

News Release

First International Symposium on Elderberry

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The First International Symposium on Elderberry (*Sambucus*), will be held at the Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia, Missouri, USA, June 9 – 14, 2013.

Visit our Symposium website for the latest information:

<http://muconf.missouri.edu/elderberrysymposium/>

This will be the world's first gathering of international scientists from multiple disciplines studying all aspects of the elderberry plant and fruit, and its use as a food and dietary supplement. Horticulturists, botanists, biochemists, food scientists, economists, and others will gather in Missouri, USA during peak elderberry flowering season for several days of scientific exchange and fellowship.

Overlapping with and immediately following the scientific portion of the Symposium (June 9 – 12) will be the Elderberry Producers Symposium (June 13 – 14), consisting of two days of additional exchange among elderberry scientists and producers / processors.

Some key participants will include:

ELDERBERRY AND HUMAN HEALTH:

Vivian Barak, Hadassah Medical Center, Israel

Paula Brown, British Columbia Institute of Technology, Canada

Lars Porskjær Christensen, University of Southern Denmark

Sigrun Chrubasik, University of Freiberg, Germany

Karl Kaack, Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Denmark

Irina Karpova and Valentine Lylo, Ukrainian National Academy of Science, Ukraine

Bjarne F. Knudsen, EMPAS Consulting, Denmark

Dennis Lubahn, University of Missouri, USA

Angela Myracle, University of Maine, USA

Shibu Poullose, US Dept. of Agriculture and Tufts University, Boston, USA

Ângelo Salvador, University of Aveiro, Portugal

Grace Sun, University of Missouri, USA

ELDERBERRY BOTANY / ETHNOBOTANY:

Wendy Applequist, Missouri Botanical Garden, USA

Mohamad Assarah, Research Institute of Forests and Rangelands, Tehran, Iran.

ELDERBERRY HORTICULTURE:

Patrick Byers, University of Missouri, USA

Denis Charlebois, Agriculture and Agri-Food, Québec, Canada

Ahmed Hammad, National Authority for Remote Sensing and Space Science, Egypt

Kim Hummer, USDA, Oregon, USA

Michele Warmund, University of Missouri, USA

Andrew Thomas, University of Missouri, USA

ELDERBERRY MARKETING AND INDUSTRY:

Jan Mills, Artemis International, USA

Ina Cernusca, University of Missouri, USA

The Symposium is being organized under the auspices of the International Society for Horticultural Science, and research papers resulting from the Symposium will be published in a peer-reviewed stand-alone volume of *Acta Horticulturae*. More information, including registration details are forthcoming, so check the website often as the Symposium unfolds.

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