

INVITATION

3rd October, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the XVII Congress, it is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the XVII Congress of European Mycologists, which will be held on the island of Madeira (Portugal), the exact venue being the conference centre of the VidaMar Hotel, located in the island's capital, the city of Funchal.

At the most recent General Assembly of the European Mycological Association, held at Porto Carras, in Greece, Madeira was selected as the venue for the XVII CEM. The island of Madeira, in addition to being an attractive tourist destination, is a very special place because of the unique biogeographic region of Macaronesia with its wonderful laurel forest.

Our Congress is the latest in an unbroken series going back almost sixty years – longer than any other international congress in mycology. It builds on a distinguished record of promoting progress in mycology and understanding of the diversity and biology of fungi. Earlier Congresses in this series have been in many different parts of Europe, but this will be the first in Portugal, and the first on an Atlantic island beyond the main continental shelf, rich in endemics, of great scientific interest, and further west and south than any before. We have chosen "**Working with fungi**" as the Congress theme to emphasize its broad outlook. This event is for all people who work with fungi, not just mycologists, and we are making every effort to provide a favourable environment for presenting research, exchanging ideas, and establishing collaborative and strategic partnerships, with a full programme of plenary sessions, symposia, oral and poster presentations, and field excursions during these five days.

The Congress website will be available soon with all the information you are looking for but, for those who urgently need financial data for budgeting purposes, information about registration fees and important dates is given below.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Madeira.



João Baptista-Ferreira
Congress Chairman



David Minter
EMA President

XVII CEM Registration fees (in Euro)

	Early Bird (until 30 th April, 2015)	Regular (after 30 th April, 2015)
EMA members Upper	€ 380,00	€ 420,00
EMA members Lower	€ 220,00	€ 240,00
Non members Upper	€ 440,00	€ 480,00
Non members Lower	€ 260,00	€ 290,00
Students members EMA Upper	€ 190,00	€ 210,00
Students members EMA Lower	€ 165,00	€ 185,00
Students non-members EMA Upper	€ 230,00	€ 250,00
Students non-members EMA Lower	€ 180,00	€ 200,00
Accompanying person with lunches	€ 200,00	€ 220,00
Accompanying person without lunches	€ 120,00	€ 140,00

*The registration fee includes welcome reception, lunches, coffee/tea breaks, congress excursion.
The Congress dinner is being provided through the generosity of the local authority.
The fee does not include accommodation costs.*

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline

March 31, 2015

Early Bird registration deadline

April 30, 2015

Closing date for registrations on-line and accommodation

August 31, 2015

Registration desk opens – Welcome reception

September 20, 2015

XVII CEM Congress

September 21-25, 2015