



Black, Caspian Seas and Central Asia Silk Association (BACSA)

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10th BACSA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“Regeneration of sericultural industries in 21st century”

“REGESERI” 2023

Soufli, Greece

April 24th – 27th 2023

Letter of Open Invitation

1st announcement

15th February 2023

Dear Colleagues,

The 10th BACSA international conference **“Regeneration of sericultural industries in 21st century” “REGESERI” 2023** will be held at Soufli, Greece, from 24th to 27th April 2023.

The Regional Government of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, the Silk House company in Soufli, Greece and ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF SILK ‘CHRYSALLIS’, GREECE are hosting the meeting in collaboration with the Black, Caspian Seas and Central Asia Silk Association (BACSA).

In the recent decade the international price of raw silk began to rise rapidly, reaching levels of about US\$ 55–60/kg mostly because of the industrialization of China. Simultaneously a new

interest was expressed by the European silk industry for countries alternative to China where silk might be produced. A sign of this interest was the BACSA conference of 2013, which was held in Italy with the economic support and commitment of the Italian silk industry in collaboration with CREA.

Another sign of interest was the progressive association to BACSA of countries from Western Europe: Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Slovenia, Switzerland, UK which are currently members of BACSA.

However, the restoration of the sericulture chain in Europe and BACSA countries is a very huge goal that cannot be sustained by the industry alone, thus a public-private partnership should be envisaged, and the governmental and EC support should be provided to make it a realistic goal, which, however, needs long term investments.

According to the recent trend for a rising demand of natural fibers from the final consumers, who look for comfortable wearing and sustainability of clothes, an increase of the silk price is expected and this phenomenon might give opportunities to more countries to become competitive.

In addition to this exciting opportunity, the forecasts for the future represent that the demand of non-textile silk as constitutive proteins will increase at a steady rate, due to the new utilizations of silk as a versatile polymer for different aims (cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, biomedical).

Sericulture might be an organic agricultural practice because the mulberry is environmentally useful to protect soil from erosion, to adsorb carbon dioxide, to prevent desertification in marginal areas. If it is exploited in a non-intensive way it requires limited fertilization and irrigation and no pesticides at all. The moriculture can also be practiced in polluted or salty soils to accelerate their recovery to production. The silkworm is an environmental sentinel especially informative on the abuse of pesticides on agricultural crops cultivated nearby the rearing places. Furthermore, sericulture and moriculture can be exploited for circular economies where by-products of some processes can become raw materials for others.

According to BACSA's aims, it has been strengthening links and sharing knowledge among sericultural countries, by giving a wide support to many actions dedicated to the revival of sericulture. Although this revival has not been possible yet on a

large scale there are many hints about possible future development.

In this respect the Conference organizers would appreciate presenting contributions on the main Conference topic as well as country reports, science and technology papers in the field of silkworms, cocoon and silk production, pathology, breeding and bacology, using silkworm and mulberry for non-textile purposes, post-cocoon technologies, silk enterprise and trade.

Exhibition sessions will also be organized for equipment/tools and sericultural products.

Those who require a personalized letter of invitation for the purpose of travel documents to Greece may wish to contact:

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF SILK 'CHRYSTALLIS',
GREECE**

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Updated information about the forthcoming event as well as other activities in sericulture industry development you may find at the BACSA web site: www.bacsa-silk.org.

***Hoping that we will meet at The 10th BACSA
international conference REGESERI 2023, the
Organizers send you their best wishes!***

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Panomir Tzenov



President, Black, Caspian Seas and Central Asia Silk Association (BACSA)

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PROGRAMME

Organizing committee:

President: Prof. Dr P. Tzenov, President of BACSA and Director of Scientific Center on Sericulture under the Bulgarian Agricultural Academy.

Vice-president: Dr. Skarlatos Dedos, Associate Professor, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Members:

Mr. George Tsiakiris, Silk house, Soufli, Greece

Dr. Evripidis Kipriotis, BACSA vice president for Europe, Greece

Dr. Silvia Cappelozza, Director, Council for Agricultural Research and Economics, Research Center for Agriculture and Environment, Padua Seat, Padua, Italy

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yusif Shukurlu, Director, Regional Scientific Center of Sheki, Sheki, Azerbaijan

Prof. Dr. Dimitar Grekov, Agricultural University, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Dr. Paschalis Charizanis, Emeritus Prof. Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

Scientific committee

Dr. S. Cappellozza

Prof. Dr. D. Grekov

Prof. Dr. P. Tzenov

Venue:

City Hall's Conference Centre

Programme (tentative):

22nd and 23rd April, Saturday and Sunday

Arrival of the participants, their meeting and transfer to Soufli by the local hosting institution, check in at one of the following hotels:

1. Thrassa Hotel (Tichero)
2. Hotel Plotini (Didimoticho)
3. Hotel Ermis (Didimoticho)
4. Lefkippos Mansion (Lefkimi)
5. Holiday Villas (Lefkimi)

24th April, Monday

9:00 – 9:30 registration.

