

## 50<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Essential Oils

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International Federation of Essential Oils and Aroma Trades (IFEAT)

### LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

On behalf of the members of the Organizing Committee of the 50<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Essential Oils (ISEO2019) that was held at the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna (Austria) from September 8 to 11, we would like to thank you for your generous financial support. Your generosity allowed us to grant the registration fees for 20 selected young scientists!

This year ISEO celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 1969, in the course of a symposium of the Society of Medicinal Plants Research in Leiden (the Netherlands) four researchers founded a workshop to discuss their common research interests. The main agenda was to find a way to optimize the analysis of volatile compounds by means of an analytic technique which, at that time, was still in its infancy. Since then this meeting was repeated annually with increasing participation, which exceeded the number of 100 participants in 1982 in Wurzburg (Germany) for the first time. Till 1984 ISEO was exclusively organized by academia but in 1985 the symposium was hosted by Dragoco and Haarmann & Reimer (now Symrise) in Holzminden/Neuhaus (Germany). The engagement of the essential oil industry brought another interesting viewpoint to the meetings and it has become an integral part of ISEO. In the meantime the interest in this symposium has literally spread worldwide, to all continents.

Several years ago IFEAT became a very important sponsor of ISEO by facilitating young researchers in the field of essential oils and volatile compounds, who are not often given the opportunities to present their findings at an international level, to join these meetings. For these selected scientists IFEAT compensates the registration fees and therefore enables the future generation in this research field to exchange their results and establish cooperation. Furthermore these outstanding young people can be introduced to the experts; experiences can be transferred and new ideas born. May this tradition of ISEO continue to live at least for another 50 years!

This year we had the great pleasure to invite Dr. *Wladyslaw Brud* to give an excellent lecture on **"Industrial uses versus scientific research of essential oils"** and to welcome Dr. Jonathan Bonello as the Scientific Coordinator of IFEAT at our symposium! On behalf of ISEO's Permanent Scientific Committee we hope to be able to further count on your generous support!

Yours sincerely,

Iris Stappen and Johannes Novak, Presidents of the ISEO2019 Organizing Committee