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*2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement*



# INTERNATIONAL WALNUT SYMPOSIUM



**SORRENTO**  
( N a p l e s ) I T A L Y

November 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

**2004**



[www.walnut2004.sistemacongressi.com](http://www.walnut2004.sistemacongressi.com)

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### Accademia dei Georgofili

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## SPONSORS

### Vincenzo Caputo

[www.ladonnina.it](http://www.ladonnina.it)

Company operating since 1930 in the manufactures and commercialisation of nuts, in Italy and to foreign countries, favouring the process of typical products.

### Domenico De Lucia - Agrindustria

[www.domenicodelucia.it](http://www.domenicodelucia.it)

Company specialized in the process of Sorrento walnut variety and in the packaging of all types of dry nuts both produced in Italy and abroad.

### Besana

[www.vbesana.it](http://www.vbesana.it)

Founded in 1921, Besana is today the leading Group for production, processing and commercialising nuts and dried fruits (including organic products) guaranteeing and certifying high quality and full product traceability.

### Petillo

e-mail: [walnut.nocenzionale@virgilio.it](mailto:walnut.nocenzionale@virgilio.it)

Enterprise specialized in the first transformation of walnut (*Juglans regia*) wood coming from Italy and from the rest of the world.

It produces planks, rifle handles, parquets and shavings



### A.N.E.I.O.A.

[www.aneioa.it](http://www.aneioa.it)

Italian Association of Importers and Exporters of Fruits, Vegetables and Citrus Fruits. The association, founded in 1935, promotes the development of the companies with a wide range of services. A.N.E.I.O.I.A is the intermediate dealing with the relationship between Italian companies and E.U. and other international organizations.



### Nogalba

e-mail: [nogalba@libero.it](mailto:nogalba@libero.it)

Italian consortium dealing with cropping, processing and selling walnuts; it is owned and managed by walnut growers. The business complies with ISO 9000: 2000 regulations and traceability through an Integrated Pest Management technique.



### New Factor

e-mail: [info@newfactor.it](mailto:info@newfactor.it)

The Italian leader in the production and distribution of natural snacks based on nuts, since 1997 has been leading an innovative project with the San Martino Organic Farm and Centuria, the Science and Technology Park, for the development of organic walnuts in the Emilia/Romagna region.



### Cooperativa Agrivesuvio

e-mail: [agrivesuvio@cofus.com](mailto:agrivesuvio@cofus.com)

Cooperative founded to preserve the quality and the typical characteristics of walnut and hazelnut products. Still today, represents the main maintenance of Southern Italy growers.



### Vivai Battistini dr Giuseppe

[www.vivaibattistini.com](http://www.vivaibattistini.com)

Nursery family company worldwide famous for fruit plant production "in vivo" and "in vitro" propagation of rootstocks, fruit trees, ornamental and forestry plants.



### Comune di Palma di Montechiaro

[www.palmadimontechiaro.it](http://www.palmadimontechiaro.it)

City where the famous writer Giuseppe Tomasi of Lampedusa, sets his celebrated novel "Il Gattopardo".



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## INVITATION TO ATTEND the 5<sup>th</sup> Walnut International Symposium

Walnut (*Juglans regia* L.) is traditionally cultivated in Campania region both for fruit and wood production. Fruit and timber remains were detected in Pompei and Ercolano archaeological excavations. Recently, modern walnut plantations, for qualitative products and environmental evaluation have been established in various Italian regions such as Veneto.

The Symposium will take place in Sorrento (Napoli). Different reasons led us to this place: "Sorrento" gives its name to one of the oldest and most famous Italian varieties and in the surrounding country harbours peculiar walnut plants for double aptitude. Sorrento is also one of the most beautiful and charming Italian Cities. The Meeting will be held from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2004. During this period the weather is usually still fine in southern Italy so that we could image not only an interesting scientific Symposium, but also a pleasant stay in the "Penisola Sorrentina" and "Costiera Amalfitana"!

By the combination of the above considerations, and with the invaluable participation of world's Scientists, we expect to obtain a very important and interesting Symposium.

The Conveners, Damiano AVANZATO and Maria Emilia MALVOLTI, together with the Organizing Committee, are looking forward to meeting you at this important event.

### ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Walnut Symposium is organised by two Conveners with different backgrounds: one of them is related to fruit culture, the other to agro-forestry sector. This is an unusual choice, but well accepted by ISHS because, for the first time, all the aspects in relationship with the "walnut plant" will be considered during the Symposium. This approach stems from the consideration that the research carried out at world level on biological aspects, propagation and plant defences, have often a common base without any distinctions if the final products are fruit, timber, dye or natural pharmacological compounds. On the contrary, for various end purposes, different plant managements should be carried out in field plantations. Moreover, in some countries and situations, the combination between fruit and timber production is hoped for and actively pursued.

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Walnut Symposium aims to be a very important opportunity to compare different and various experiences, improve the knowledge and stimulate new objectives under "the walnut crown". To achieve this objective, scientific and technical contributions on walnut for fruit, wood, and other productions will be presented and discussed in different scientific sections and the technical tour.

The scientific sections and technical visits are organised in order to create a connection between the scientific, technical and user communities; information about basic and applied research and the economical aspects will be presented and discussed, taking in mind the sustainable utilization of the "valuable resource walnut".

Beside all this, the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Walnut Symposium desires to gather all experts involved and interested in walnut in order to compare and exchange experiences on the walnut "filiera" from the nut to the furniture and other utilizations.

At the present, considering the preliminary responses to the first announcement, prospects for an interesting Symposium are developing and will hopefully sustain the success obtained by the previous Walnut Symposium.

### PRE-SYMPOSIUM PROFESSIONAL TOUR

**"VENICE", November 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Before the beginning of the Symposium, an optional tour in Veneto, North Italy, is planned on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. During this tour, not included in the registration fee of the congress, it will be possible to visit modern walnut plantations for fruit production, established with varieties at lateral bearing. The Veneto's tour will start on November 7<sup>th</sup> with the arrival of the participants in a hotel situated in Venice. The next day, November 8<sup>th</sup>, the participants will visit by bus the plantations and agricultural enterprises. The lunch will be offered "in loco". Guided tour of Padova. On the morning of November 9<sup>th</sup>, the participants will be accompanied to Venice airport in order to reach the Symposium site in Sorrento. Price per person € 290,00.

### TECHNICAL TOUR

**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, a technical tour is planned in the region of Campania in order to visit typical agricultural enterprises for walnut cultivation and double aptitude plantations. The cost of this tour is included in the Symposium registration fee. The participants will be taken by bus from Sorrento to the area around mount "Vesuvio" where, besides field plantations, two enterprises, one for fruit and one for wood processing will be visited. The lunch will be offered "in loco".

For regular updated information, please visit the Symposium website  
[www.walnut2004.sistemacongressi.com](http://www.walnut2004.sistemacongressi.com)

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004

### WELCOME COCKTAIL

Late afternoon of Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, an informal opening reception will be held at the Symposium Venue, Grand Hotel La Pace. This reception will provide an opportunity for attendees to meet informally for drinks and snacks before formal proceedings commence on Wednesday morning. Open to registered participants and accompanying persons.

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004

### SYMPOSIUM DINNER

The social highlight of the Symposium will be a three-course dinner. Both registered participants and accompanying persons are welcome to join the formal dress Dinner.

*In the Social Programme the Symposium Organisers offer you several possibilities. Some are connected with the Symposium, others are really attractive trips around the area where you can see the exquisite beauty of this part of Italy. To those who can spend a few days more in Italy, we offer pre and post-congress tour to the most picturesque destinations of our Country. Please check the Symposium website for further information.*

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME "AT A GLANCE"

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
	<b>VENICE: OPTIONAL PRE-SYMPOSIUM TOUR</b>		
Sunday November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Arrival and transfer to Hotel	Visit Venice	Welcome Dinner
Monday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to orchards	Visit Padova	Dinner
Tuesday November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Departure to Sorrento		
	<b>SORRENTO: 5<sup>TH</sup> WALNUT SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS</b>		
Tuesday November 9 <sup>th</sup>		Opening Ceremony and Welcome Cocktail	Free evening
Wednesday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Scientific Session	Scientific Session	Free evening
Thursday November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Technical Tour to Nut Processing Industry	Technical Tour to Wood Processing Industry	Free evening
Friday November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Scientific Session	Scientific Session	Gala Dinner
Saturday November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Scientific Session and Closing Ceremony		

## ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

The Scientific Committee invites you to submit abstracts for acceptance to the international referee board either as oral or poster contribution. The accepted abstracts will be printed in a volume and distributed to registered delegates at the beginning of the Symposium.