9:30 – 10:00 opening ceremony.

10:00 – 12:00 Regeneration of sericultural industries in 21st century – problems and prospects, Session 1

12:00 – 12:30 visit the silk exhibition at the Historical Industrial Complex Tzivre.

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30, Regeneration of sericultural industries in 21st century – problems and prospects Session 2

14:30 – 16:00 Country reports on sericulture session 1 – background, present status, problems, issues and development strategies

16:00 – 18:00 scientific – technical reports session 1

18:00 – 20:00 Local Folk Music and dance presentation

20:00 Welcoming Dinner

25th April, Tuesday

Visit to the Sericultural Facilities, Silk Mills and two Industries producing silk products. Lunch during the tour.

26th April, Wednesday

9:00 – 12:30 scientific – technical reports session 2

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Posters session

14:30 – 15:30 BACSA Executive committee meeting

20:00 Dinner

27th April, Thursday

Visit the four museums of Soufli: Historical, Folk museum and two Silk Museums. Visiting the towns monument, like Temples and historical buildings.

Lunch during the tour, farewell dinner.

Closing the conference.

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Registration Form

To be sent attached by the e-mail to **Ms. Sofia Kasapidou** with copy to Prof. Dr. Panomir Tzenov.

Closing for submission: **April 1st 2023**

Language

English

Call for papers

Participants who wish to present papers are invited to submit an abstract first. The abstracts must be written in English and sent to Prof. Dr. Panomir Tzenov by the e-mail, with the Abstract Submission Form.

Closing for abstract submission: **April 1st 2023**

Papers: In formats of A4, single line, Times New Roman, font 12, the text not exceeding 15 pages (tables and figures included), in English; MS-Word file (s) e-mail-attached. The papers should be sent to Prof. Dr P. Tzenov by the e-mail.

Deadline for the paper submission: **April 21st 2023**

Each paper, submitted to the conference will be reviewed by the Scientific committee and if necessary, returned back to the authors for revision. Those papers who do not meet the requirements for scientific novelty and contributions may be cancelled for publication in the conference proceedings.

Registration fee: 340,00 €/person

The registration fee includes: 1) transfer from the Thessaloniki or Alexandroupolis airports or bus/railway stations respective to the conference venue and back; 2) 4 lunches; 3) 4 dinners; 4) technical and study tour visits; 5) Conference materials (abstract book and gadgets); 6) access to the sericulture products exhibition; 7) Publishing paper(s) in the Conference proceedings and uploading them on the BACSA web site.

The registration fee does not include the hotel accommodation costs.

The registration fee is the same amount both for Conference participants and accompanying persons!

The registration fee should be transferred to the bank account below no later than **April 1st 2023**:

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VAT NUMBER: 800285980

When they pay this fee, the participants are asked to specify on the payment order, at "Payment details", the family and the first name and the text "Registration fee Conference".

If anybody needs some additional details on the payment modalities of the participation fee, please contact:

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Commercial Opportunities include:

- Exhibition;
- Advertisement in the Conference Programme and Exhibition;
- Buyer-seller meetings.

Hotel accommodation

1. Thrassa Hotel (Tichero)

(+30) 2554041629

hotelthrassa@gmail.com

www.hotelthrassa.gr

2. **Hotel Plotini (Didimoticho)**
(+30) 2553023400
info@hotelplotini.gr
www.booking.com/hotel/gr/plotini.el.html

3. **Hotel Ermis (Didimoticho)**
(+30) 2553020250
Hotel_ermis@yahoo.gr
www.hotel-ermis.gr

4. **Lefkippos Mansion (Lefkimi)**
(+30) 6988617549
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www.visitsoufli.com/listings/lefkippos-mansion/

5. **Holiday Villas (Lefkimi)**
(+30) 2554033371
info@ap-dasos.gr
www.ap-dasos.gr

The conference participants are requested to make the hotel reservation by themselves and to indicate the hotel in the registration form!

Weather:

The end of April is considered as spring season in Greece. Average day temperature ranges usually 15° - 25° C.

Currency: The Greek currency is Euros.

Travel: The foreign conference participants may take flight to Thessaloniki or Alexandroupolis airports or if by bus or train to the same cities' bus/railway stations, where the local hosting institution will arrange their meeting and

transfer to conference venue and back. The travel details should be strictly indicated in the Registration form.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Registration Form – by April 1st 2023

Abstract submission form – by April 1st 2023

Registration fee: by April 1st 2023

Papers – by April 21st 2023