

Saffron: Production Progress & Market Promise



Friday, March 15, 2019

University of Vermont, Davis Center, Burlington, VT

- 8:00 - 9:00 **Registration & Saffron Coffee**
Cheryl Frank Sullivan, UVM
- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome & Introduction**
Margaret Skinner, UVM
- 9:15 - 10:20 **Saffron Production in Europe**
Gaetano De Felice, Clesia, Italy
- 10:20 - 10:40 **Soil Mycorrhizae & Fertilizers for Better Saffron Yield**
Mohamed Amine Ayari, Université Laval, Canada
- 10:40 - 11:00 **Coffee Break** (Saffron cookies will be served.)
- 11:00 - 11:20 **Effects of Climate & Soils on Saffron Production**
Rahmatallah Gheshm, Univ. of Rhode Island
- 11:20 - 11:50 **Saffron Quality Assessment in Morocco**
Mounira Lage, Nat. Inst. of Agron. Research, Morocco
- 11:50 - 12:10 **Saffron Solar: A Win/Win Partnership**
Chester Elliott, Peck Solar & Arash Ghalehgalabbebbahani, UVM
- 12:10 - 1:00 **Lunch** (Time to chat with growers and experts and view poster presentations)
- 1:00 - 2:00 **Grower-to-Grower Forum: How does Your Saffron Grow?**
Discussions about diseases, rodents, weeds and more.
Bruce L. Parker - UVM (facilitator), Arash Ghalehgalabbebbahani - UVM
Hans Rotteveel - Roco Saffron, Patti Padua - Cobble Creek Nursery,
Kate O'Connor, The Whole Flower & Gaetano De Felice, Clesia,
- 2:00 - 2:30 **Saffron Corm Production**
Hans Rotteveel, Roco Saffron, The Netherlands
- 2:30 - 2:50 **Saffron: A Promising Natural Gastrointestinal Drug**
Hassan Ashktorab, Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 2:50 - 3:50 **Saffron Market Opportunities Here and There**
Now that we have some product, how do we sell it?
Gaetano De Felice, Clesia, Italy, Parker Shorey, Ferrisburgh, VT & NYC,
Steve Leach, Red Thread Farmstead, Swanton, VT
- 3:50 - 4:00 **What Does the Future Hold?**
Margaret Skinner, Arash Ghalehgalab & Bruce L. Parker, UVM

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