

# The First International Conference on Olive in Palestine: Status and Challenges (ICOPSC)

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First Call for Conference Abstracts and Participation in Exhibition

The Kadoorie Agricultural Research Center (KARC) calls for contributions for oral and poster sessions to be presented at the *First International Conference on Olive in Palestine: Status and Challenges (ICOPSC)* in the areas covered by the scientific program. You are invited to participate in the ICOPSC which will be attended by researchers, professionals and experts at local, regional and international level, where one can exchange knowledge and ideas on issues of olive and olive oil in Palestine and the Mediterranean region. The objectives of the symposium is to bring together the national and international experts working in the olive sector to share the current status of the art-of-knowledge regarding olive cultivation, oil production and oil quality, with respect to several issues of concern. During the symposium, participants will have the opportunity to get to know the rich olive history of Palestine and the region, and to meet with local leading-industries in the areas of olive and oil production.

## **Areas to be Covered during the Conference:**

*Symbolism of Olive Tree:* Historical, cultural, political and socioeconomic aspects.

*Olive Production and Protection Techniques:*

- Production: Olive cultivars, propagation, irrigation and fertilization, cultivation and pruning, impacts of climate change on olive production, and harvest and post harvest techniques.
- Protection: Olive diseases, integrated pest management, and biotechnical applications.

*Waste Management:* Treatment and management of solid and liquid olive wastes.

*National and International Olive Oil Quality and Specifications: Specifications of Palestinian olive oil, production of organic oil, health benefits of olive oil, marketing, and physical and chemical tests.*

**Deadlines for Submissions of the Abstracts and Full Papers**

*Deadline for the abstracts' submission: August 19, 2010.*

Abstracts should be in Arabic or English with 500 words as a maximum.

*Deadline for the full papers' submission: November 5, 2010.*

The abstracts are to be submitted electronically via: [www.ptuk.edu.ps](http://www.ptuk.edu.ps)

Also abstracts are to be sent to the following e-mail addresses:

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**Olive Exhibition**

Parallel to the conference activities, an exhibition of olive products will be held at the University's (PTUK) campus for three days. For those who would like to participate in the exhibition (including agricultural companies, factories, nurseries, heritage centers, cultural centers, book-sale, olive-wooden industries (souvenirs), etc.), please send your concerns digitally at: [www.ptuk.edu.ps](http://www.ptuk.edu.ps) , explaining briefly your interests. For further information regarding the exhibition, please visit the website ([www.ptuk.edu.ps](http://www.ptuk.edu.ps)) or contact:

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