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OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA TO JOIN THE IOC



MADRID / On 15 March 2022, the Executive Director of the IOC welcomed H.E. Azzam Abdulkarim Al Qaim, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Spain, who came to officially deliver the Kingdom's application to join the IOC.

The Executive Director congratulated his guest for the initiative taken by his government and assured him of the full support of the Executive Secretariat in his administrative efforts to finalise the Kingdom's membership.

The Ambassador said he was proud to see his country join the IOC family, especially as the olive tree has a privileged place in Arab-Muslim culture and has an almost sacred meaning. He then asked about the next steps, since his government would like to become a member before the November 2022 session.

The Executive Director and the Head of the Legal Affairs Department outlined the technical details and the steps to be taken and undertaken to assist the Saudi party if necessary.

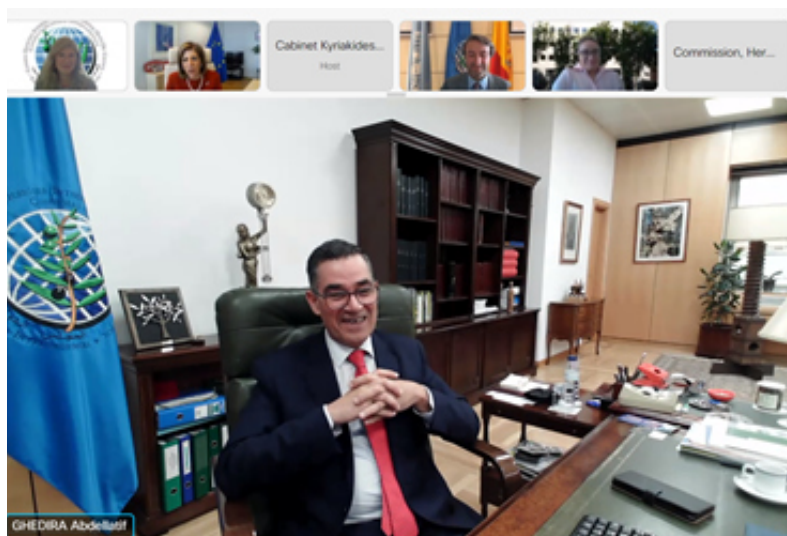
At the end of the meeting, the ED gave a tour of the headquarters and souvenir photos were taken to commemorate the event.





NUTRITION LABELLING : EU – IOC MEETING

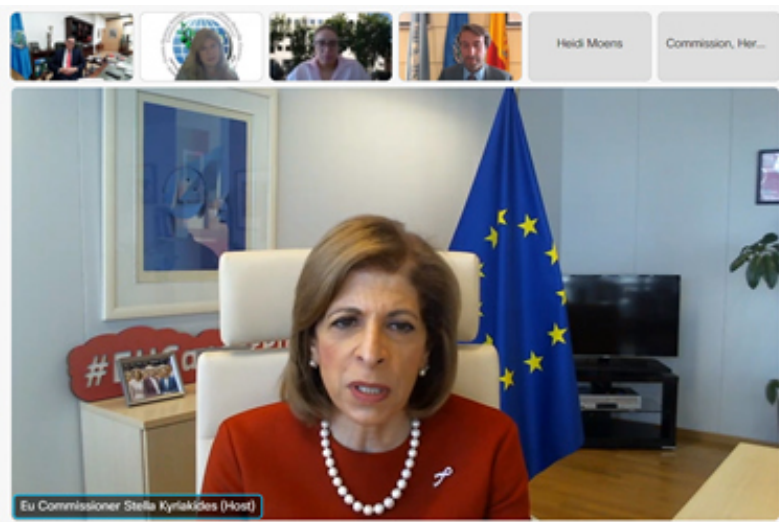
MADRID - BRUXELLES /IOC Executive Director discusses Nutri-Score with EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides.



Executive Director **Abdellatif Ghedira** met with the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, **Stella Kyriakides**, in a video conference on 22 March 2022 to discuss the issue of nutrition labelling on packaging.

