



Dear All,

We would like to inform you that the abstract submission for The Fourth International *Horticulture Research Conference* has been extended until **21 May 2017**, with registration open until 15 June 2017.

The Conference is being held at East Malling, Kent, 16-19 July 2017. The purpose of the conference is to bring together international researchers conducting basic research on horticultural crops, to showcase the latest research findings and to network with colleagues from around the world.

Please visit the website to submit your abstract and register <http://www.hortres-conference.org/>.

**Session Themes:**

- 1 Genome engineering in horticultural crops
- 2 Fruit development, functional food and quality
- 3 Flowering and environmental adaptation
- 4 Root-shoot interactions and grafting
- 5 Plant-microbe insect and environment interactions
- 6 Post-harvest biology
- 7 Evolutionary biology and comparative genomics
- 8 Precision horticulture

The draft scientific programme can be found at our website: <http://www.hortres-conference.org/page.asp?id=51>.

The Conference Dinner, drinks reception and Ceilidh (traditional dance) will be held on Tuesday 18 July 2017 at Bradbourne House, a Queen Anne Grade I listed building, surrounded by 20 acres of parkland with a large lake, stream and Hatton Fruit Garden.

On the final afternoon, you will have an opportunity to visit Fruit Focus, the largest technical event in the UK for the fruit industry, <http://www.fruitfocus.co.uk/> which will include tours of the East Malling Vineyard, Strawberry Breeding Programme and other technical presentations.

All this information and much more, is available at <http://hortres-conference.org/>. Here is a flyer [www.hortres-conference.org/uploadfiles/Flyer.pdf](http://www.hortres-conference.org/uploadfiles/Flyer.pdf) that you could print and put on your nearest noticeboard – please circulate this information widely!

If you have any queries, please reply to this email [conference.admin@emr.ac.uk](mailto:conference.admin@emr.ac.uk).

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to East Malling in July.

Best wishes,

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