FIG VARIETIES: TODAY AND TOMORROW

DIVERSITY, INNOVATION AND ADAPTATION

Which varieties can meet the expectations of growers and the market?

VÉZÉNOBRES · 27 NOVEMBER 2026

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Organised by: Association SRG Figues de Vézénobres, Maison de la Figue and Alès Agglomération

MORNING SESSION

A better understanding of fig varietal diversity

8:30–9:00	**WELCOME · REGISTRATION · COFFEE**
9:00–9:15	**OPENING REMARKS** *Mr OMBRAS (Mayor of Vézénobres)* *Ms ALLEMAND (SRG Figues de Vézénobres association)* *Ms SALTETTO (grower, director of the AOP Figue de Solliès)*
9:15–9:30	Worldwide overview of fig breeding and variety development *Mr PEYRE (fig industry expert)*
9:30–9:45	Types of fig trees and the main varieties grown in France across different growing regions *Ms VERNIER (Var Chamber of Agriculture)*
9:45–10:00	Characterising fig varieties: why is it so difficult, and how can a varietal fact sheet be developed? *Ms RAUZIER (Alès Pomology Centre)*
10:00–10:15	Variety breeding: can experience gained in grapevine breeding shed light on the future of fig breeding? *Mr LE CUNFF (IFV)*
10:15–10:40	Conservation of genetic resources and selection of promising varieties in Türkiye *Ms AYAR (Fig Research Institute, Türkiye) · Online*
10:40–11:00	**COFFEE BREAK**
11:00–11:15	Objectives and prospects for fig breeding in Spain: the experience of FIKI *Mr BALAS (FIKI, Badajoz, Spain) · Online*
11:15–11:30	Genetic diversity of Mediterranean fig trees and genes associated with fruit characteristics *Mr GIORDANI (University of Pisa, Italy)*
11:30–12:30	**PANEL DISCUSSION: Conserving, identifying, evaluating… and protecting?** *Chair: Ms RAUZIER* *Mr EL OUARDI (Abdel's Eden Land collection)* *Mr ELIAS (Gimont fig tree conservatory)* *Mr BELLONI (Giardini di Pomona collection)* *Mr ANSELMO (Facebook group "Fous de figuier")* *Ms DIRWIMMER (CTPS/GEVES)*

LUNCH BREAK

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Choosing varieties to meet growers' and market expectations

14:00–15:00	**PANEL DISCUSSION: Which varieties can meet the expectations of growers and the market?** *Chair: Mr REGNARD (Institut Agro Montpellier)* *Mr ROBIN, Mr CROCHON, Ms CRIBEILLET, Ms SALTETTO (growers)* *Mr BAUD (Baud Nursery)* *Ms MAILLOT (Fruit Purchasing, Prosol / Grand Frais)*
15:00–15:30	**Are our varieties suited to trellised orchards?** *Mr COURTIAL (technician), Mr BOISSON (grower)*
15:30–15:45	**Tolerance of Tunisian fig varieties to water and salt stress: results and prospects** *Ms BARAKET (University of Tunis, Tunisia) · Online*
15:45 - 16:45	**PRESENTATION OF THE MAISON DE LA FIGUE** *Ms BONNET, Mr BORNIC* **VISIT TO THE FIG TREE CONSERVATION ORCHARD** *Ms RAUZIER*
16:45 - 17:00	**CLOSING REMARKS** *Ms ALLEMAND, Ms SALTETTO*

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