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## Press release



## World Scientific Meeting on Coffee Montpellier

22-25 June 2020

**‘Combining sustainability and coffee quality’** is the theme of the 28th International Conference of the Association for the Science and Information on Coffee (ASIC). This biennial conference, which had not occurred in Europe since 2006, will take place from June 22nd to 25th 2020 in Montpellier (Campus de la Gaillarde).

**Over 400 participants are expected to attend the event:** researchers, PhD students, decision-makers, coffee professionals and civil society actors. Specialists from around the world and representatives from more than twenty coffee-producing Southern countries will share scientific results and address challenging issues about sustainable production, climate change adaptation, coffee quality and traceability, and health effects. **All new developments in science and technology of the coffee sector will be presented and discussed during the four days:** agronomy (genetics, botany, agro-technology, pests and diseases, agro-ecology, etc.); chemistry (coffee analysis, chemical composition, aroma, etc.); technology (green coffee processing, roasting, grinding, extraction, decaffeination, packaging, storage, etc.); markets, certification, traceability, human physiology (coffee and health).

### **Also, on the agenda: two public events**

**The afternoon of June 24th will be open to the public, upon registration:** visitors will get the opportunity to meet producers, professionals and non-governmental organizations around their stands; discover virtuous initiatives in favour of the economic, social and environmental sustainability of production. A round table *‘Science serving the development of coffee’* will make it possible to compare consumers, producers, companies and NGOs expectations regarding the coffee sector.

**‘Will it still be possible to drink coffee in 2050?’**, That is finally the question that will be asked by the conference-debate, open to all, on June 25th (between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m, Montpellier, Salle Rabelais), questioning sustainability and health issues. With the participation of: André Charrier (Former professor at Montpellier SupAgro), Astrid Nehlig (researcher at INSERM Strasbourg, author of the book *‘Coffee and health’*, 2016), Bruno Rapidel (CIRAD scientist, author of the book *‘The agroecological transition of agricultural systems in the Global South’*, 2019) and actors in roasting and coffee trade.

These events are organized in partnership with Agropolis International, Agropolis Foundation, CIRAD, IRD, Montpellier SupAgro and Montpellier Université d'Excellence.

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