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Recap, All Africa Horticultural Congress in Marrakech

The All Africa Horticultural Congress went off famously in Marrakesh, Morocco from 26 February - 1 March 2024. This was the 5th edition of the All Africa Horticultural Congress and was held at UM6P University by Abdelhaq Hanafi and Redouane Choukrallah. This Congress included plenary sessions on opportunities and challenges in African horticulture, workshops (in collaboration with FAO), digital innovation in small scale farming, and presentation sessions on efficient use of resources, nutritional security, post-harvest care, and integrated pest management. The Division of Horticulture for Development was involved in multiple sessions, including Session 1 and 5.

In addition, there was a special tour viewing grape and cucurbit production in greenhouses and citrus groves. Of particular interest was eating a clementine called 'Afouer', native to Morocco, that was absolutely delicious! Lastly, we had an incredible time at the ending dinner watching dancers, drummers, and flame eaters! It was an incredible show with an incredible dinner and atmosphere.

Special thanks is order for the Vice Chair of the Division, Remi Kahane, for his immeasurable contribution to this Congress on behalf of the Division. Thank you!

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Chair's Corner

By: Melinda Knuth

Impact is something that all scientists care about. But, how is impact measured and how should it be used?

Read my opinion piece on **IMPACT** in *Chronica Horticulturae* here:

[Chronica, Vol. 63 N. 4](#)

I also suggest you read up on our fearless leadership's piece in March's issue of *Chronica Horticulturae* on Opportunities, Changes, and Challenges on page 4 here:

[Chronica, Vol 64. N. 1](#)

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Development Opportunities For Entry Level Professionals

3-Minute Thesis (3MHT)

What is it? A competition where participants have 3 minutes to explain their thesis in convincing, effective, and non-technical terms

How to participate? In-person at ISHS International Horticultural Congresses

Who can participate? PhD candidates who defend within two years of competition

Young Minds Committee

What is it? A hub of opportunities for training, mentorship, internship, exchange, and connection to develop the next generation of horticulturists

How to participate? Connect with the group on the ISHS webpage: [Young Minds Committee](#)

Who can participate? Students and Early Career Professionals

Young Minds Awards

What is it? Two awards given based on oral and poster presentation reviewed by special committee

How to participate? When registering up for oral or poster presentation, indicate you wish to participate in award consideration

Who can participate? [See details here.](#)



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Participate in DDEV Symposia!

- II International Symposium on Agroecology and System Approach for Sustainable and Resilient Horticultural Production at IHC2026, Kyoto, Japan. Submission Deadline TBD
- Evaluating the impact and scaling of innovations for sustainable horticulture, Horticulture for Development Symposium at IHC2026, Kyoto, Japan. Submission Deadline to come!
- International Symposium on Recent Advances in Horticulture in East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific at IHC2026, Kyoto, Japan. Submission Deadline to come!

The Division is seeking partnership on the development of a Congress in South America. If you or a collaborator of yours would like to participate, please reach out to the Division Chair, Melinda, at the contact information at the bottom of this page.

DDEV April Meeting

If you missed the April 15th meeting on Zoom, you can find our meeting notes by [following this hyperlink.](#)

As Division Chair, I am here for you. If you have any comments or questions, please reach out to me by

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Thank you!

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