Dear Colleagues,
We are delighted to announce for the first time, The International Young Scientists Symposium “Plants in Pharmacy & Nutrition” to be held in Wroclaw, on May 30th 2014. We kindly invite young researchers working in the area of medicinal and edible plants from all places on Earth to participate.
The symposium will be held at the newly opened building in the main campus of Pharmaceutical Faculty, Wroclaw Medical University, Borowska 211, Wroclaw, Poland.
The goal of the Young Scientist Symposium is to strengthen the collaboration and to encourage young scientists to actively disseminate their results and ideas.
We hope that the Symposium will offer young researchers the possibility to meet and discuss research topics and methodologies, share and develop ideas, learn from each other and gain knowledge from experienced senior scientists.

Themes:
- Phytochemistry
- Bioactivity of plant natural products
- Phytotherapy
- Folk medicinal and edible plants
- Food products form plants
- Nutritional value of plants
- Nutraceuticals and functional foods from plants
- Cosmetic use of plant products
- Herbal industry (herbs in pharmaceutical industry)
- Oil crops
- Biotechnology for food and medicinal plants improvement
- Legal and regulatory aspects of plant medicines and dietary supplements
Organizing Committee:
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- Student Scientific Clubs at Wrocław Medical University:
  - Food Science and Dietetics,
  - Pharmaceutical Botany,
  - Pharmaceutical Industry.

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- Luca Rastrelli (Dipartimento di Farmacia, Universita di Salerno, Italy)
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Agenda (under construction):
8.00 – 9.00 Registration desk open
8.30 posters set up
9.00 – 9.40 opening, keynote lecture
9.45 – 10.15 young scientists short communications
10.15 – 10.45 plenary lecture I
10.50 – 11.20 young scientists short communications
11.25 – 11.45 coffee break & informal poster viewing
11.45 – 12.15 plenary lecture II
12.15 – 12.45 young scientists short communications
12.50 – 13.20 plenary lecture III
13.20 – 13.50 young scientists short communications
13.50 – 15.45 lunch break and poster session (from 14.20 to 15.45)
15.45-16.15 plenary lecture IV
16.15 – 16.45 young scientists short communications
16.45 – 17.15 plenary lecture V
17.15 – 17.55 young scientists short communications
18.00 – young scientists best presentation competition results & awards
Closing & goodbye
General information

**Location:** Wroclaw, the largest city of South-West Poland, historical capital of Silesia and a major academic and research center; Wroclaw is famous countrywide for its parks, bridges, and many gothic churches build of red brick stones; The University is also proud of its 'House of Silesian Apothecary' museum, located in a little old house near the medieval Market Square. The pharmacy in this building has been continuously manufacturing and selling drugs for over 700 years. For plant lovers, we recommend two marvelous botanic gardens, an arboretum and a protected wild meadow reservation with many rare and endangered flower species (both ca. 40 km south from the city).

Symposium venue: L. Kuczynski Conference Hall of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Wroclaw Medical University

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**Language:** Official language of the conference is English. No translations are provided.

**Registration:** All junior researchers (undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, postdocs) who intend to present a poster or short oral communication must register by filling out and sending to the Organizing Committee the Symposium Registration Form available for download at here.

Please, send the registration form before sending an abstract in a separate(!) e-mail, to PPN2014@tlen.pl, using following message topic: "Registration-YourFullName".

All participants must provide a proof of status along with their registration form (e.g. the scanned student ID, certificate from a supervisor, dean or other official on an institutional letterhead paper with signature, for recent graduates, a scanned diploma can be also useful).

**There is no registration fee 😊,** participation is free for all registered young scientists. However, any additional costs, such as traveling or accommodation must be covered by the participants. The symposium organizers can assist in finding accommodation upon request. For any requests, please, contact the secretariat at PPN2014@tlen.pl.

**Call for abstracts:**

Please, send abstracts prepared according to the guidelines not later than April 30th 2014 to the symposium e-mail: PPN2014@tlen.pl, please, use following message topic: "Abstract-YourFullName"

Your submissions are of great benefit to the meeting, and your interest and time are appreciated. If you have any questions about registration, abstract submissions or the conference in general, please don't hesitate to contact us at PPN2014@tlen.pl.

We look forward to seeing you all there!