypa*, *Botryosphaeria*, black foot agents, *Diaporthe* and so on.

Publications

The abstracts of the papers presented at each meeting are always published in *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* soon after the workshop. Selected and peerly reviewed Review papers and Research papers are then published as Special issues containing some of the more relevant results obtained on the subject that had been presented by selected experts at the workshops. The Special issues (9 up to now and the 10th will be published in August 2018) were published in *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* (www.fupress.com/pm). Some of these issues were published also thanks to the relevant support of ISPP (Special issue of *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* on grapevine trunk diseases, namely the 3rd and the 7th Special issue).

Additional Comments

The links created within the ICGTD were the base for the construction of the European network on the subject. Therefore in the last three years the ICGTD collaborated quite closely with the COST Action ManaGTD – FA1303 Sustainable control of Grapevine Trunk Diseases, under the guidance of Dr Florence Fontaine. The collaboration led to organizing the last ICGTD workshop, held in Reims, France, jointly with the COST Action FA1303. This gave a very successful meeting, under the lead of Pr Florence Fontaine, who then was elected Chairperson of the Council for the next term.

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