International Conference on Fungal Conservation 2016

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2016 ASEC Conference The First International Conference on Fungal Conservation in the Middle East and North Africa ISMAILIA-EGYPT / OCTOBER 18-20, 2016

First circular: Conference announcement

The 1st International Conference on Fungal Conservation in the Middle East and Northern Africa will be held by the <u>Arab Society for Fungal Conservation</u> with <u>Suez Canal University</u> at Ismailia from Tuesday 18 to Thursday 20 October 2016.

Contributions are welcome on any aspect of fungal conservation (micro and macrofungi) and fungal relationships with other organisms, including focused empirical, theoretical, and related fields including Bioprospecting, clean up the environment, history of science, and World Heritage.

The participation of early career scholars and postgraduate research researchers is positively encouraged.

Conference chairman is <u>Prof. Moustafa Fouda</u> (Minister Advisor on Biodiversity, Nature Conservation Sector, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, Cabinet of Ministers). In order to help plan the ICFC-2016 and ensure the involvement and participation of the world-wide scientific community, several committees have been set up. A <u>Scientific Committee</u>, chaired by <u>Dr. Ahmed Abdel-Azeem</u> (University of Suez Canal) has been established, and an Organizing Committee, supported by sponsors, is overseeing the running of the Conference.

A Call for Papers and Sessions will be issued in 10th of January 2016. The deadline for receipt of proposals will be 30th June 2016. A draft program will be published in August 2016.

Plenary speakers will include Prof. Gerhard Kost (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany), Prof. Birgit Piechulla (Institute of Biological Sciences, Germany), Prof. Raghavan Charudattan (Pathology Department, University of Florida, USA), Prof. Shaker A. Mousa (Pharmaceutical Research Institute, USA) and Dr. Vijai Kumar Gupta (National University of Ireland Galway).

The Conference will include a full range of academic sessions, plenary lectures, social events and field trips beyond Ismailia.

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