



GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definition

K.I.T. Group France Association & Conference Management, is the PCO (Professional Congress Organiser – PCO) (hereinafter referred to as K.I.T. Group France) of the IX International Symposium on Walnut & Pecan (hereinafter referred to as Organizer) to be held in Grenoble, France, 12 to 16 June 2023. The ISHS (International Society for Horticultural Science), the CTIFL (Centre Technique Interprofessionnel des Fruits et Légumes) and the SENURA (Station d'Expérimentation Nucicole Rhône-Alpes) has assigned K.I.T Group France as responsible for the registration, hosting and marketing of exhibition spaces of the IX International Symposium on Walnut & Pecan.

General Terms and Conditions – Registration

These general terms and conditions are valid for each attendee registered for the Symposium. Any person, delegate, allied professional, student, media representative, speaker, or exhibitor may be considered an attendee.

Registration

The registration deadlines are as follows :

Hybrid Symposium:

Early Bird Date: Until 25 April 2023 23:59 CET

Standard Fee: From 26 April 2023 until 31 May 2023 23:59 CET

Late fee : from 1st June and on site

Only fully completed registrations will be accepted. The registration fee is based on the date of receipt of registration and payment in full in accordance with the deadlines mentioned above. Should a deadline be missed, the next valid registration fee is applicable. Registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment in full.

You can pay with bank transfer until 05 June 2023. After this date, your registration will be canceled if no proof of payment can be provided.

Should the maximum attendee capacity be reached, the organizer reserves the right to refuse any registration.

To be eligible to register for the Conference, attendees must be at least 18 years old. Attendees may be asked to present an official identity card stating their age. Children are not allowed.

IN PERSON PARTICIPATION

Symposium full registration includes:

- Entry to all official Symposium sessions and poster area
- Access to the exhibition
- Welcome reception, June 12
- Coffee breaks and lunches, June 13, 14, and 15
- The Technical Visit, June 16
- The Symposium Bag
- For non-members, an ISHS membership for the current year
- Symposium proceedings (will be sent in electronic format 3 months after the symposium).

Registration for one day of the symposium (Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 or Thursday 15) includes:

- Entry to all official Symposium sessions on the day of your participation and poster area
- Access to the exhibition
- Coffee breaks and lunches on the day of your participation
- The Symposium Bag
- For non-members, an ISHS membership for the current year
- Symposium proceedings (will be sent in electronic format 3 months after the symposium).

To be able to **register as student** a valid student ID providing proof of full-time enrolment at a recognized university or college is required at the time of registration or during the Symposium and must be uploaded in the registration platform.

To be able to **register as ISHS member, a valid membership number must be provided** during the registration process. For any question about your membership, please contact the ISHS secretariat at info@ishs.org.

Moreover, an accompanying person can be specified upon registration and have access to the following program:

- Welcome reception, June 12
- 3 half-day excursions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (minimum 15 participants per day to maintain the 3 activities).

They are defined as spouse, civil partner of maximum 1 (one) per full paying delegate.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

The remote registration includes:

- Live access to all conferences on June 13, 14 and 15
- Symposium proceedings (will be sent in electronic format 3 months after the symposium)
- Access to session recordings (available for 1 month after the event)
 - For non-members, an ISHS membership for the current year.

Group Registration

Registrations for more than 10 (ten) persons will be handled separately as a group booking. Please contact the Registration Department: registration@francenut2023.com. The Registration Department shall not be held responsible for the double booking of an individual attendee or group made by another company or organization. **The deadline to make a group registration is on 1 June 2023.**

The Registration Department will provide the group manager with information on how to communicate the names of their group members. Individual data of each group member such as first name, last name, individual email address and postal address must be provided.

Please note that group members will only be considered as fully registered once the requested personal details have been provided.

Methods of payment

Payment is required at the time of registration. It should be made in EUR only, using one of the following methods:

1. Credit card (Visa, Master/Eurocard): Attendees should complete the relevant section of the registration form. (AMEX cards are not accepted)
2. Bank transfer: Payment should be made in EUR to K.I.T. Group France

Bank: CIC Crédit Industriel et Commercial
Account Holder: Symposium Noix KIT Group
Account number: 00020049704

Bank code: 30066
BIC / S.W.I.F.T. : CMCIFRPP
IBAN: **FR76 3006 6109 3300 0200 4970 406**

Reference: please mention WALNUT2023, your name and your participant number.