Authors will receive instructions for preparing their contribution and the full text to be printed, after referee supervision, in a special issue of Acta Horticulturae.

Abstracts must be sent via on-line only, **not later than 30 June 2004**. Abstracts received after this date cannot be considered. After this date the text of the abstract cannot be modified.

One delegate may only be the presenting author of one oral or poster communication.

Acceptance of abstracts and type of communication (oral or poster) will be notified to the corresponding author by e-mail not before 30 July 2004, together with detailed information for oral or poster presentation.

It will not be possible to include your abstract in the Symposium Book of Abstracts if the completed registration to the Symposium and payment have not been received before 30 September 2004.

## SUBMISSION PROCEDURE AND FORMAT OF ABSTRACTS

Please send your file (in Microsoft Word 2002 format or older version) as an attachment to [walnut2004@sistemacongressi.com](mailto:walnut2004@sistemacongressi.com).

Use a clearly legible type font such as Times New Roman, with a point size of 10, single interline, 2 cm frame, one paragraph only and limited to 300 words.

The title (no longer than 190 characters) should be completely capitalized, in bold, and contain no abbreviations. Initials of first names should precede the last name of each author. The name of the presenting author must be underlined. The institutional affiliations and city must be provided for each author, but not their degrees or street addresses.

Please specify in the e-mail message (not in the attachment):

- Name, institution, telephone and fax number and e-mail address of the corresponding author, especially if different from the presenting author.
- Topic - Choose the topic for your communication:
  - Topic 1: Genetics and Breeding
  - Topic 2: Biotechnology
  - Topic 3: Biology and Physiology
  - Topic 4: Pests, Diseases and Plant Protection
  - Topic 5: Propagation and Rootstocks
  - Topic 6: Orchard Management
  - Topic 7: Nut and Wood Processing
  - Topic 8: Economical Aspects
- Presentation preference - Oral or poster

*The above topics will be grouped in the scientific oral and poster sessions. Those will be detailed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement.*

## REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATION

Registration and hotel reservation may be made using the on-line registration form on the Symposium website.

### REGISTRATION FEE

The Participant registration fees include:

- Lunches
- Welcome Cocktail
- Symposium Dinner
- Mid-conference technical tour
- Transfer from Naples airport to Sorrento
- Proceedings (special issue of Acta Horticulturae)
- Access to all Scientific sessions, Exhibition and Poster area
- Symposium bag (with Final Programme and Book of Abstracts)

The One-day registration fees include:

- Lunches
- Mid-conference technical tour
- Access to all Scientific sessions, Exhibition and Poster area
- Symposium bag (with final Programme and Book of Abstracts)

Coffee breaks are kindly offered by REGIONE CAMPANIA

The Accompanying persons fees include participation to:

- Welcome Cocktail
- Symposium Dinner
- Mid-conference technical tour
- Admission to the Accompanying Person Program and Sorrento city tour

The fees have been established as follows (20% V.A.T. included - invoice will be issued for any fees paid):

<i>Registration</i>	<i>Before 31 August 2004 (*)</i>
ISHS Members	€ 400,00
Non-ISHS Members	€ 500,00
Delegates from Developing Countries <i>Please provide proof of citizenship</i>	€ 350,00
Full-time students (*) <i>Please provide proof and a copy of ID.</i>	€ 200,00
One-day registration (*)	€ 100,00
Accompanying person (*)	€ 200,00

(\*) After 31 August 2004 all fees will be increased by 25%

(\*) Excl. Acta Horticulturae special issue

Registration forms will only be processed if received **before 30 September 2004**. After this date, registration forms will be processed as on-site registrations. Please note that in this case, the Symposium bag with the final Programme and Book of Abstracts cannot be guaranteed.

## ACCOMMODATION

Participants wishing hotel accommodation are kindly requested to follow the instruction on the on-line registration form or fill in the spaces provided on the enclosed registration form and return it by fax to the Organizing Secretariat no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004, together with copy of the bank transfer for advance deposit. Your reservation must be guaranteed by the advance deposit covering the cost of the first night.

A special price has been arranged for Symposium participants wishing to stay at the conference venue (5 star hotel) and booking through the Organizing Secretariat:

Double Single Use Room	Double Room	Junior Suite (2+1 beds)
€ 100,00	€ 160,00	€ 250,00

These are **average** prices for year 2004 for other hotels in S.Agnello di Sorrento area:

Hotel Categories	Double Single Use Room	Double Room
4 star Hotel	€ 132,00	€ 174,00
3 star Hotel	€ 81,00	€ 125,00
2 star Hotel	€ 65,00	€ 90,00

All room rates include continental breakfast and taxes.

