

European Weed Research Society

1ST CIRCULAR

JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE EWRS WORKING GROUPS:

Weed management in arid and semi-arid climate and Weed management systems in vegetables

**4-8 September 2011
Huesca, Spain**

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to give you some general information on the joint workshop of our working groups. **Please forward this circular to any interested colleagues in your institution/country.** Information on the workshop will also appear regularly on the working group's web site:

http://www.ewrs.org/weed_management_systems_in_vegetables.asp

<http://www.ewrs.org/arid/default.asp>

The aim of the workshop is to create a forum where people involved in research in weed management in vegetables and in arid and semi-arid agro-ecosystems weed control can come together and exchange results, experiences, and information and establish new contacts and networks.

You are invited to express your interest by:

- Suggesting topics for sessions, keynote themes and round-tables;
- Volunteering to chair sessions and round-tables.

Please send your suggestions to the Scientific Organizers until mid March 2011 in order for us to be able to incorporate them into the Call for Papers (2nd circular, April 2011). The Scientific Programme will be in the 3rd circular (mid June 2011).

We look forward to receiving your contributions and hope you will be able to join us in Huesca!

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Venue

The Workshop will take place at the Escuela Politécnica Superior de Huesca, located 7 km from the centre of Huesca. Huesca is an ancient town of 50.000 inhabitants with very interesting architecture, especially from its Romanesque period. It is one of the three capitals of the Aragón region. The city lays on the road to France about 75 km from Zaragoza. It is serviced by few airlines but frequent trains and buses are available from both Madrid and Barcelona. Huesca is located next to the Pyrenees mountains, which defines the landscape of the Hoya (valley) of Huesca, an important agricultural region which includes dryland and irrigated crops. This is an area of large contrasts between the rocky mountains and the arid surroundings with scarce vegetation. The location of the venue offers an excellent opportunity for you to spend some extra days sightseeing in the Pyrenees or visiting the two major cities of Spain, Barcelona and Madrid, with all their interesting attractions.

Several institutions are co-operating with the EPS of Huesca: Centro de Investigación y Tecnología Agroalimentaria (CITA) (a regional Research Centre in Food and Agriculture), a delegation of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) (the main Research Institution of Spain), the Plant Protection Service from the Autonomous Government and different laboratories of the Agriculture Department of Aragón.

Accommodations and meals

Participants in the workshop will have lunch at the EPS restaurant. Accommodations will be in Huesca, and a list of recommended hotels in the city centre is provided below. The central location of the hotels will facilitate meeting after the official programme. We hope that informal discussions will continue while enjoying some 'tapas' in many of the bars of the old city.

Hotels between 65 and 70 euro / night including breakfast

Abba (the closest to the bus station)