Please note that all transfer costs shall be prepaid by the sender. Bank transfer payments are accepted until 5 June 2023.

Cheques will not be accepted.

Letter of confirmation

A letter of confirmation/payment receipt will be sent by email once the Registration Department has received the fully completed registration form and the related payment.

Letter of invitation for VISA

In order to receive a letter of invitation, attendees must first register to the symposium and complete the request during the registration process.

The letter of invitation shall not financially obligate the symposium Organizers in any way, nor shall it guarantee that the attendee will receive a visa automatically. All expenses incurred in relation to the symposium shall be the sole responsibility of the attendee. The invitation letter will be sent once payment of the registration is received.

Visa requirements

It shall be the sole responsibility of attendees to take care of their visa requirements. Attendees who require an entry visa must allow sufficient time for the application procedure. Attendees should contact the nearest embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications.

The symposium Organizers will not directly contact embassies and consulates on behalf of visa applicants.

Certificate of Attendance

A certificate will be sent per e-mail after the symposium on demand.

Badges

The badge must be worn for the entire duration of the symposium. Access to the Alpexpo will be refused without your badge. If a participant misplaces or forgets his/her badge, a fee of EUR 30 will be charged for the printing of a new badge. The new badge replaces the old one, therefore the old one will become invalid.

The badge is strictly personal and must be worn at all times and be visible inside the site and throughout the symposium. Any deliberate concealment is forbidden.

It must not be transferred and no one may carry out formalities on behalf of another.

Registration name change

A handling fee of EUR 30 shall be charged for every name change to an existing symposium registration. A new registration form for the substitute attendee should not be submitted. Name changes will only be accepted by email indicating the new and old names, the new contact details (address and email), as well as proof of reduced registrations fees, if applicable. Name changes are accepted until 5 June 2023.

Registration cancellation policy

Notification of cancellation shall be made in writing and sent to the Symposium Secretariat by sending an email to: registration@francenut2023.com The notification shall include all the relevant information regarding the bank account to which a possible refund may be remitted.

If a participant is unable to attend the event for any reason, he or she may be replaced by another person from the same institute/organization, in agreement with the symposium organizers.

Cancellation policy:

- Cancellation until 20 March 2023: 100% of the registration fee will be refunded
- Cancellation from 21 March 2023 to 22 May 2023: 50% of the registration fee will be refunded
- From 23 May 2023: no refund

Refund requests will be processed after the symposium only. They shall be made in writing and sent to the Registration Department by email no later than 30 days after the symposium. No refund request will be processed after 16 July 2023.

Credit will not be given for unattended events or early termination of attendance.

Modification of the symposium programme

The conference programme is published as an indication only and may be subject to modification.

Cancellation of the symposium - Force Majeure

If the event cannot take place or has to be postponed due to events beyond the control of K.I.T. Group France and/or its client (ISHS, CTIFL or SENURA) (force majeure) or due to events that cannot be attributed to intent or gross negligence on the part of K.I.T. Group and/or its clients (ISHS, CTIFL or SENURA), each or all of the above organizers of the aforementioned shall be released from their obligation to perform to this extent.

Neither K.I.T. Group France nor its clients (ISHS, CTIFL or SENURA) can be held liable by participants for any damage, costs or losses incurred, such as transport costs, accommodation costs, financial losses, etc.

In these circumstances, the organizers of the symposium reserve the right to either retain the entire registration fee and use it for a future event, or to refund the registration fee to attendee on a pro rata basis after deduction of the costs already incurred for the organization of the symposium which could not be recovered from third parties.

Insurance:

The organizers accept no responsibility for individual medical, travel or personal insurance. Participants are strongly advised to have their own travel insurance policy to cover risks including (but not limited to) loss, cancellation, medical expenses and injury.

The symposium organizers will not accept any responsibility if a participant does not have adequate insurance.

Data Protection and Sharing of contact details

The collection, processing (including data storage, changes, transmission, blocking and deletion) and use of all personal data of the registration are carried out in compliance with the legal provisions on data protection.

K.I.T. Group France collects and stores personal data for the preparation and implementation of the symposium.

