

# Management of HLB and its vector in the organic citrus production

International conference

**CALL**

**→ Due to the earthquake in Mexico, the Conference will be carry out in the month of April 2018 in Martinez de la Torre, Veracruz Mexico**

**From 10 to 12 April 2018  
Martinez de la Torre, Veracruz Mexico**

The HLB (Huanglongbing)/citrus greening disease and its vector (*Diaphorina citri*) are a big threat to the citrus production worldwide. Conventional control strategies – with the intensive use of inputs, chemical insecticides and fertilizers – have not yielded satisfactory results for the control of the disease and its vector.

Under such production conditions, an imbalance of the agro-ecosystem in the citrus orchards is created, which causes a vicious cycle, meaning an increased occurrence of *Diaphorina* leading to more applications of chemical inputs and spreading of the disease.

The organic citrus production searches for sustainable and environmentally friendly strategies that help fulfil the eco-functionality of the agro-ecosystem in the organic citrus orchards on the regulation of the vector and, therefore, help decrease the propagation of the HLB disease.

An international conference will be held from 10 to 12 October in Martinez de la Torre, Veracruz, Mexico (Convention Hall, street Luis Donaldo Colosio, Col. El Mirador), with the aim of exchanging information and know-how within the citrus sector on a national and international level. The purpose is the dissemination of the results obtained in Veracruz (MEX) under the framework of the project, “Integral Management of the HLB/Greening Disease of Citrus on Organic Citrus Production”.

Thus, the present pre-call invites all interested parties to participate in the conference “Management of HLB and its vector in the organic citrus production”, organized by the Colegio de Postgraduados in Montecillo (MEX), the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, the company Citrex in Veracruz (MEX) and the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) in Frick (CH).

## **Objectives**

1. To share and disseminate the results of methods used in the management of HLB and its vector in the organic citrus production
2. To establish a platform to exchange experiences and to search for synergies on the management of HLB and its vector in the organic citrus production

## **Public**

- Citrus producers
- Researchers
- Citrus industry, packers of fresh fruit, juice processors, etc.
- Ministry of agriculture
- Certification bodies
- Traders
- Technical advisors
- Industry of organic inputs

## **Language**

- The abstracts can be submitted in Spanish or English.
- The oral presentation can be in Spanish or English; it will be interpreted simultaneously into the other language.

## **Topics**

- Organic methods in the management of *Diaphorina citri* and their efficiency
- Microbiological control (fungi) and its management
- Parasites and predators
- Conservation of natural enemies in citrus orchards
- Effects of inputs used for organic citrus production on the vector or HLB
- Increasing and induction of citrus tree resistance
- Local experiences on the management of the vector and HLB (agricultural, technical and economic impacts)
- Biodiversity and eco-functionality in the organic citrus orchards
- Plant nutrition and its impact on the vector and HLB
- Identification of places with naturally low prevalence of the vector and the environmental factors involved
- Public policies to control HLB and its vector

## Types of work to be presented

- Practical experiences of producers or technicians with evidence of their effectivity. Simple presentation techniques (photos, narration, etc.) can be used.
- The scientific works should be presented in an uncomplicated and straightforward way due to the participation of producers.
- Round table or discussion forum (public policies to control HLB and its vector)

## Organic fair

Exhibition of inputs for the organic production, infrastructure for the packaging of organic citrus, information on organic production, certification bodies and other interested parties of the sector.

### Preliminary programme

#### 10 April 2018

9 am – 10 am: Registration

10 am: Start of the conference

1.30pm – 3.30pm. Welcome toast and lunch

3.30 pm – 5.30 pm: Sessions of the conference

#### 11 April 2018

10 am – 1.30 pm: Sessions of the conference

1.30 pm – 3.30 pm: Lunch

3.30 pm – 5.30 pm: Sessions of the conference

5.45 pm – 6.30 pm: Closing ceremony and participants recognition

7 pm: Closing dinner

#### 12 April 2018

9 am – 6 pm: Local excursion to e.g. the experimental sites and pilot organic orchards (depending on demand)

## Registration

<https://anmeldeservice.fibl.org/event/manejo-organico>

## Submission of abstracts and question related to the conference

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