

oro-stress 2026

6th International Symposium On Broomrape In Sunflower

1st Meeting On Sunflower Biotic And Abiotic Stress

June 15-18, 2026
Sheraton Hotel
Novi Sad, Serbia



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **6th International Symposium on Broomrape in Sunflower & 1st Meeting on Sunflower Biotic and Abiotic Stress**, which will take place in **Novi Sad, Serbia (Sheraton Hotel)**, from **June 15-18, 2026**. The Symposium is organized by the Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops, Novi Sad (IFVCNS) and the International Sunflower Association (ISA).

Best regards,
Organizing Committee

Symposium website:

<https://panacomp.club/symposium/>



SCOPE OF THE SYMPOSIUM

The symposium aims to present recent research advances and new strategies for managing **broomrape** (*Orobanche cumana* Wallr.), a major global challenge in sunflower production. For the first time, the Symposium will also address both **biotic and abiotic challenges**, recognizing the growing complexity of multiple diseases, pests, drought, and soil degradation. All these factors often interact, amplifying **yield losses and complicating management strategies**.

Expanding the symposium's scope will foster a more **integrated approach** to sunflower resilience, bringing together expertise in sunflower breeding and production, pest management, disease resistance and adaptation to environmental stresses.

PRELIMINARY TOPICS

- **Broomrape and climate change.**
- **Towards biology, ecology and behaviour of broomrape.**
- **Sunflower resistance and breeding.**
- **Integrated management strategies.**
- **Socio-economic effects of broomrape occurrence.**
- **Emerging sunflower pathogens, weeds and insects.**
- **Abiotic stress in sunflower.**
- **Multi-omics approaches for sunflower resilience.**
- **Sustainable and smart sunflower cultivation.**



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PLENARY SPEAKERS

BOŠKO DEDIĆ

Broomrape severity: virulence and environmental factors



BEGOÑA PÉREZ VICH

Genetic insights into the sunflower-broomrape parasitic interaction



ALBERTO MARTIN SANZ

When parasitic weeds fight back: understanding resistance to herbicides in *Orobanche cumana* Wall.



NICOLAS LANGLADE

Integration of genomics and phenomics to identify novel genetic control of drought and heat tolerance in sunflower



NICKY CREUX

Sunflower response to biotic and abiotic stressors



SONJA GVOZDENAC

Tackling emerging sunflower insect pests with adaptive integrated pest management strategies



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IMPORTANT DATES

15th February 2026

Early-bird registration & payment deadline

10th June 2026

Regular registration fee payment deadline

15th March 2026

Abstract submission deadline

15th May 2026

Notification of abstract acceptance

REGISTRATION FEES

Category	Early registration fee (before 15 th Feb 2026)	Regular registration fee (from 15 th Feb 2026)	On-site registration fee
ISA members	350 EUR	400 EUR	450 EUR
Non ISA members	400 EUR	450 EUR	500 EUR
Students	200 EUR	250 EUR	300 EUR
Accompanying persons	150 EUR	150 EUR	150 EUR
Only Gala dinner	70 EUR	70 EUR	70 EUR

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS & PROGRAM

Authors are invited to submit abstracts using the online submission system available on the Symposium's official website (<https://panacomp.club/symposium/>).

The Symposium program includes plenary lectures, oral and poster sessions.

English is the official language of the meeting.



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VENUE

The symposium will take place in Hotel Sheraton, Novi Sad, Serbia

<https://www.sheratonnovisad.rs/>



Aside from Sheraton hotel, there are other available accommodation options. Some are listed below:

Hotel Aleksandar

Hotel Garson Lux

Hotel Centar ***

Hotel Veliki ***

Hotel Mediteraneo ***

Hotel Zenit ***

Hotel Vigor**

For additional accommodation options please visit <https://novisad.travel/en/hotels-in-novi-sad/>

You can also find large offer of hostels or private accommodation in Novi Sad.



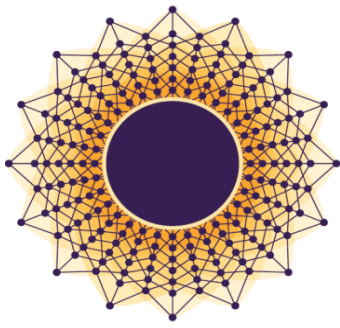
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<https://www.isasunflower.org/>



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