Mr Ghedira, who was accompanied by **Jaime Lillo**, the Deputy Executive Director, and **Mercedes Fernández**, the Head of the Standardisation and Research Unit, expressed the concern of the olive sector about the unfavourable classification of olive oil by the Nutri-Score private labelling scheme. He reminded the Commissioner that the EU was by far the world's largest producer of olive oil, with 65% of total production, and as a member of the IOC it had always supported the IOC's olive oil promotion policy. He pointed out that all the promotion activities carried out by the Organisation were indeed based on the results of scientific research that had for several decades demonstrated the health benefits of olive oil and

the positive effect of its consumption in reducing mortality associated with many chronic diseases (cardiovascular accidents, cancer, obesity, diabetes, etc.).

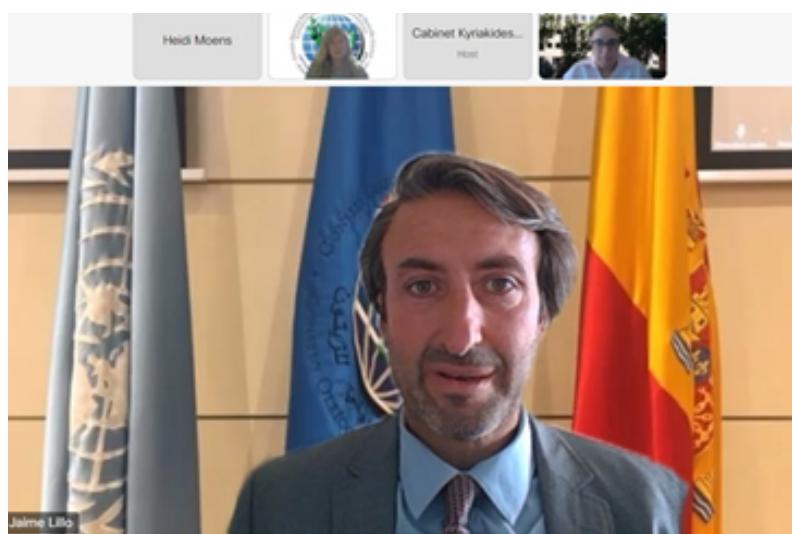




Kyriakides recalled the principles of the EU's Farm to Fork strategy, including its objective to promote healthy and balanced eating. She added that this strategy includes the application of a harmonised labelling system. She was fully aware of the specificities of olive oil and assured Mr Ghedira that they would be taken into account. The results of the public consultations and the conclusions of the European Food Safety Authority will be available in the coming weeks and no decision has therefore yet been taken in this respect. A legislative proposal will be presented by the end of the year.

Mr Ghedira offered to provide Ms Kyriakides with the results of scientific studies on olive oil to assist the forthcoming decision on the classification of olive oil in the EU's harmonised labelling system.

Mr Ghedira thanked the European Commissioner for her availability and expressed his wish to seize this unique opportunity to properly explain to consumers the nutritional properties and health benefits of olive oil through clear labelling. He concluded that olive oils must be promoted and everything possible must be done to avoid confusion and penalisation for this product as is the case with the current Nutri-Score system.





FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR GUERBÀA VISITS THE IOC

MADRID / On 11 March 2022, the Executive Director of the IOC, Abdellatif Ghedira, was visited by a former IOC official, Hédi Guerbàa.

An engineer and former official of the Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Mr Guerbàa began his career at the IOC in September 1976 as Head of the Economic Department, before being appointed Deputy Executive Director in the 1980s, a position he held until he retired in August 1997.

Mr Guerbàa played an important role in the launch of a book that is still a reference for the olive sector: the *World Olive Encyclopaedia*.

The Executive Director and Mr Guerbàa discussed many topics, including how the IOC has changed, its new members in Latin America, the Caucuses and the Gulf region, consumer trends, and new consumer markets. Mr Guerbàa recalled when the new IOC headquarters was set up on **Calle Principe De Vergara** in 1992, the planning of the site, the construction of the building and its inauguration.

