



# International FRUTIC Symposium

FRUIT LOGISTICA covers every single sector of the fresh produce business and provides a complete picture of the latest innovations, products and services at every link in the international supply chain. It thus offers superb networking and contact opportunities to the key decision-makers in every sector of the industry. From 7 - 9 February 2018 companies from across the entire fresh produce sector – from global players to small and medium-sized companies and organizations from all over the world - will again be present in Berlin.

The international FRUTIC Symposium will be one of the prominent events of Fruit Logistica and will be held on 6th February 2018 focusing on the efficient use of water across the fresh produce value chain from cultivation to the point of sale. Featuring approximately 40 scientific presentations, the international symposium offers an ideal platform for sharing information between expert scientists and the fresh produce sector. FRUTIC will be held once again in conjunction with FRUIT LOGISTICA, the leading global trade fair for the fresh pro-

duce industry. "Water Efficiency" is the main topic at the 11th international FRUTIC Symposium taking place at CityCube Berlin the day before FRUIT LOGISTICA opens.

The conference covers the subject of water: from precise irrigation concepts for better fruit quality, to new sensor technology for monitoring fruit moisture status, water usage in storage, and marketing. Water is a key factor for quality and food safety especially during post-harvest washing, cleaning, sanitizing, refrigeration, and hot water treatment of fruit. Along with new techniques, innovative concepts for reducing moisture formation in packaging will be introduced. The presentation topics will also focus on new, non-destructive approaches to quality assessment, targeted post-harvest treatment, and storage of fruit, vegetables, and nuts.

Keynote speeches will be given by leading international experts, including Prof. Juan José Alarcon from CEBAS CSIC, Spain, and Prof. Merete Edelenbos from Aarhus University, Denmark. Researchers

will also present their topics on the following days of FRUIT LOGISTICA in the Fresh Produce Forum and Future Lab. FRUTIC not only offers a platform for an in-depth information exchange between science and industry on current trends and new developments. It also focuses on the research needs in the industry.

The FRUTIC Symposium is organised by the Leibniz-Institut für Agrartechnik und Bioökonomie e.V. (Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering and Bioeconomy, Germany) and the Università degli Studi di Foggia (Italy) in cooperation with FRUIT LOGISTICA, EurAgEng and the regional VDI/VDE working group.

FRUTIC is a series of international scientific conferences. The first session was held in Israel in 1983. FRUTIC has evolved to become an important platform for the development and application of technologies in fruit, vegetable and nut production. It brings together scientists from around the world and is now reaching industry representatives with its new venue in Berlin. ♦