



7th International Oak Society Conference Bordeaux, France

29 September – 2 October 2012

The 7th International Oak Society Triennial Conference will be held in Bordeaux, France at l'Espace Agora du Haut Carré at the University of Bordeaux's campus Bordeaux 1. Conference participants will enjoy a short trolley ride in the morning through the breathtakingly beautiful center of Bordeaux directly from their hotel to the Espace Agora du Haut Carré.

Program Summary

Saturday 29 September

Welcome cocktail, Conference registration at the Agora Haut Carré (16.00h-19.00h); evening free in Bordeaux.

Sunday 30 September

6 morning sessions, lunch, afternoon field trip to INRA, Pierroton, for demonstrations of genetic sequencing of oaks and to visit the propagation and other experimental facilities; evening free in Bordeaux

Sessions

Antoine Kremer (INRA, BIOGECO, France)

Past and Future Evolutionary Responses of Oaks to Environmental Change

Francis Hallé (France)

Subject to be determined

Stelian Radu (Forest Research Station & Arboretum Simeria, Romania)

Romania's Oak Forests: Past and Future

Eike Jablonski (LTA Arboretum, Luxemburg)

The Oaks of Cyprus

Deng Min (Shanghai Chenshan Plant Science Research Center, China)

Taxonomy and Systematics of Quercus Subgenus Cyclobalanopsis

Andrew Hipp (Morton Arboretum, USA)

Oak Phylogenies for Oak Enthusiasts

Monday 1 October

Six morning sessions, lunch, afternoon field trip into the wonderful world of casks, cork and wine, gala dinner *au château*

Sessions

Philippe de Spoelberch (Arboretum Wespelaar, Belgium)

Oak Portraits in the Wild and in Arboreta

Pierre Sourzat (Station Trufficole Cahors-le-Montat, France)

Oaks and Truffles

Flaviu Ropescu (Forest Research Station & Arboretum Simeria, Romania)

Postglacial Evolution of Oaks in the Balkan Peninsula

Chantal Armagnac (Author, France)

Homage to Gascon Oaks

Emily Griswold (UC Davis Arboretum, USA)

Bringing Scientific Oak Collections to Life for Garden Visitors

Alexis Ducouso (INRA, BIOGECO, France)

Endangered Oak Resources in Europe and around the Mediterranean Basin

Tuesday 2 October

8 morning sessions, lunch, business meeting, seed exchange

Sessions

Francisco M. Vázquez Pardo (Arboretum de la Orden, Spain)

Anatomical and Micro-morphological Characters in Mediterranean Oaks

Dominique Mansion (Author, France)

Oak pollards

Michael Melendrez (Soil Secrets Worldwide LLC, USA)

Understanding the Soil Food Web

Hervé Le Boulter (Ministry of Agriculture, France)

Botanic Collections : A Tool for Selecting Species Adapted to Climate Change

Guy Sternberg (Starhill Forest Arboretum, USA)

Pruning Oaks 1 : Training the Young

Guy Meilleur (Better Tree Care, USA)

Pruning Oaks 2 : Preserving the Grandeur

Eike Jablonski (LTA Arboretum, Luxemburg)

New Oak Cultivars

Thierry Lamant (INRA, France)

Interesting Quercus ilex Populations in France

Conference registration fee: €200 (includes transportation during the conference, entrance fees and guides, lunch, coffee breaks and gala dinner).

Pre-Conference Tour

26 September to 29 September 2012

Tuesday 25 September

Participants must arrive in Paris in the evening, as the Tour will commence very early the following morning.

Wednesday 26 September

We will meet at the Jardin des Plantes, in front of the Paleontology Gallery of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle to visit historic oak specimens, some over two centuries old. We will have lunch at the Arboretum de Chèvreloup, near Versailles, followed by a visit of their National Collection of North American oaks. We will continue southward where hotel and dinner await us in the city of Angers.

Thursday 27 September

We will first visit the Arboretum Gaston Allard in Angers, an old garden with a few national champion oaks (*Q. phellos*, *Q. ×schochiana*). We will have lunch in Angers and continue our travels on to the national forest of Bercé. The first planted trees date back to the 17th Century and France's tallest *Q. petraea* grows there. We will end the day on an easterly route that will take us to Orléans for dinner and hotel.

Friday 28 September

During the morning we will visit the well-known Arboretum National des Barres created during the First Empire. Several European introductions, for example, *Q. baronii* and *Q. glauca* var. *gracilis* and the original tree of *Q. 'Hickelii'*, are just some of the interesting trees to be seen. We will have lunch and then visit the Arboretum des Grandes Bruyères at Ingrandes, where Brigitte and Bernard de la Rochefoucauld, recently awarded a Collection Agréée label for their North Eastern American oaks, will welcome us. We will have dinner and lodgings in Orléans.

Saturday 29 September

We must arrive in Bordeaux around lunch time and therefore will spend much of this morning driving. If time permits, we may be able to stop at one point along the way.

Pre-Conference Tour registration fee : €560-€800 (includes 4 days, 4 nights, all meals, transportation, guides and entrance fees).

Post-Conference Tour

3 October to 7 October 2012

Wednesday 3 October

Departure from Bordeaux for the Centre de Graoux and a guided tour of the riparian forest of the Leyre river. From there, we move further south to the Ecomusée de Marquèze where we will have lunch after a guided tour of the *airial* (traditional gascon agro forestry). The remainder of the day will see us hiking through the area surrounding the Réserve Naturelle Nationale du Courant d'Huchet to discover its curious oak (and other) flora. A short ride from there will take us to Saint Pée sur Néville where we will lodge and enjoy a typical French Basque meal.

Thursday 4 October

Michel Duhart at the Arboretum de Chocha in Ustritz will be waiting for us bright and early for a visit of his oak collection (French National Collection of Mexican Oak Taxa) followed by lunch. From there, we will have a guided visit of the Fôret Communale de Sare with its ancestral pollarded oak population. We will have dinner in Sare and then be on our way to Zarauz on the Spanish coast where our hotel awaits us.

Friday 5 October

We will spend the morning visiting the magnificent Jardín Botánico de Iturraran (with over 400 botanic taxa of the genus *Quercus*) accompanied by Francisco Garin. We will have lunch in a small village nearby and then be headed back north in the direction of Montauban to Labourgade where we will have dinner and rooms at the Château de Terrides.

Saturday 6 October

From our Château, we will proceed to St. Sardos to the Arboretum de La Bergerette where Shaun Haddock will be waiting to greet us and guide us through this interesting collection that received a Collection Agréée label in 2008. We will have lunch there and then proceed still further north to Brantôme to our hotel and dinner.

Sunday 7 October

Our morning will be spent visiting l'Arboretum des Pouyouleix in St. Jory de Chalais. This young oak collection, created in 2003 by Béatrice Chassé and Gérard Lionet, comprises just over 300 botanic taxa. We will have lunch at the Arboretum. Our final stop will take us to St. Saud, a short ride, to visit the small arboretum of Mr. Laurent Lauthier and to enjoy a final, farewell drink in the magnificent courtyard of an authentic *périgourdine* farm.

Post-Conference Tour registration fee : €580-€700 (includes 5 days, 4 nights, all meals, transportation, guides and entrance fees).

For information, registration, assistance

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