The Executive Director thanked his guest and presented him with a certificate of recognition for



his work in the IOC and a commemorative pin. Mr Guerbàa was accompanied by members of his family who were grateful for the event.

To download the IOC's World Olive Encyclopaedia for free, click here:

<https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/product-category/digital-edition/>



THE IOC INVITES THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO THE WOOE



MADRID / The World Olive Oil Exhibition (WOOE), one of the world's largest specialist olive oil fairs, has opened its doors in Madrid. This year, the two-day event has great ambitions: to offer the best representation of the world olive oil sector and to provide a meeting point for professionals from olive oil producing and consuming countries from all over the world so they can consolidate their activities and open new markets.



The opening day highlighted the role of the IOC. Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira launched a programme to raise awareness of and bring attention to the Ambassadors of the Organisation's member countries (44 nations). 'The event is also aimed at new consumer and observer countries that are increasingly considering joining this intergovernmental body', he said during the inauguration ceremony.

'The IOC,' Ghedira added, 'is a key player in contributing to the sustainable and responsible development of olive growing and serves as a global forum for discussing olive policies and addressing the current and future challenges of the sector. That is why we are here today – to stand with member countries to support their demands and to work with them to strengthen the framework of rules contained in the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives tabled at the United Nations.'

The opening day also included a presentation by Jaime Lillo, Deputy Executive Director of the IOC, on the situation of the world olive oil market.



According to the Executive Secretariat's production forecasts for member countries, world olive oil production for the current crop year (2021/22) is expected to reach almost 3 100 000 tonnes, a slight decrease compared to the previous two crop years. Jaime Lillo said that consumption, although broadly stable over the last two crop years, had been affected by the fall in production.



He also reported a slight increase in imports in the current crop year – which are expected to reach 1 211 000 tonnes – and an increase in exports, from 1 100 000 tonnes in the 2020/21 crop year to 1 189 000 tonnes in the current crop year. 'The USA and the EU, with 34% and 15% respectively, contribute to almost 50% of world olive oil imports, while Brazil (9%), Japan and Canada (both 5%), China (4%), Australia and Russia (both 3%) and Mexico (2%), contribute to 20% of trade,' concluded Jaime Lillo.

At the end of the event, the IOC was presented with the WO OE Honorary Award for its commitment to the international olive sector. Executive Director Ghedira gave thanks in a speech, extracts of which will be published shortly.





THE WOOE PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE IOC

MADRID / On the opening day of the WOOE, the IOC was awarded a tribute of honour.

A panel of experts in the sector, alongside the organising team of the event, decided that the commitment of the intergovernmental body deserved an honourable mention. Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira, pictured, said it was a great honour and pleasure to be invited to participate in the inauguration of this new edition of the WOOE, which is becoming increasingly important and is taking its place among the major events dedicated to the olive sector.



With its origin stemming from the efforts of a few, mainly Spanish, pioneers in olive growing, one of the objectives of this fair is to boost international trade and raise awareness of olive oil and its many benefits. Yes, production is important, and productivity is vital, but quality remains the ultimate goal. The consumer deserves only the best olive oil.

We are far from meeting the demand of the world market, so we want complementarity, not competition. Olive oil currently accounts for only 2% of all food oils. There is still a lot of room for improvement.



Recognising this, we at the IOC are working to expand the cultivation of olive oil production and consumption into new areas. The IOC has 18 members, representing 44 countries. Most are around the Mediterranean basin, but Iran, Argentina and Uruguay are also members. In recent years, we have managed to interest the Caucasus region with the recent accessions of Georgia and Uzbekistan, and the forthcoming accession of Azerbaijan. New accessions are also arriving from South Asia, with Pakistan, and finally the Gulf region, with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



Today, our members contribute to about 94% of world production and 76% of international trade in olive products. This trend is set to grow with the arrival of new members. Democratising the olive sector helps the economy and the sustainable development of these newcomers, but we strive to accompany it with strict control of standards. We encourage member and non-member countries alike to set up laboratories and tasting panels to prevent fraud and protect consumers.

