



World Pear Forum conventions to focus on brown spot disease and marmorated stink bug

Brown spot disease and the Marmorated stink bug are the main two phytosanitary problems that affect pear growing and will be at the heart of the technical conventions of the World Pear Forum, an important event that will be held at the same time as FuturPera 2019, at Ferrara Ferrara Fiere e Congressi from 28 to 30 November 2019.



The aim of this technical part of the international forum, organized in association with CSO Italy, is to take stock, with important experts, of the latest news and possible strategies for defence against two severe pear tree diseases, which have been affecting the quantity and quality of the product for a number of years, but also to talk about improving production.

In detail, on 28 November, starting from 2 pm, there will be a session on “Analysis and possible solutions for the damage of brown spot disease” with a first part dedicated to the report on the in-field tests by Marina Collina (University of Bologna) to understand the fungal disease and tackle it as best as possible and the presentations by Stefano Civolani (Innova Research centre); Claudio Cristiani (CAE test centre); and Michele Preti (Astra) with their experiences on the use of the most effective phytosanitary products. The second part of the convention will bring the experience of nurseries, grower organizations and consortia – Salvi Vivai, Vivai Mazzoni, FruitModena, Agrintesa, Consorzio Agrario dell'Emilia, C.or.ma - to take stock of the lines of defence applied in the field over the past two years. This will be followed by Loredana Antonacci (phytosanitary department of the Emilia-Romagna region) with the first indications on the lines of defence for the coming years. In the final part of the convention, there will be a session on improving production with the Australian horticultural adviser Marcel Veens, who will talk about his growing experience, including pruning, plant management and nutrition. The moderator of the convention will be Ivano Valmori, director of AgroNotizie.



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On Saturday 30 November, from 10 am, the second technical convention of the World Pear Forum will be held: “How to tackle new challenges: the example of the Marmorated stink bug”. CSO Italy will open the day with a summary of the surface areas used for pear growing and a projection for the year 2020. This will be followed by the report by Michele Mariani, a technician from the FII. Navarra Foundation in Ferrara, on the test results in the field on the William variety with

“franco” rootstock. The second part of the convention will be about defence methods and results of the research on contrasting the marmorated stink bug. Speakers will be Luca Casoli (Phytosanitary Department of Modena and Reggio Emilia) and Lara Maistrello (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia).

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