



First Announcement

September 21–24, 2027, Catania (Italy): **VI International Symposium on Ecologically Sound Nutrition and Fertilization Strategies for Vegetable Production**

It is our pleasure to announce the **VI International Symposium on Ecologically Sound Nutrition and Fertilization Strategies for Vegetable Production**, which will be held in Catania (Italy) from September 21 to 24, 2027. The Symposium, organized by the University of Catania, the University of Salerno, and the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, is held under the aegis of the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS), through its Division *Vegetables, Roots and Tubers* and its Working Group on *Vegetable Nutrition and Fertilization*, as well as of the Italian Society for Horticultural Science (SOI).

This event will provide an opportunity for specialists in vegetable production, nutrition, and fertilization to share research innovations, ideas, and knowledge, and to discuss the current status and future perspectives of ecologically sound nutrient and fertilization strategies for vegetable production.

Together with the scientific and organizing committees, we are pleased to invite outstanding plenary speakers who will present the latest advances in their respective fields. Highlights of recent achievements will be showcased to outline future directions. The Symposium will offer an excellent platform for communication and will foster the establishment of new connections and networks to better address the upcoming challenges in vegetable nutrition.

The Symposium will take place in Catania, a wonderful historical city in Sicily (Italy), offering excellent opportunities to enjoy cultural and naturalistic tours across the island, as well as traditional Sicilian food and wines. The congress venue will be the Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A) of the University of Catania, in the *Magna Aula*, where plenary and regular sessions will be held.

Please mark September 21–24, 2027 in your agenda.

For further information, application forms, or to download the First Announcement, please visit the Symposium website: www.vegnutri2027.it

If you are interested in attending the Symposium, please send your name, affiliation, and a provisional presentation title to: info@vegnutri2027.it

You are kindly invited to submit papers for oral and/or poster presentations following the instructions provided on the official website. Deadline for abstract submission: February 15, 2027.

We look forward to welcoming you to Catania.

The Conveners,

Donata Arena, Donato Castronuovo, Antonio Ferrante, and Ferdinando Branca