You will receive by e-mail or fax a voucher stating the hotel name and location before the end of October 2004. Please note that the Organizing Secretariat required a booking agency commission of € 10,00 per reservation, we will charge a further € 25,00 for reservation changes once the hotel voucher has been mailed. No-shows might be charged for the entire stay, depending on the hotel cancellation policy.

Differences between payment sent and final balance due will be collected directly by the hotel upon departure. The hotel will give you the invoice for your full stay.

## PAYMENT

The registration fee and hotel deposit should be paid in Euro to Sistema Congressi by credit card, cash, or bank draft: please check the registration form as regards payment details.

Please note that admission to the Symposium cannot be guaranteed unless full payment has been received. Where payment (or partial payment) is still pending or delayed in the mail, registrants will be asked to pay the outstanding amount upon arrival. Participants are reminded that bank charges are added to all money transfers; outstanding bank charges will be requested at the Registration Desk.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Refund policy for both registration fee and hotel account is as follows:

Cancellation before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004: full refund (less € 25,00 handling fee). After that date no refund is possible.

Cancellation must be confirmed in writing. All refunds will be processed after the Symposium.

## ACCOMPANYING PERSON PROGRAM

In the Accompanying person registration fee, a guided walking tour of the old town Sorrento, which will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, is included. Accompanying persons are also allowed to join the Symposium participants in the technical tour which will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested, please, make your reservation as soon as possible through the Registration Form; reservations will be made on a first-come first-served basis.

**Reservation deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**

For your enjoyment, we are organizing the extra-tours listed below, with an English-speaking guide. Buses will leave each morning around 9.00 a.m. and will be back in Sorrento before 6.00 p.m. (for full day tours). More detailed information will be given later.

**If not enough reservations are made before the deadline, the Symposium Organisation has the right to cancel the tours, without penalties:** the tour does not include the price for admission to museums or monuments which will be paid directly at the entrance by the participants, nor lunches or drinks.

These excursions are reserved to regularly registered Symposium accompanying persons only.

### 1) POMPEI on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – HALF DAY

Even if your interests does not lie in history, this is an archeological site that cannot fail to impress you. Return to the hotels for lunch time.

Cost per person € 40,00 (including transfer by bus with guide service and Pompei ticket entrance).

### 2) POSITANO on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – HALF DAY

Departure by bus to the Amalfi coast, that is said to be the most spectacular in Europe and from Sorrento, the winding cliff top road offers breathtaking panoramic views at every turn. Stop above Positano to take pictures and change to small local buses, as only local ones are allowed to go down town. Then walk through the characteristic narrow streets of the village rich of shops full of local products like "Limoncello", ceramics and typical dresses: the Positano fashion is indeed famous all over the world. Free time for shopping or a drink in an open-air café located on the beach.

Cost per person € 25,00 (including transfer by bus with guide service).

### 3) POMPEI – VESUVIUS on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - FULL DAY

Meeting with English speaking guide in the lobby of the Symposium venue and departure by bus to Pompei. The guide will take you through some of the ancient streets of Pompei where you can see the Baths, Forums and Villas built by the Romans in the year 80 B.C. The coach will then take you within 1.000 meters of the top of the volcano "Vesuvio" and from there you can walk to the very top and admire the panoramic views across the bay of Naples.

Cost per person € 54,00 (including transfer by bus with guide service and Pompei ticket entrance).

Entrance fee Vesuvius Crater € 6,00 p.p.

### 4) CAPRI on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - FULL DAY

Situated a few kilometres from the Sorrento Peninsula, Capri is considered the pearl of the Mediterranean and it is today frequented by both families and jet setters. Thanks to its splendid coastlines rich in small creeks, caves and ravines, the landscape offers unforgettable panoramic views of the island. Endowed with a unique beauty, the famous Blue Grotto, the Faraglioni, its two centres (Capri and Anacapri) criss-crossed by a hundred narrow streets with their colourful houses, make Capri an island of dreams.