The IOC currently recognises 102 laboratories of all categories and 93 tasting panels worldwide and is committed to them through cooperation agreements with universities, research centres and international organisations specialising in the study of quality, new technologies and the genome.

Meanwhile, good news on the global consumption front. Over the last three crop years, olive oil consumption has grown more than production around the world. This is the first time this has happened for three consecutive years, and it happened during two years of the pandemic. 'The increase in consumption is positive,' said Jaime Lillo, Deputy Executive Director of the IOC. 'It shows how consumption reflects changes in consumers' lifestyles. Of course, covid-19 has changed our behaviour, but consumers have shifted their purchases towards higher quality products, which has also led to an increase in the value of the product on a global scale.'





DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF IRAN VISITS THE IOC



MADRID / Mr Boroomandi Iranian Jihad, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Islamic Republic of Iran, paid a courtesy visit to Executive Director Ghedira on 4 March 2022. He was accompanied by the Iranian Ambassador to Spain and the Head of the Iranian Delegation to the IOC.

The ED and the Head of the External Relations Department, Mr Mounir Fourati, welcomed the delegation to the headquarters building.

Discussions focused on cooperation between the two parties and the contribution that Iran must make as soon as possible to continue to benefit from the IOC.

The Deputy Minister thanked the Organisation for its support for the programme to develop the Iranian olive sector and undertook to deal with the issue of the Iranian contribution personally, as soon as he returns to Tehran.



At the end of the meeting, souvenir photos were taken, gifts were exchanged and the Iranian Deputy Minister wrote a few sentences in the IOC guestbook.

THE CLIMOLIVEMED PROJECT: CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE IOC

MARRAKECH / On 8 April 2021, the IOC and the Institute for Higher Education And Research In Agriculture, Food Systems and the Environment (Institut Agro) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on furthering scientific cooperation. A key focus of this MoU is to encourage close cooperation in diversifying olive varieties, cropping systems and olive oil markets at a time of global change, in particular climate change.

In this context, the Institut Agro launched the ClimOliveMed project and invited the IOC to participate. This project maintains that diversity is key for sustainable olive growing in the Mediterranean region as the climate changes. It encompasses diversity in terms of varieties, production systems and stakeholders, both direct, such as olive growers, processors and developers, and indirect, such as associations, genetic resources managers and researchers.



The meeting that took place in Marrakech from 8 to 12 March 2022 aimed to foster knowledge exchange between partners, strengthen the ties between them and launch a shared vision for the project as well as a joint action plan.



The meeting had participants from CIRAD (the International Centre for Agricultural Research for Development), CNRS (the National Centre for Scientific Research), INRA (the National Institute of Agronomic Research), INRAE (the National Institute of Agronomic and Environmental Research), the IOC, FAO, the Agropolis Fondation, CBNMed, Port Cros National Park, Montpellier SupAgro, the Hassan II Academy for Science and Technology, the University of Abdelmalek Essaâdi, the University of Cadi Ayyad

Marrakech, the University of Ibn Tofail, the University of Sultan Moulay Slimane, Interprolive, France Olive (French interprofessional olive association), and the Provincial (Ouezzane) and Regional (Tanger-Tétouan-Alhoceima) Olive Tree and Olive Growing Association.

Over the first three days, the ImpresS approach of the project was presented, evaluating its possible impact, the expected changes, the difficulties and opportunities that might be faced, and the strategies to achieve the desired outcome. The project actors participated as co-producers of the project.



To put the project in context with other research in the olive sector, the Head of the Technical Cooperation and Training Department of the IOC, **Catarina Bairrao Balula**, gave a talk on related IOC activities, in particular on the network of olive germplasm banks, the THOC project and the progress of the catalogue. She highlighted the importance of collaborating with other ongoing projects with similar aims, like the Gen4Olive project and research projects that aim to analyse traits related to climate change, like drought tolerance, chilling, etc. She also underlined that the partnership with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was a priority for the IOC this year.

Ms Bairrao Balula also mentioned that the IOC had planned a workshop in 2022 to gather the coordinators of projects studying the resilience of olive trees to climate change. The goal is to create synergy and better coordinate these projects to meet their objectives and prevent repetition. ClimOliveMed will take part in this meeting.

