7th CONGRESS ON MOUNTAIN AND STEEP SLOPES VITICULTURE ORGANIZED IN ALTO DOURO REGION, PORTUGAL

The International Terraced Landscapes Alliance ITLA is disseminating information on the 7th International Congress of Mountain and Steep Slopes <u>Viticulture</u> that will take place in Vila Real (Tras os Montes) in Douro Region, Portugal, from 12th to 14th of May 2022.

The International Congress is

an initiative of the Center for Research, Environmental Sustainability and Advancement of Mountain Viticulture CERVIM, supported by the International Organization of Vine and Wine OIV. The Congress is organized by the Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro (UTAD), the Faculdade Ciências, the Associação para o Desenvolvimento da Viticultura Duriense (ADVID), with the support of the National Association of Students of Enology and Viticulture.

The Alto Douro region, where the wine has been produced by traditional landholders for some 2,000 years, has been recognized in 2001 as <u>UNESCO World Heritage site</u>. Since the 18th century, its main product, port wine, has been world famous for its quality. The Congress will be also an opportunity to get to know one of the most stunning wine-growing regions in the world where "the long tradition of viticulture has produced a cultural landscape of outstanding beauty that reflects its technological, social and economic evolution".

The 7th International Congress of Mountain and Steep Slopes Viticulture will be and important opportunity to disseminate and update scientific and technical innovations of viticulture and oenology from Mountain regions. The Congress will include an extensive scientific program, sessions and technical visits, photographic exhibition, roundtables and an interesting social program.

The <u>preliminary programme of the Congress</u> is organized into the following four thematic Scientific Sessions:

- Maintaining sustainability and landscape in steep slope Vineyards.
- Mountain and steep slope vineyards: improving agronomic practices via new technologies.
- Quality-enhancing factors for wines.
- Mountain and steep slope vineyards: people, history, economics and culture.

The Technical Sessions will take place through the presentation and discussion of the following Case studies: Prevention and control of hail damage; Use of drones on mountain and steep











slope vineyards; The Portuguese program for selection and certification of clonal varieties; New markets for heroic wines.

The organizers invite all interested actors to <u>sign-up the pre-registration form</u> and to contribute <u>sending abstracts</u> about the different scientific and technical themes of the International Congress.

The International Terraced Landscapes Alliance informs that a delegation of its member from different countries will be organized to participate, presenting their experiences with heroic viticulture on terraced landscapes.

To know more

VII International Congress website

Congress pre-registration

Congress - submission of abstracts

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