

## Editorial Note

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The special issue of the journal *Agriculturae Conspectus Scientificus* (ACS) contains selected and fully reviewed papers presented at COST Action 863 Joint Meeting of the Working Groups 2&3 “Berry Plant Quality and Sustainable Production” held in Zagreb, Croatia on 19-22 April 2006.

More than 90 scientists and professionals from 27 countries attended the meeting. 30 oral presentation and 21 posters were presented. All the accepted abstracts were published in the Abstract Book available on-line (<http://cost.hdjv.org>).

The four-day scientific programme included presentations of the current research concerning berry fruit production. The programme was divided in four sessions:

- Sustainable production systems: pest and disease detection and management
- Sustainable production systems: environmental and economic aspects
- Quality of berry starting materials
- Alternative production strategies towards sustainability

The participants considered the meeting very successful and interesting, as it was evident through fruitful discussions.

The Meeting was organized by the Department of Pomology, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb which has long history of education and scientific work in the field of fruit culture. Faculty of Agriculture is the oldest high educational organization in the Republic of Croatia, with numerous professors and scientists in the area of agricultural and related sciences.

I express my great thankfulness to all the people engaged in organisation of the Meeting and to Scientific Committee, and I greatly appreciate support from the auspices and help of students.

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Convener of the Meeting