The fourth day was focused on setting up a steering committee. On Saturday 12 March, the meeting concluded with a visit to the impressive IOC-INRA world olive collection at Tassaout, which is one of the hubs for studying varietal behaviour within the project.

The **ClimOliveMed** project strengthens ongoing research on olive growing and climate change, particularly in France and Morocco. The project uses a social approach to help stakeholders integrate its conclusions, using different varieties and production techniques to increase resilience and sustainability in the sector. The IOC will be a vehicle for disseminating this information on a broader scale.



REVISION OF EPPO STANDARD PM 4/17: CERTIFICATION SCHEME FOR OLIVE TREES AND ROOTSTOCKS

MADRID / Several virtual meetings have been held since November 2020 with the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) and a designated expert working group to revise Standard PM4/17. This Standard describes the production of olive trees and rootstocks subject to sanitary certification; the first version was approved in 1996 and revised in 2005.

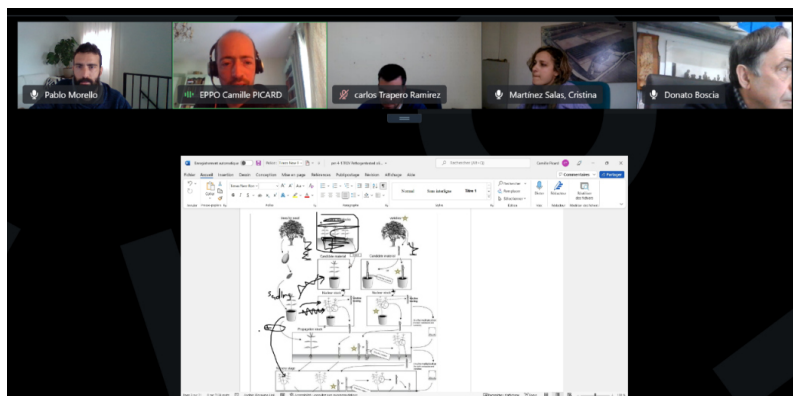
The expert working group actively exchanged views on the amendments to be made to the Standard. The group is composed of Mr D. Boscia (CNR, Italy), Mr F. Faggioli (CREA, IT), Ms R. Félix (UEVORA, PT), Ms C. Martinez (MAPAMA, ES), Mr P. Morello (IOC), Ms M. Saponari (CNR, IT), Mr C. Trapero (University of Cordoba, ES) and Ms C. Varveri (BPI, GR); it is coordinated by Mr C. Picard (EPPO) and Ms F. Petter (EPPO). The group proposed the following changes:

- Addition of measures to address the risk posed by *Xylella fastidiosa*.
- Addition of plant testing for *Verticillium dahliae*.
- Addition of similar measures for *Meloidogyne arenaria* on *M. incognita* and *M. javanica*.
- Removal of the testing for *Cucumber mosaic virus* (CMV)
- Revision of the diagram on the production stages.



- Addition of new references.
- Revision on the appendices on diagnostics.
- Evaluation of the regulated non-quarantine pest (RNP) status of pests included in the Standard.

The group also agreed that the only candidate nuclear stock should be tested for *Strawberry latent ringspot virus* (SLRSV), *Arabid mosaic virus* (ArMV) and *Cherry leaf roll virus* (CLRV) and that testing was not required for other stages.



Finally, Mr D. Boscia, Ms G. Bottalico (University of Bari, IT) and Mr M. Micheli (University of Perugia, IT) extensively revised Appendix 6 on the *in vitro* maintenance and multiplication of olive plants. The Standard was circulated to EPPO Member countries (see https://www.eppo.int/ABOUT_EPP0/eppo_members) in January for a formal consultation.

