The International Association of Mediterranean Agro-Industrial Wastes www.iamawaste.org, in collaboration with the Portuguese Society of Biotechnology www.spbt.pt announces

IAMAW 1st INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
“VALORIZATION OF MEDITERRANEAN BIOWASTES AND EFFLUENTS”

5 TO 8 JUNE 2012
SANTARÉM, PORTUGAL

The Workshop will be hosted by the NATIONAL EXHIBITION AND AGRICULTURAL MARKET CENTRE, www.cnema.pt,
at the time of the PORTUGAL AGRICULTURE FAIR 2012 (2-10TH JUNE)
The IAMAW is proud to announce this event that addresses R&D developments for the environment protection of the typical Mediterranean landscapes with an emphasis on resources protection and valorization of wastes and effluents for “biorefineries” and for water recycling.

We hope that this event will bring together not only IAMAW and SPBT membership but also all the scientists and other stakeholders that can share with us their work and vision contributing for the environmental and economical sustainability of our economies and the progress of the Mediterranean Region.

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**FOCUS:** IAMAW welcomes abstracts submission for oral communications and poster presentations in the following sessions that will address the scientific and technological contributions for the treatment, recovery, reuse and/or commercialization of valuable compounds in agro-industrial wastes and effluents:

1- **Wastes Characterization and Classification**
   - **Chairs:** Juan Cegarra, Centro de Edafología y Biología Aplicada del Segura-CSIC-Spain
   - José Martinez, IRSTEA-National Research Institute of Science and Technology for Environment and Agriculture, Rennes-France

2- **Bioenergy from Wastes**
   - **Chairs:** Jeff Tolan, IOGEN Corporation, Canada
   - Lucilia Domingues, DEB-Minho University, Portugal

3- **Waste/Effluent Treatment and Recycling**
   - **Chairs:** Maurizio Petruccioli, Universitat degli Studi della Tuscia, Italy
   - Madalena Alves, DEB Minho University, Portugal

4- **Lignocellulosic Biotechnologies**
   - **Chairs:** Mohammad Taherzadeh, School of Engineering, Boras Univ. Sweden
   - Solange Mussatto, IBB/CEB, Minho University

5- **Natural Products from Wastes**
   - **Chair:** Fazilet Vardar Sukan, Ege University, Turkey
   - Juan Fernández-Bolaños, I. de la Grasa, Spain

6- **Bioconversion of Wastes for Food and Feed**
   - **Chairs:** George Zervakis, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece
   - Yitzhak Hadar, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
7-Composting

- **Chairman:** Michael Raviv, Volcani Institute of Agriculture Research – Israel
- Francesco Montemurro, C.R.A. SSC –Metaponto, Italy

8-Sectorial Seminar: from Research to Commercialization.

- **Chair:** Francesca Santori, Istituto Superior di Ricerca e Formazione sui Materiali Speciali per le Tecnologia Avanzate- Italy
- Ahmed Nejmeddine, Univ. Hassan 1er, Maroc

Consult the IAMAW webpage for more information ([www.iamawwastes.org](http://www.iamawwastes.org))

**LOCATION:** Santarém is located 80km North of Lisbon, and is the lively capital of the main agricultural region of the country, the plane of the river Tejo. Located on a strateg hill overlooking the Tejo river, Santarém is an attractive historical town, with human occupation from pre-historic to Roman, Visigoth, Arab to the establishment of Portugal on the 12th century. It is recognized for its gothic patrimony, and the agricultural capital of Portugal, hosting every year the National Agriculture Fair on the first two weeks of June, where the workshop will take place. It is also recognized for its Portuguese gastronomy festival (“tasquinhas”) and its bullfights riding on the horse. It is on this attractive “Mediterranean” lively atmosphere that our workshop will take place.

**TRANSPORT:** Santarém is at some 45’, highway drive, from Lisbon International Airport, and it is served by hourly trains and buses to and from Lisbon city Centre.

