

Successful attendance and high-quality content

Piacenza hosted the fifth edition of Enoforum, the biennial technical-scientific congress organised by SIVE (Italian Society of Viticulture and Oenology; www.siveonline.it) and Vinidea (www.vinidea.it).

More than 650 people from all regions of Italy took part in the three-day event, from 13 to 15 March: more than 400 **agronomists and oenologists** involved in the production, a hundred **researchers** and as many representatives of **companies supplying products, equipment and services**. The make-up of the congress participants is indicative of the inspiring principles of Enoforum, which aims to be a periodic meeting and exchange of ideas between the Italian and foreign research worlds. Italy's most qualified technicians and companies are actively engaged in technological innovation.

with **60 oral presentations** and **80 posters**, the extensive conference programme offered participants a comprehensive overview of what has been newly developed by companies in the sector over the last two years, and a snapshot of the studies carried out by the **29 research centres** that contributed with oral or poster presentations.

Enoforum 2007 received the **patronage of the OIV (International organisation of vine and wine)**, of which General Director, Doc. **Federico Castellucci**, gave the inaugural speech talking about the organisation he manages, providing an overview of current developments in wine production and consumption at national and world levels.

The **6 invitation-only seminars** featured three foreign speakers (**Charles Edwards** of Washington State University, **Ch'Ng Poh Tiong** publisher and journalist from Singapore and **Hernán Ojeda** from INRA in Montpellier) and various Italian scholars (**Fulvio Mattivi** from the Institute of San Michele all'Adige, **Vittorino Novello** from the University of Turin and **Attilio Scienza's** group from the University of Milan).

Technical articles from the seminars, as well as modules, oral presentations and posters, will be published in the coming months in the Internet Journal of Viticulture and Oenology www.InfoWine.com, distributed in 5 languages to over 40,000 readers worldwide.

There were a total of 18 modules run in cooperation with companies in the sector, which were widely attended by the public. The following companies presented the findings of their research and development work, carried out in collaboration with Italian or foreign research centres: AEB, DSM Food Specialities, Lallemand, Ganimede, Oliver Ogar, Enartis, Novozymes, Parsec, Laffort, Nomacorc, Oenofrance, TMCI Padovan, Filcon, Intelli'Oeno, HTS Enologia, Sprinter Oenologie, Garzanti Specialities, Emex Engineering, Scholle Packaging.

The companies ENARTIS, LALLEMAND and EMEX ENGINEERING supported the event.

The posters presented, visible throughout the event in a special area dedicated to them, amounted to a total of 80, the majority of which were proposed by the 29 Italian research centres that contributed with their most recent research papers to the congress.

Compared to previous editions, Enoforum 2007 also played a role in the selection process of the Italian research work candidates for the award of the Prize SIVE Italian Research for Development, in the amount of € 5,000. The prize is directed to research groups working on topics of high scientific importance but which also had a clear positive impact on the Italian wine-growing sector. The 59 papers that were submitted were assessed in the first phase by a Scientific Committee composed of 21 Italian academics and researchers.