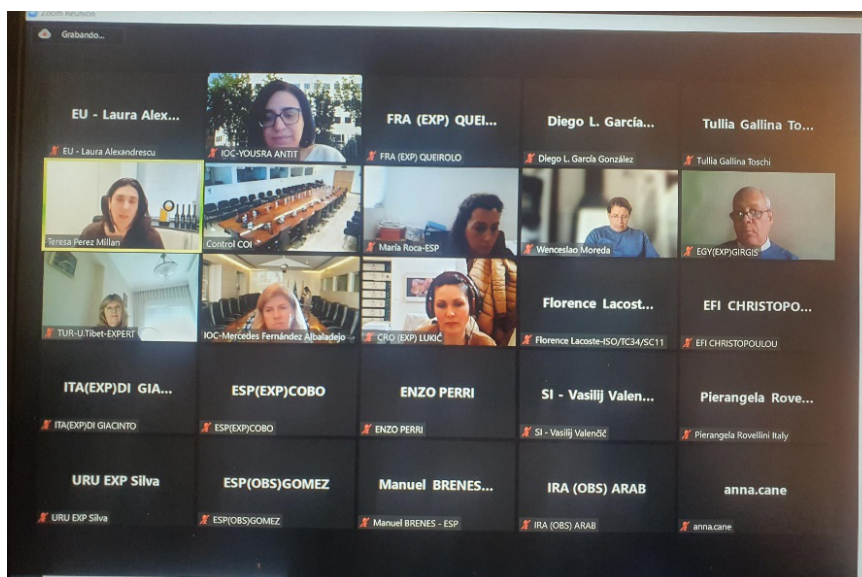
A last meeting took place on 8 March 2022 to review some of the comments received during the country consultation and propose amendments to respond to the comments made.

Going forward, a presentation will be given at the EPPO Working Party on Phytosanitary Regulation in June 2022 with possible approval by the EPPO Council in September 2022. The new PM 4/17 is expected to be published at the end of 2022. It will provide recommendations for a sanitary certification for producing olive trees and rootstocks. The recommendation is addressed to EPPO member countries, but may also serve as a model for other countries.

The IOC endorses the EPPO scheme to reinforce and widely disseminate recommendations for the nursery industry in the olive plant-producing countries of the world.

MEETING OF CHEMISTRY EXPERTS: 10 AND 11 MARCH 2022

MADRID / On 10 and 11 March 2022, the Executive Secretariat held a meeting with expert chemists from around the world. Observers from several countries and institutions attended, including Australia, Canada, the USA, the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the International Organization for Standardization, and representatives of the Advisory Committee.



The attendees discussed matters of interest in the fields of standardisation, research and the study of methods of analysis to guarantee the quality and authenticity of olive oils and olive-pomace oils.

Among the presentations given were the conclusions of the analysis of data from different countries; the studies on volatile compounds and the approved reports on harmonising international standards; the results of the collaborative trials (phenolic compounds, waxes and pesticides); and priorities for future work, such as creating specific electronic working groups and organising collaborative trials.

The possible revision of methods and parameters will be presented at the 115th session of the Council of Members.

PUBLICATION OF TWO CALLS FOR TENDERS



Two calls for tenders have been published on the IOC website. The first concerns the provision of a digital platform for the sensory analysis of virgin olive oils (CO/2022-19). The second is for the organisation of the prize-giving ceremony for the Mario Solinas Quality Award (CO/2022-18).

The deadline for submission is **15 April 2022**. You can find all the documents here: <https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/contracts-grants-vacancies/contracts/>



THANK YOU, VENTURA, OUR DEAR COLLEAGUE

MADRID / A heartfelt farewell to our dear friend after more than 30 years at the IOC.

Last February, **Ventura Fernandez Blanco**, one of the longest-serving officials at the IOC, left his post at the Executive Secretariat as he had reached the age of retirement.

The farewell and thank-you ceremony took place in the main hall of the headquarters building. Guests attended in person and via Teams, including some colleagues from abroad. Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira, Deputy Executive Directors Mustafa Sepetçi and Jaime Lillo and colleagues thanked Ventura for his commitment and dedication to the organisation. At the end of the ceremony, Ventura himself gave a brief but warm farewell speech to the entire Executive Secretariat, which has been his second family for many years.

