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This letter is to express our interest in serving as the convener for the XI International Symposium on Temperate Fruits in the Tropics and Subtropics. We would be honored to host this meeting in Orlando, Florida, USA. Here are details of proposal:

Date: November 6-9, 2028

Location: Orlando, Florida, USA

Convener: Drs. Tripti Vashisth and Ali Sarkhosh, Associate Professor of Horticultural Sciences at the University of Florida.

Info related to the attached criteria for selecting conveners:
Florida offers a distinctive production environment where advancements in breeding and horticultural technologies have successfully adapted traditionally temperate crops to thrive in subtropical conditions. Hosting this symposium in Florida presents an excellent opportunity for attendees to gain firsthand insight into the evolving crop production systems driven by these innovative approaches. Participants will observe the cultivation of grapes, brambles, peaches, and blueberries within Florida, alongside satsuma, grapefruit, and mandarin production, while also learning about recent developments in apple breeding in the state.

We will be planning field visits to orchards as well as the winery. Along with an after-conference tour to Epcot, Disney, and more.

At UF, we have the "Office of Conference" at UF that will assist us in professionally organizing the symposium https://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/

Sincerely,
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