

Venue

You are welcome at the campus of Montpellier SupAgro, the International Centre for Higher Education in Agricultural Sciences.

The city

Montpellier is located on the south coast of France on the Mediterranean Sea. With a population of 265,000 inhabitants (510,400 in the whole metropolitan area), it is the third-largest French city on the Mediterranean coast after Marseille and Nice.



Montpellier became the capital of botanical science in Europe during the 16th and 17th centuries. Nowadays, Montpellier and the surrounding region are hosts of many different research teams working in the domains of agronomy, biodiversity, ecology and biological control with about 2300 researchers and teachers (INRA, CIRAD, ANSES, USDA, CSIRO, IRD, CEFE, IRSTEA, EMBRAPA), 5000 students (SupAgro, Univ. Montpellier II, CIHEAM, Institute of Botany) and CGIAR consortium headquarters and Agropolis foundation to support and promote high-level research and higher education in agricultural sciences (<http://www.agropolis.fr/>).



SupAgro

The congress will be hosted at the Montpellier SupAgro Campus, Chateau de La Gaillarde, place Pierre Viala, 34060 MONTPELLIER Cedex 02, France (<http://www.supagro.fr/web/en/>).

It is located downtown, at walking distance of the city center core (15-25 minutes from most parts of the city centre, through Le Pirée, Les Arcades). The closest tram station is 'Stade Philippidès' on line 1 which is at 10 min walk. The bus station 'Pierre Viala' (bus line 6) is just in front of Montpellier SupAgro.



The Amphitheater P. Lamour offers 400 comfortable seats. The entry hall and two adjacent rooms are used for permanent posters exhibition throughout the Symposium. Two adjacent amphitheatres (150 seats) will be used for concurrent sessions, and other fully equipped rooms (from 30 to 50 seats) are available for Working Groups and workshops. Wifi is provided in the rooms, and a technician is always present.



How to reach Montpellier

Montpellier is bordering the Mediterranean Sea in the Languedoc-Roussillon province in South France. Montpellier is located 170 km (106 mi) from Marseille, 242 km (150 mi) from Toulouse. It is at a distance of 748 km (465 mi) from Paris.

By car: It is 3h from Spain and Italy and 1h30 from Marseille by car (Autoroute A9, exit #30 Sud)

By plane: Montpellier is connected to Paris (1h20) with regular flights. See the [Airport website](#) for more detailed information. Direct links to Montpellier airport are operated from Brussels, Frankfurt, Copenhagen, London, Birmingham, Munich and Roma.

The city center is easily accessible from Montpellier Méditerranée Airport by [public transportation](#), by airport shuttle and tram. The Airport shuttle goes up to the tram station “Place de l’Europe”. Then, downtown is accessible with tram line 1 (direction ‘Mosson’) or tram line 3 (direction ‘Albert 1er’). All public transport timetables (buses and tram) are accessible [here](#)

By train: Montpellier can best be reached by high-speed trains (TGV) from Paris (Gare de Lyon, 3h20) and Lyon (1h50), or Roissy Airport (Charles de Gaulle 2 TGV, 4h). See <http://www.voyages-sncf.com/>.

The city and the region are of high touristic and culinary interest. See <http://www.ot-montpellier.fr/en/>.