Cost per person € 55,00 (including all transfer and guide service)

### 5) NAPLES on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – FULL DAY

Meeting with English speaking guide in the lobby of the hotel and departure by bus to Naples. You will be able to visit the National Museum which is one of the best archeological museum in the world. Most of the treasures from Pompei and Herculaneum have been transferred to this museum for safe keeping. Stop at the heart of the lively quarter of the city popularly known as "Spaccanapoli", to visit some of the most beautiful churches. Time for an optional lunch in the centre and in the afternoon a nice walk through Piazza del Plebiscito, Galleria Umberto I. Proceed by coach passing by the S. Carlo Opera House, and Posillipo from where you will enjoy the most fascinating view of the whole city of Naples from high above.

Cost per person € 42,00 (including all transfer and guide service)

### 6) POSITANO – AMALFI – RAVELLO on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – FULL DAY

Meeting with English speaking guide in the lobby of the Symposium venue and departure by bus to Amalfi coast. We make a stop in Positano, with a nice walk through the characteristic little streets of the village with visit to the Church of Santa Maria dell'Assunta. The walk ends at the famous stairs that lead to the beach where all the best restaurants and open-air cafés are located. Then on to Amalfi. From Amalfi we proceed to Ravello where we visit the Villa Rufolo which gave the musician Richard Wagner the inspiration to create one of his most famous works "Parsifal". Return to Sorrento along the motorway.

Cost per person € 39,00 (including transfer by bus and guide service and entrance ticket to Villa Rufolo).

## POST-SYMPOSIUM TOURIST TOUR

**"SICILY", November 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

This tour is reserved to regularly registered Symposium participant and accompanying persons only. Reservation deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. **If not enough reservations are made before the deadline, the Symposium Organisation has the right to cancel the tours, without penalties.**

This fully guided tour features Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean, lying off the toe of the Italian boot, separated from the mainland by the Strait of Messina. The island is packed with scenic attractions and well preserved remains of three civilizations which shaped its history and unique character: Greek, Moorish and Norman. You will visit Catania, Mount Etna, Taormina, Siracusa, Palma di Montechiaro, Agrigento and Palermo. More details will be given later on, please check the website for updates.

Price per person: € 465,00 includes:

- Private bus
- 3 stars hotel accommodation in double room with private bathroom
- Meals (4 dinners and 3 lunches)
- Local guide where foreseen
- English speaking travel assistant
- Taxes and VAT

Price does not includes:

- Drinks
- Entrance tickets to Museums and monuments
- Personal expenses
- Anything not specified as included in the program
- Flight to Catania (from Naples, indicatively € 100,00)
- Flight from Palermo to Naples (indicatively € 100,00)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DATE AND VENUE

Grand Hotel La Pace  
Via Tordara 10  
Sant'Agnello di Sorrento (Na) ITALY  
Tel. +39 081 8074775 - Fax +39 081 8074066  
<http://www.ghlapace.com>

The Registration Desk will be open from 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> throughout the Symposium.

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

English (simultaneous translation will be provided).  
Proceedings will be published in Acta Horticulturae.

### SPONSOR AND EXHIBITORS

The exhibition is open to industries, equipment manufacturers, booksellers, research centres, etc. Sponsors will have the opportunity to communicate and promote their business and services at the Symposium exhibition, which will operate next to the meeting halls throughout the duration of the Symposium. The Symposium program has been designed to provide as much time as possible for exhibitors and delegates to mix at morning/afternoon coffee and lunch breaks. Stands or meeting points will be allocated as per the date of receipt of deposits with booking forms. We will endeavour to meet the preferred space requests but reserve the right to adjust space allocations in the interest of presenting a professional Sponsor exhibition. Each exhibiting company may nominate one person to register free of charge, as a regular participant. The rest will be given exhibitor's badges, with the company name only, which will allow company staff access to the exhibition area only. For any further information please contact the Organizing Secretariat at [walnut2004@sistemacongressi.com](mailto:walnut2004@sistemacongressi.com).

### BADGES

Badges must always be visibly worn during the scientific session, coffee breaks and lunches at the Conference Venue.

Badges for accompanying persons and for commercial exhibitors do not grant access to the conference room. Cost of replaced badge is € 10,00.

### COFFEE BREAKS AND LUNCHES

Coffee breaks and lunches will be served free of charge at the catering areas to registered participants wearing their badges.

### OFFICIAL INVITATION

An official letter of invitation will be forwarded to any participant upon request. However, this invitation implies no obligation, financial or otherwise, by the Symposium Organising Committee.

### CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Certificates will be given to all registered participants at the Registration Desk.

### LIABILITY

In registering for the Symposium, participants agree that neither the Scientific Committee nor the Organizing Secretariat assumes any liability. Participants should therefore organize their own health and travel insurance.

### PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Every effort has been made to ensure that people with special needs are catered for during the Symposium. Should you require any specific assistance, please let us know in advance, with a notation on your registration form, to enable us to assist in making your stay a pleasant and comfortable one.

### CHANGES

The Scientific and Organizing Secretariats reserve the right to change this programme for technical and/or scientific reasons.

### PASSPORT AND VISAS

Although the Schengen Treaty sanctioned the free circulation of persons and goods within most of the EU countries, identity papers should always be carried; a valid passport is required for citizens of other countries, who should ask their local Italian Embassy or Consulate whether a visa and/or health certificate is required.

### BANKS - CURRENCY

All banks in Italy exchange foreign currency and traveller's cheques.  
Banks are open from Monday to Friday 08.30 am to 1.30 pm and most of them also open for one hour early in the afternoon.  
The local currency is € (Euro). There is no restriction on the import of foreign currency into Italy and there are no limits for traveller's cheques. Cash machines and exchange offices are readily available. Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept major credit cards but check first.

### ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

Voltage is 220V 50Hz. Electrical sockets have two small round holes, laptops need a plug adapter. Appliances designed to operate on 10/120 volts need a voltage converter and a plug adapter.

### MAIL AND TELECOMMUNICATION

Post offices display the sign PT in blue on a yellow background. At a PT office you can telephone, send mail, telegrams and faxes. For local calls you can buy phone cards here or in any tobacconist. When calling abroad from Italy, you must first dial the International code "00", then country code and private number. Italy Country Code is +39 and Sorrento City Code is 081 (include 0). *Emergency numbers:* Police 113 or local 081 8075311, Ambulance 118 or local hospital 081 5331111, Fire 115

## INTERNET

Internet connections will be available at the Symposium Venue for all speakers and registered participants.

## CLIMATE

November is a transitional month between fall and winter. You will see more clouds and sometimes snow but only on the top of mount Vesuvius! The weather can be very nice and warm during the day but chilly, rainy or humid at night. Temperatures are around 12 to 16 °C (55-60F°). Bring a sweater and a raincoat with you, we never know...

## HOW TO REACH SORRENTO

### **By Plane from Naples Airport**

Naples's international Aeroporto Capodichino (NAP) is approximately 8 km far from the city centre and serves the Campania region. It handles domestic and international flights, including several daily flights between Naples and Rome (flight time 45 minutes). Airport Infoline: (Phone: 848.888.777). There's a Naples shuttle bus service to and from the airport. Daily buses to Sorrento (Curreri Lines - journey around 1h20mn) depart just outside the arrival area. Check Curreri Lines website for timetables: [www.curreriviaggi.it](http://www.curreriviaggi.it) or the airport web site [www.gesac.it/](http://www.gesac.it/) for other details.

### **By Train from Naples**

from Naples Central Railway Station in Piazza Garibaldi, take the Circumvesuviana (local metro service) to Sorrento and get off at the Sorrento Sant'Agnello station. The Circumvesuviana direct trains depart every 45 minutes till 11.00 pm and stop also at Pompei and Ercolano. Check [www.vesuviana.it](http://www.vesuviana.it)