**ACCOMODATION:** IAMAW Workshop does not take care of hotel reservation for participants but made a limited amount of bloc pre-reservations for the workshop in the two available Hotels at Santarém. These pre-reservations are valid for a limited period (until 1st April). Participants are encouraged to make reservations ASAP, since hotels are highly requested during the time of the National Agriculture Fair! Alternative accommodations may be always looked at the internet in the neighbourhood cities, from Lisboa to Fatima, but take attention to transport time.
Please mention "IAMAW reservation" when booking your place at the workshop hotels:

**-Hotel Alfageme, 3 star, reserve at reservas@hotelalfageme.com**

- Reservation until 30th April
- 30’ walk from Workshop location
- Single: 59 €/ room / night / breakfast included
- Twin: 69 €/ room /night / breakfast included
- Website: [http://www.hotelalfageme.com/](http://www.hotelalfageme.com/)

**-Santarém Hotel, 4 star, reserve at commercial@santaremhotel.net**

- Reservations until 1st April
- 15’ walk from workshop location
- Single: 65.00€/night/breakfast included
- Twin: 75.00€ room /night / breakfast included
- Website: [http://www.santaremhotel.net/](http://www.santaremhotel.net/)

On the image: the green pin signalizes the CNEMA where the WORKSHOP and the Agriculture fair will occur. Top-left is hotel Alfageme and the nearest is Santarém Hotel. Also in the map are the train (top right corner of the map), and the BUS (central) stations.

**REGISTRATION FEES:** Please fill registration form and send ASAP to: iamaw.workshop@gmail.com

-Early Registration fee (before 1st April): 200 € (two hundred euro).

Later payments will be charged with an extra cost of 50€, for all types of fees. Please note that no credit cards will be accepted for payment of fees.

-For IAMAW and SPBT members: *(2012 quota + workshop fee)*: 200€
- **South Mediterranean and other developing Countries:** (2012 IAMAW membership fee + workshop fee): 150 €

- **Students** (under 30 years and without a grant) may apply for a reduced fee of 75 €, workshop dinner not included. This will give them the right to IAMAW membership for one year. A presentation letter is required from a registered member or a University/Research Institution.

**The Fee includes:** Workshop registration, entrance to the Fair during the workshop, coffee breaks and the official workshop dinner and conference materials;

The fee does not include any other meals, but participants will have a wide range of choices in the Agriculture Fair restaurants. Tickets for a self-service lunch service can be bought from the organization, on place, at moderate price (±10€).

**COURSE ON COMPOSTING TECHNOLOGIES:** The IAMAW workshop proposes a short course on COMPOSTING TECHNOLOGIES to participants to be held on Friday, the 8th. The course will be a full day event covering most practical issues arising from the production and use of high quality Compost. A maximum of 30 participants will be accepted on a first come (paid) criteria. **Course Fee: 120€ (includes lunch).**

**SOCIAL PROGRAM:** The IAMAW workshop is organizing a day-long social program to the most popular and important religious and historical places around Santarem (Fatima and the Temple’s Order Castle at Tomar) and if possible to visit some local winery and/or olive mill. The cost for this program is to be announced soon (we foresee about 70 €, with lunch).

**EXHIBITION AND SPONSORING:** Institutions and Companies wishing to sponsor and or advertise products or services during the workshop and/or on the Fair should contact the Organization for further information at iamaw.workshop@gmail.com. Stands are also available at the normal fair prices.

**SHORT ABSTRACTS:**
Abstracts should be sent to iamaw.workshop@gmail.com ASAP and latest on the 31st March. Abstracts sent until the end of February will be given preference for oral communications.

The abstracts, describing the scientific, technological or economical achievements but avoiding generalities or lengthy introductions, must be written according to the specifications below:

- Documents in word or rich text format
- Text (including references and acknowledgments) with a maximum of 2000 characters, including spaces. The abstract must be typed in Arial font 12 points, 1,5x space paragraph with margins of 2,5 cm. The text alignment should be justified.
- Title must be in capital letters, and the presenting author name underlined. Double space paragraph must be used between the title section, the authors affiliation section and the main text of the abstract.
- References may be included (maximum 3, preferably from the authors) and should obey the following rule: –Complete title, Authors, Publication, volume, page numbers and year of the publication.
- The complete abstract must not be of more than one page when printed. One extra page with relevant Figures and tables can be added if necessary.
- A short CV of the presenting author, showing academic and/or professional degrees, present and past positions, and main scientific and professional experience and achievements, of half to a maximum of one page, must be included.

**DEADLINES:**

- Short Abstract submission with registration: Two selection periods: 29th February and 31st March.
- Registration Payment without extra cost: 15th April. Later registrations will be charged with an additional €50.
- Accepted abstracts will be required to send an extended abstract (4-6 pages) for the workshop proceedings. Extended abstracts will be due on the 15th May.
NOTES: A selection of the Papers presented at the workshop will be used for presentation to a specialized journal.

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