When you register, you are invited to fill in the online form and to indicate the following information: name, address, e-mail, telephone number and your reservation preferences. This information is essential for the proper execution of your registration or reservation (in particular for sending the reservation confirmation).

If you choose to pay by credit card, you will also be asked for credit card details (credit card type and number, security code, expiration date, name of cardholder).

All this information will be treated and stored confidentially and in compliance with the legal provisions on data protection.

In order to guarantee and protect the data you have transmitted to us, the information is transferred by means of a secure server which encrypts all your personal data as well as your credit card data. The encryption method used is the industry standard Transport Layer Security (TLS). Our TLS certificate has been issued by UTN - usertrust.com.

In addition, technical and personal security procedures are in place to limit access to and use of personal data. Only authorized employees may access it in the course of their duties related to our services.

Our server and network are protected by firewalls and we have an alarm system in place to detect and manage intrusions and/or abuse of our server.

Your credit card details will be retained by K.I.T. Group France for three months after the date of the symposium.

In addition, the symposium organizers may periodically share personal contact details with third parties, who may contact participants regarding activities offered at the symposium or provide information that may be of interest to them. Therefore, data may be passed on to third parties unless the participant has expressed a contrary opinion. Your full contact details will only be passed on if:

- you give your explicit consent,
- a third party proves to the symposium organizers that you have violated the rights of that third party and thus requests the disclosure of your data,
- the symposium organizers are obliged to pass on your data, e.g. because of an official request or legal proceedings.

Participants can use their QR-code badge as a business card that can be scanned by exhibitors or other partners, who would then have their contact information. In this case, the participant alone decides with whom he will share his data. Please also note that by agreeing to have your badge scanned at the exhibitors' booths or during the symposium, you agree that the exhibiting/organizing company may contact you using the data provided at registration.

For any request concerning personal data, please contact us: france@kit-group.org.

Authorization to use the image of a person in terms of photographic, video or audio material for the documentation of the event or its media coverage

By accepting these terms and conditions, the event participant explicitly agrees to the creation of images, films and audio documents representing him/her in the context of the symposium and authorizes their use, sharing and publication for documentation and communication purposes, in particular on social networks (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram,...) and this without financial consideration.

Liability

The symposium organizers shall be held liable in the framework of a duty of care as a respectable business person according to statutory provisions. The liability of the conference organizers - for whatever legal reason - shall be limited to intent and gross negligence.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, K.I.T. Group, including all its management, representatives, fully or partially employed staff, and/or the Governing Board of the IX International Symposium on Walnut & Pecan shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential damages of any kind, loss of profits and/or loss of data arising from and in connection with the access and use of the platform and the participation in the IX International Symposium on Walnut & Pecan . The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this.

The attendee shall take part in the IX International Symposium on Walnut & Pecan at his/her own risk. Oral agreements shall not be binding if these have not been confirmed in writing by the symposium organizers.

K.I.T. Group and its clients (ISHS, CTIFL or SENUrA) do not warrant the adequacy, accuracy and/or completeness of any information conveyed during the symposium and published on the platform. The organizers do not guarantee uninterrupted and/or error-free access to the platform of the symposium. The organizers endeavour to fix such interruptions as fast as possible. In all other respects, the regulations from the connectivity or technical issues section apply.

Applicable Law

This contract shall be governed by, interpreted and enforced in accordance with French law. Any dispute concerning the interpretation or the execution of the present contract will be submitted, in the absence of amicable settlement, to the competent courts of the jurisdiction of the Commercial Court of Paris, France.

Severability clause

If there is a determination of these Terms and Conditions to be ineffective or impracticable, then the validity of the Terms and Conditions remaining are not impaired. The parties are obligated to cooperate in order to replace the ineffective or impracticable clause by an effective or feasible clause, which results in the ineffective or impracticable clause being closed.

Right of modification

K.I.T. Group may make changes and/or additions to these General Terms and Conditions at any time. The attendees will be informed of such revisions from time to time. If the changes and/or amendments concern essential parts of the contract and if the rights of the attendees are substantially changed as a result, each attendee with an existing and paid registration will be informed separately with the possibility of consent.

As of 26 January 2023,

K.I.T. Group France

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