Training School

Plant Translocation – Theory and Techniques

Application process and Travel Grants

The Training School “Plant Translocation – Theory and Techniques” will be held between 24-27 March 2021 at the Botanic Garden of Rome. The participation is limited to 30 trainees engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing research.

COST Action 18201 “An integrated approach to conservation of threatened plants for the 21st century” supports this initiative with fixed grants of up to 700 that we expect to be able to cover cost of accommodation and subsistence in Rome and make a significant contribution towards travel cost. Grants will be awarded to a limited number of promising attendees from the 40 countries that are either members or near neighbouring countries in the COST Action CA18201 and whose research or activity is focused on restoration ecology and/or plant translocation. All information on how to receive the grant will be available at: www.conserveplants.eu.

Participants of the training school will be selected by the Organising committee (OC). Assessment will be made based on the following criteria:

Track record that the OG feels has outstanding potential and will directly benefit from the skills gained on the course (up to 5 points);
Potential benefit to applicant from attending this particular training course (up to 3 points)
Motivation and future direction in the applicant’s career (up to 2 points)
Participants from ITC1 countries (up to 2 points)

Candidates with the 30 highest scores will be admitted with or without a grant to participate at the course in Rome.

1 For a list of ITC countries please visit: https://www.cost.eu/who-we-are/cost-strategy/excellence-and-inclusiveness/
Organising Committee

The organising committee is composed by Prof. Thomas Abeli (University of Roma Tre), Prof. Fabio Atorre (Director of the Botanic Garden of Rome), Dr. Sandrine Godefroid (Meise Botanic Garden and Chair of the WG2 within the Cost Action CA18201), Dr. Andreas Ensslin (Conservateur of the Conservatoire et Jardin botaniques de la Ville de Genève and co-chair of the WG2 within the Cost Action CA18201); Guy Colling (Musée national d’histoire naturelle de Luxembourg).

Key dates
The deadline for applications is 31 December 2020.
Selected candidates and those who will benefit from the grant will be announced by the end of January 2021.

Apply
Applicants must complete the application form and submit it along with a CV (including list of publications if any), and a letter of motivation to thomas.abeli@uniroma3.it, with subject “translocation training school”.

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