



- 17:00 - 17:45 **Session 2 (cont.)**. Oral presentations
- *Special Plan of Action in Situations of Warning and Eventual Droughts of the Tagus River Basin*. L. Garrote (Polyt. Univ.Madrid, Spain), M. Soriano (Tagus River Basin Auth. Spain)
  - *Experiences for drought management plans in Cyprus*. N.X.Tsiourtis (Consultant, Cyprus)
  - *Drought management and planning strategies in semi-arid and arid agro-pastoral systems of West Asia and North Africa: A review*. M. Karrou (ICARDA, Syria), M. El Mourid (ICARDA, Tunisia)
  - *Integrated management of water resources and demand in the touristic area of Saint-Tropez in a drought context*. F. Jose-Maria (SIDECEM, France)
- 17:45 - 18:30 *Poster synthesis and discussion*

**21:00**                      **Social dinner**

### Friday 13 June

**09:00 – 12:45**            **Session 3. Scientific and technological tools to improve drought management plans**

*Chair:* M. Karrou (ICARDA, Syria)

- 09:00 - 09:25 *Recent methods and techniques for managing hydrological droughts*. G. Rossi, V. Nicolosi, A. Cancelliere (Univ. Catania, Italy)
- 09:25 - 09:50 *New drought indices*. S. Niemeyer (JRC-IES European Commission, Italy)
- 09:50 - 10:15 *The application of insurance as a tool for mitigating the effects of drought in agriculture*. F. Burgaz (National Entity of Agrarian Insurance, Spain)
- 10:15 - 10:45**    **Coffee break and poster viewing**
- 10:45 - 11:10 *AquaCrop: A new model for crop prediction under water deficit conditions*. P. Steduto (FAO Rome, Italy)
- 11:10 - 12:10 *Oral presentations*
- *A tool for irrigation water management under drought conditions*. E. Playán, J. Cavero, S. Lecina, R. Salvador (CSIC-EEAD, Spain), J.M. Faci (CITA-DGA, Spain)
  - *Development of Agricultural Drought Risk Assessment Model for Kermanshah Province (Iran), using satellite data and intelligent methods*. S. Arshad, S. Morid, M. Agha Alikhani (Tarbiat Modares Univ., Iran), M. Reza Mobasheri (Khaje Nasireddin Toosi Univ. Iran)
  - *Use of NAO index to improve drought forecasting in the Mediterranean area: Application to Sicily region*. G. Di Mauro, B. Bonaccorso, A. Cancelliere, G. Rossi (Univ. Catania, Italy)
  - *Modern strategies and tools for water saving and drought mitigation in Southern Italy*. M. Todorovic, N. Lamaddalena (CIHEAM-IAM Bari, Italy), G. Trisorio Liuzzi (Univ. Bari, Italy)
- 12:10 - 12:45 *Poster synthesis and discussion*

**13:00 – 14:30**            **Lunch**

**14:30 – 16:30**      **Round table: Cooperation on drought management plans in the Mediterranean and other regions, taking into account the climate change scenario**

*Chair: P. Steduto (FAO Rome, Italy)*

*Presentations:*

*The MEDROPLAN Guidelines on Drought Management. A. Iglesias (Polyt. Univ. Madrid, Spain)*

*The NEMEDCA Network, a structure for cooperation on drought management. M. Karrou (ICARDA, Syria)*

*The Euro-Mediterranean Regional Programme for Local Water Management – MEDA Water. G. Soer (RMSU EU MEDA Water programme, Jordan)*

**16:30**                      **Close of the Conference**

B. Hervieu (Secretary General of the CIHEAM)

**Saturday 14 June**

**9:15**                      Departure of the buses for the visit to the Expo Zaragoza 2008

**10:00-12:00**        **Guided visit to Expo Zaragoza 2008**

**12:00**                      Free time