<http://www.abbahuescahotel.com/>

Hotel Pedro I de Aragón

<http://www.hotelpedroidearagon.com/>

Hotel Posada de la Luna

<http://www.posadadelaluna.com/>

Hotels between 80-90 euros / night including breakfast

<http://www.hotelsanchoabarca.com/>

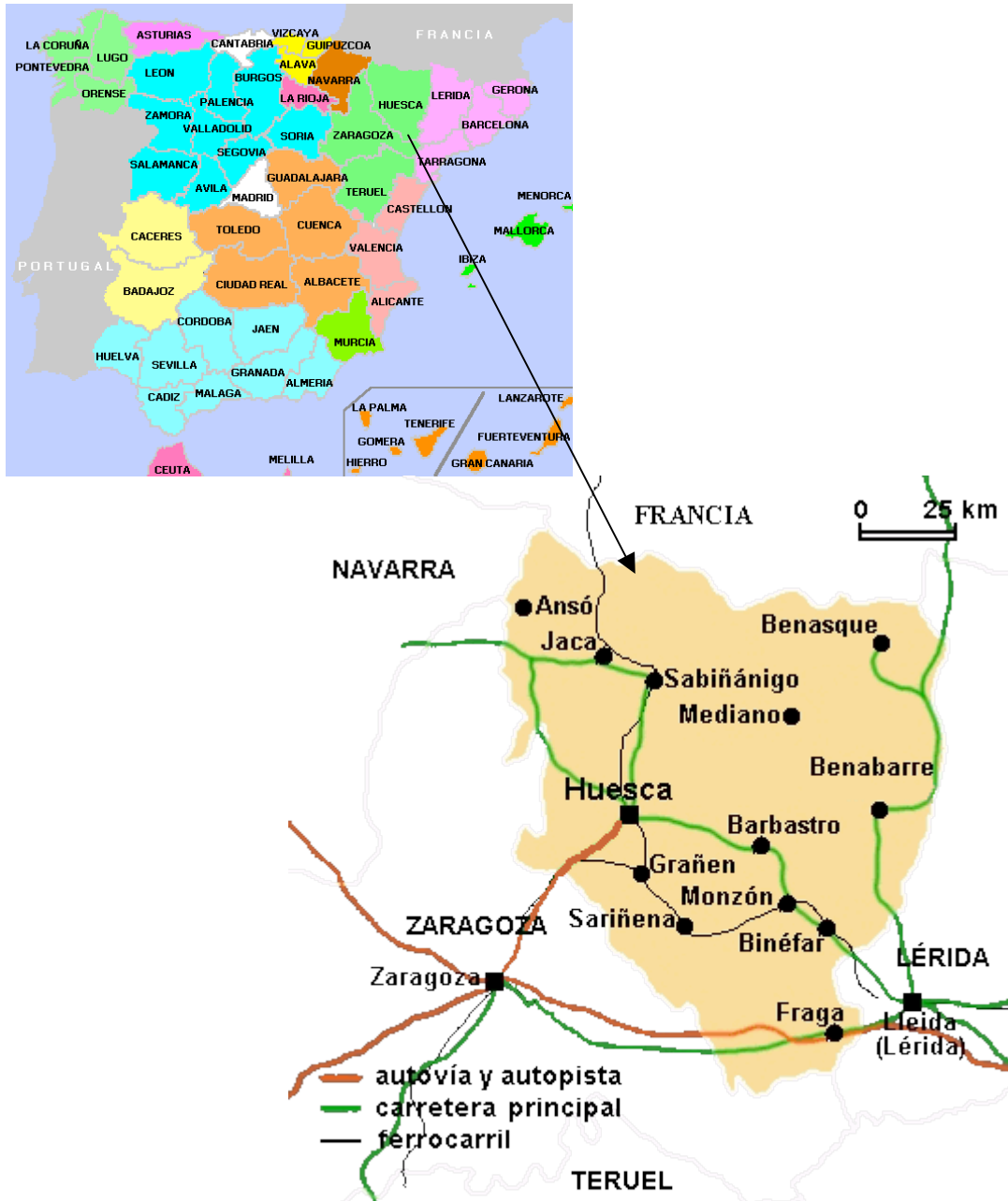
Student Residence

Colegio Mayor Ramon Acin

Double rooms with shared bath and without breakfast: 18.08 EUR / night

Book here as soon as possible, contact: Joaquin Aibar (jaibar@unizar.es)

How to reach Huesca:



Airports:

- Airport "Huesca Pirineos", is located just 10 km from Huesca, but with very few flights.
- At about 45 minutes (driving) from our city is the airport of Zaragoza with more flights.
- Barajas (Madrid) and El Prat (Barcelona) international airports with abundant rail networks.

By road:

From Zaragoza to Huesca: take the A-23 free motorway.

From Madrid: take the A-2 free motorway direction Zaragoza- Barcelona and continue with the A-23 to Huesca.

From Barcelona: take the toll motorway to Zaragoza and continue on the A-23 to Huesca.

By bus:

From Delicias Intermodal Station in Zaragoza:

- Regular bus services from main Spanish cities: Zaragoza (every half an hour), Barcelona, Lérida (Lleida) and Pamplona.
- Time schedule and prices for Zaragoza -Huesca trip: <http://www.alosa.es/rutas-horarios-precios/>
Attention! Check the summer schedule.

By train

From Delicias Intermodal Station (same station of the buses):

- Regular services of RENFE (Spanish Railways), with a daily shuttle line (AVE) from Zaragoza to Huesca (44 minutes). There are also many regular trains from Zaragoza to Huesca (about 1 hour). Currently, there are 7 trains between 6:59 and 20:44. Attention! Check the summer schedule.
- The AVE trains from Madrid to Zaragoza (1 hour and a half) and from Barcelona to Zaragoza (1 hr average) are very frequent (11/ day). There is only a direct train Madrid-Huesca at 19:05 (takes about 2 hr). AVE trains are fast but rather expensive.
- Train bookings (also in English): <http://www.renfe.com/viajeros/index.html>

We recommend:

Book directly in Hotel ABBA Huesca (best quality/price ratio).

