

1st International Congress on Grapevine and Wine Sciences

The Institute of Grapevine and Wine Sciences - ICVV - is a joint centre integrated by the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), the Government of La Rioja (through the Regional Agricultural Ministry) and the University of La Rioja. In November 2018 and coinciding with the tenth anniversary of its creation, the ICVV organized an international congress in the heart of the Rioja DOC, that aimed to serve as a platform for interrelating the most relevant researchers of the international sphere in Viticulture and Oenology. The first International Congress on Grapevine and Wine Sciences (ICGWS) dedicated plenary sessions to vine protection, genetic diversity and breeding, production management, vine physiology, oenological microbiology, sensorial evaluation and oenological chemistry and technology.

This scientific event was open to scientists and professionals who wanted to catch up with the latest advances in grapevine and wine research, and it was supported by different companies that sponsored the event.

The congress was very successful, with more than 250 participants, coming from universities, public research centres and private companies in Africa (Namibia and South Africa), America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and USA), Asia (Israel), Europe (Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Portugal and Spain) and Oceania (Australia).

Attendees had the opportunity to present the results of their recent research, what was concreted in 222 communications, as either poster or oral (42) communications, distributed along a program that covered the main and most current research topics in this field and provided a multidisciplinary experience to the participants.

Some of the contributors accepted to submit the full version of their communications in order to be considered for publishing in a prestigious international journal in this field as VITIS - Journal of Grapevine Research, after following a peer review process to match the high-quality standards of the journal. A total of 18 manuscripts were finally selected and are included in this Special Issue, covering very diverse topics such as grapevine genetic diversity, wine aging, wine ethanol reduction, sensory evaluation or the effects of soil or climate on the vine and the wine.

We thank all the participants for submitting their manuscripts, the reviewers for their excellent work and the Editors of VITIS for publishing this Special Issue, and hope that it meets expectations and opens a path for future editions of the congress.

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