

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY, 14-15-16 OCTOBER 2015

EcoplantMed
International Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS



We are glad to invite you to submit research papers to **ECOPLANTMED** International Conference hosted by the project partner Saint Joseph University (USJ), in Beirut, Lebanon on **14, 15 and 16 October 2015**.

ABOUT ECOPLANTMED



The project **ECOPLANTMED**: "ECOLOGICAL use of native PLANTS for environmental restoration and sustainable development in the MEDITERRANEAN region" is a joint Mediterranean initiative based on the collaboration among seed banks, research institutes and institutions dealing with native plant conservation and management. **The project aims to promote the conservation, enhancement and sustainable use of Mediterranean native plants for habitat restoration and for the development of new economic sectors, by improving the management capacity of local actors.** **ECOPLANTMED** has a total budget of 1.050 million Euro and it is financed, for an amount of 0.945 million Euro (90%), by the European Union under the ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2007-2013.



THE CONFERENCE TOPICS

The Conference focuses on ecological restoration of Mediterranean type habitats (forests, coastal/dune habitats, arid areas, wetlands, etc.) that faced degradation by urban development, fire, invasive species, overgrazing, quarries, mines, etc. It will address issues such as: cases of restoration of Mediterranean habitat types, criteria to select species for restoration purposes, importance of the seed banks in conservation of plants for restoration, genetic quality of plants, morpho-physiological quality of plants...

Three keynote speakers, Michele BOZZANO, Jordi CORTINA and Thiery DUTOIT, will be shedding the light on ecological restoration and related topics.



CONFERENCE VENUE

ECOPLANTMED International Conference will be held at Saint Joseph University on its new Campus of Innovation and Sports (CIS), Beirut, Lebanon.



PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of all oral presentations (invitational conferences and oral communications) will be published in a special issue of Plant Sociology Journal.

KEY DATES

May 15, 2015:
(extended till May 30, 2015):
Deadline for abstract submissions.

September 15, 2015:
Regular registration period ends.

July 15, 2015:
Abstract review process complete.

July 30, 2015:
Final program with date and time
of all sessions available.

October 15, 2015:
Onsite registration.



APRIL 16, 2016:
Deadline for sending
papers to the president
of the organizing
committee for publication.



CONFERENCE WEBSITE

For more information about the **ECOPLANTMED** International Conference, abstract submission and registration, please visit

<http://fs.usj.edu.lb/ecoplantmed/>.

