

## 11TH TEPHRITID WORKERS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE (TWWH) MEETING

11<sup>va</sup> reunión del grupo de trabajo en moscas de la fruta del hemisferio occidental (twwh)

### SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining in Jamaica, in collaboration with the **Tephritids Workers of the Western Hemisphere** (TWWH), are pleased to release the 2<sup>nd</sup> communique of the 11<sup>th</sup> TWWH Meeting scheduled to be held in the City of Montego Bay, Jamaica.

## The first and most important news is that the date has changed to June 3-7, 2024

The aim of this event is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences among scientists and personnel responsible for overseeing fruit fly surveillance and control programs in the Western Hemisphere. Through this forum, research findings and requirements of research and operational programs are shared, and the promotion and dissemination of new technologies are emphasized.

The meeting will take the following format:

- June 3<sup>rd</sup>:
  - Morning session: Opening ceremony featuring discussions on the scientific agenda
  - Evening session: Welcome cocktail session
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>: Conferences, oral presentations, poster exhibitions (organized in sessions), satellite meetings on specific topics and commercial exhibitions
- June 7<sup>th</sup>: Technical site visit

For those unable to attend in person, the conference will be accessible via live stream. Virtual attendees will have access to all presentations and can participate in discussions. However, they will not be permitted to present their own work during the event.

## **Important dates**

- Abstract(s) submission deadline: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
- Early bird registration deadline: March 15th, 2024
- Posters submission deadline: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024



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**Registration costs** 

Country / condition	Virtual attendance	Early bird (until 15 <sup>th</sup> March)	Regular fee (from 16 <sup>th</sup> March)
Canada – USA	US\$ 100	US\$ 375	US\$ 450
Rest of America	US\$ 100	US\$ 275	US\$ 350
Rest of the World	US\$ 100	US\$ 275	US\$ 350
Students (undergraduate, Master, PhD level)	US\$ 50	US\$ 175	US\$ 250
Companies (stand)	US\$ 750	US\$ 3,000	

## Sessions

Oral presentations and posters will be assigned to one of the following sessions:

- **Session 1-** Biology, physiology, ecology, chemical ecology, behaviour, trophic and symbiotic interactions, nutrition, systematics, taxonomy (classical and molecular), morphology, genetics, genomics, biotechnology, transgenesis, gene editing and GMOs.
- **Session 2-** Integrated pest management in broad areas and action programs, including the sterile insect technique (SIT), biological control (BC), mass rearing and quality control of sterile flies and parasitoids, transboundary shipments of sterile insects, chemical control, bait stations, mass trapping, male annihilation technique (MAT), mechanical, and cultural control.
- **Session 3-** Social, economic, and political aspects of action programs, strategic plans, economic feasibility studies, partners and collaborators, decision-making models, public information, and dissemination.



**Session 4-** Quarantine systems and phytosanitary standards, technological tools for surveillance and control, data management, traps, attractants, monitoring, detection, and delimitation systems, emergency response protocols, and quarantine treatments.

#### **Guidelines for abstracts submission**

The abstract should be submitted in PDF format and include the following elements:

- 1. A title reflecting the content of the work.
- 2. A list of authors, with the main author underlined, along with their full names.
- 3. Affiliation and address of each author as they will appear in the program
- 4. Text comprising introduction, objectives, material and methods, results, and conclusion (ranging from a minimum of 200 words to a maximum of 400 words).
- 5. Keywords: Provide five key words,
- 6. Suggest one or two sections in which the work can be categorized.
- 7. Format: Arial 12 type, single-spaced, with 2.5 cm margins.

## **Other information**

In subsequent communications, we will furnish the webpage link where you can access comprehensive information about the program, registration procedures, and other pertinent details.

The meeting will be conducted in both English and Spanish, with simultaneous translation services available.

The beautiful island of Jamaica awaits your visit to the City of Montego Bay with its long coastal line of amazing crystal-clear beaches.

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