### **By boat from Naples**

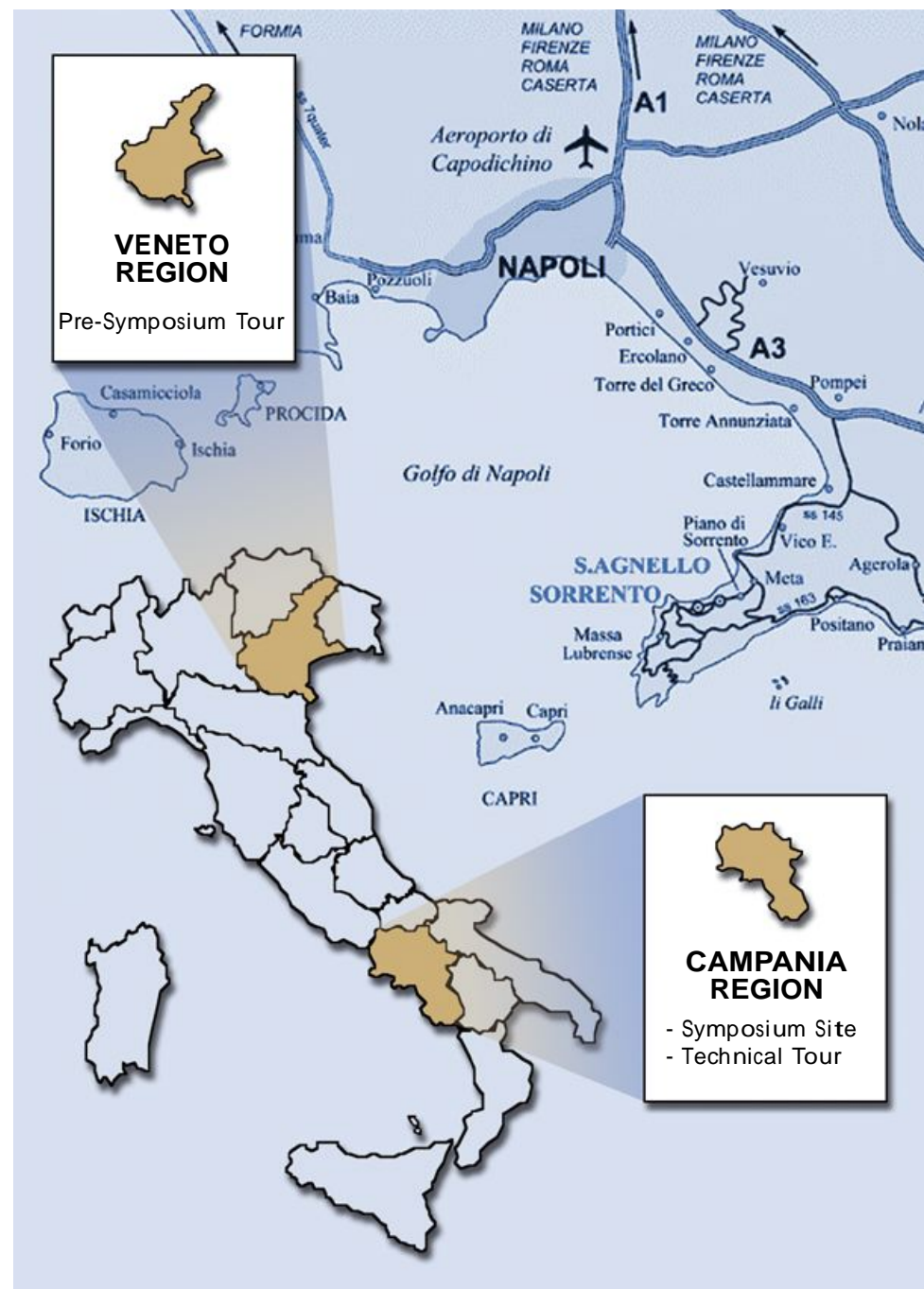
from the port in Naples, at the pier "Beverello", take the hydrofoil to Sorrento. In about 35 minutes you'll arrive to the pier in Sorrento from where, every 30 minutes, there are mini-buses to Sant'Agnello.

### **By car from Naples**

from Naples, follow the indications for the highway A3 in the direction of Salerno. After 25 km take the exit at "Castellammare di Stabia". Then, driving along the road towards Sorrento, you arrive in Sant'Agnello square.

### **Getting around the city of Sorrento-S.Agnello**

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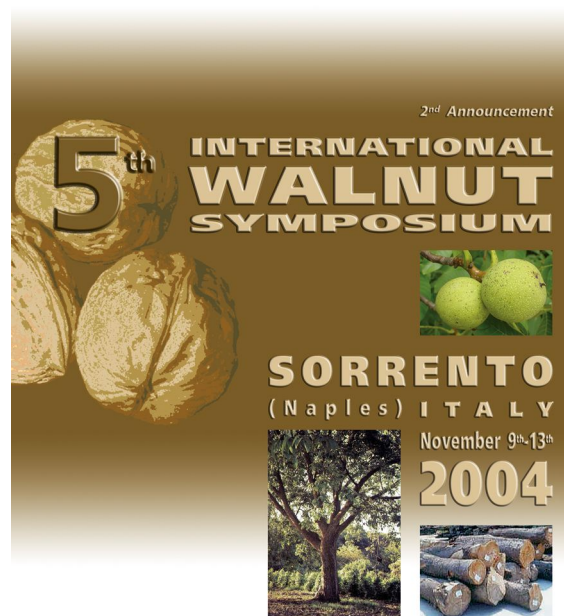
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