If you arrive at the Madrid airport: try to get the AVE train directly to Huesca. If you miss it, then take the AVE train to Zaragoza and another train or bus to Huesca.

If you arrive at the Barcelona airport: get the AVE train to Zaragoza and then continue by train or bus to Huesca.

Another possibility is to rent a car in the Zaragoza station and drive to Huesca. This is expensive but faster. It can be cheaper if you share the car with other colleagues.

Meeting fees:

The fees include welcome party, lunches during the meeting days and farewell informal dinner. Before June 1st: EWRS members and students: 150 €. Non EWRS members: 210 € (includes the equivalent of the EWRS membership fee for one year i.e. 60 € in 2011). After June 1st: EWRS members: 180 €. Non EWRS members: 235 €

Provisional programme (to be adjusted according to the submitted contributions etc...)

Sunday 4th September 2011

- Arrival, sightseeing, etc.
- Afternoon and Evening: Registration
- Welcome drink and dinner on your own

Monday 5th September 2011

- Morning: Registration
- Morning and afternoon: Scientific programme
- Evening: Dinner on your own

Tuesday 6th September 2011

- Morning: Registration
- Morning and afternoon: Scientific programme
- Evening: Dinner on your own

Wednesday 7th September 2011

- Morning: Scientific programme
- Afternoon: Scientific programme
- Evening: Farewell dinner.

Thursday 8th September 2011

- Morning: Plans for the future and concluding remarks (workshop ends at approx. 13:00)

Scientific programme

As usual, the workshop aims to be informal and to stimulate as much discussion as possible among participants. As in past workshops, we will combine plenary scientific sessions with oral and poster presentations, concurrent round-table discussions, and a final plenary session (reports on round-table discussions, directions for the future, etc.). Session chairs will briefly introduce each poster associated with the theme of their oral session presentations. We would also like to organise some keynote themes presented by invited speakers. This will be followed by an extensive discussion lasting 30-45 min. You are welcome to suggest relevant speakers and themes.

Below is a tentative list of topics:

- Weed biology, ecology and modelling
- Herbicide behaviour in soils
- Invasive weeds: control and quarantine regulations
- Weed management in organic farming systems
- Preventive and integrated weed control (crop rotation, tillage system, false seedbed technique, seeding rate, fertilisation, etc.)
- Irrigation and weed control
- Weed management in minor crops and special situations
- Cover crops, mulches and intercropping
- New developments and technical innovations
- Weed population dynamics in physical and cultural weed management systems
- Parasitic weeds and herbicide resistance
- Environmental impact of weed management
- Research methodology in weed management
- Weed control and UE agro- environmental schemes
- Exchange and transfer of information, and international cooperation (glossary, use of Internet resources, etc.)
- ...

Abstracts and Proceedings

- A booklet with one-page abstracts of all scientific contributions will be available at the workshop.
- The abstracts and optional full papers of all scientific contributions, both oral and poster papers, will appear in the Proceedings, which will be published on each working group's web page after the workshop.

Important dates and deadlines (please take note):

15th March 2011

- **Expression of interest in the workshop by registration on the web site.**
- Suggestion concerning the scientific programme: sessions, topics, keynote themes, round-tables, chairperson volunteers, etc. to Baruch Rubin or Euro Pannacci.

15th April, 2011

- **Second Circular, sent only to those who have expressed interest**, containing:
 - Provisional scientific programme and session organizers
 - Call for papers
 - Pre-registration form
 - Additional information on site, travel, etc. if necessary

15th May 2011

- Deadline for pre-registration and provisional abstracts submission (online only, through the web site)

15th June 2011

- **Third Circular** containing:
 - Final Scientific Programme
 - Provisional list of participants
 - Additional information on site, travel, etc if necessary.

15th July 2011

- Deadline for payment of workshop fee
- Deadline for submission of final abstracts and optional full papers for the Proceedings.

Organising committee

- **Scientific organisers**

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