In the photo, Executive Director Ghedira gives Ventura a souvenir plaque and a replica silver olive tree, so that he can remember happy times for many years to come. Thank you, Ventura.





IOC EXPERT COURSE IN VIRGIN OLIVE OILS TASTING

MADRID - JAÉN / Call for applications for International scholarships, 19th edition, 2022. As part of its technical cooperation and training programme for 2022, the **International Olive Council** plans to award 25 scholarships for the International Expert Course in virgin olive oils tasting, taught at the University of Jaén (Spain). These scholarships cover registration fees, travel costs at the beginning and end of the course as well as three monthly payments of €860 (to cover board, lodging and insurance).



The course will cover the theoretical principles and methodology for the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil and the analysis of the factors and the positive and negative attributes that define sensory quality in relation to cultural practices, processing methods and other general physical and chemical quality control parameters. The course will begin on 26 September and will end on 20 December 2022. All course details can be found in the brochure attached in appendix I.

The course will be given in Spanish and English simultaneously. Participants whose first language is not Spanish are recommended to participate in the intensive Spanish tuition organised by the University of Jaén at the beginning of September.

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2022. To apply, candidates must send to iooc@internationaloliveoil.org the application form.

Further information is available in the Grants section of the website on this link: <https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/contracts-grants-vacancies/grants/>

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- Olivae 128 Uruguay: All editions are now available free of charge on the IOC digital library (Arabic, English, French, Italian and Spanish).



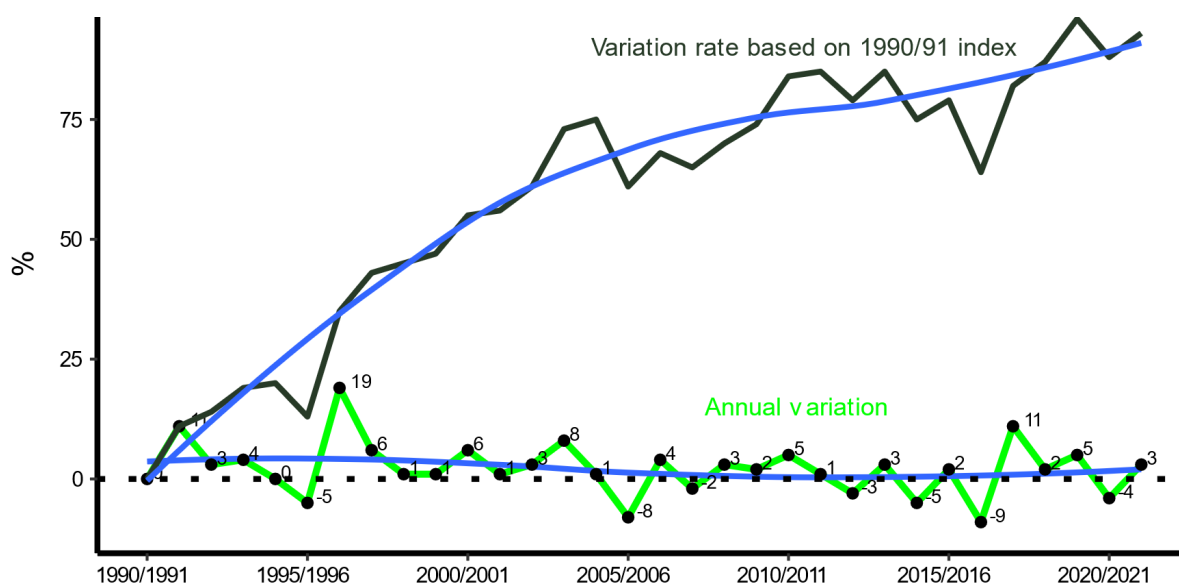
THE WORLD OF OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVES

By Economic and Promotion Unit – Economic Studies and Statistics Department



CHANGES IN OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVE CONSUMPTION

Olive oil consumption almost doubled from 1990/91 to 2020/21. Provisional data for the 2020/21 crop year point to a fall of 4.4%, leaving consumption at 3 125 000 t. The estimate for 2021/22 puts consumption at over 3.2 million t.



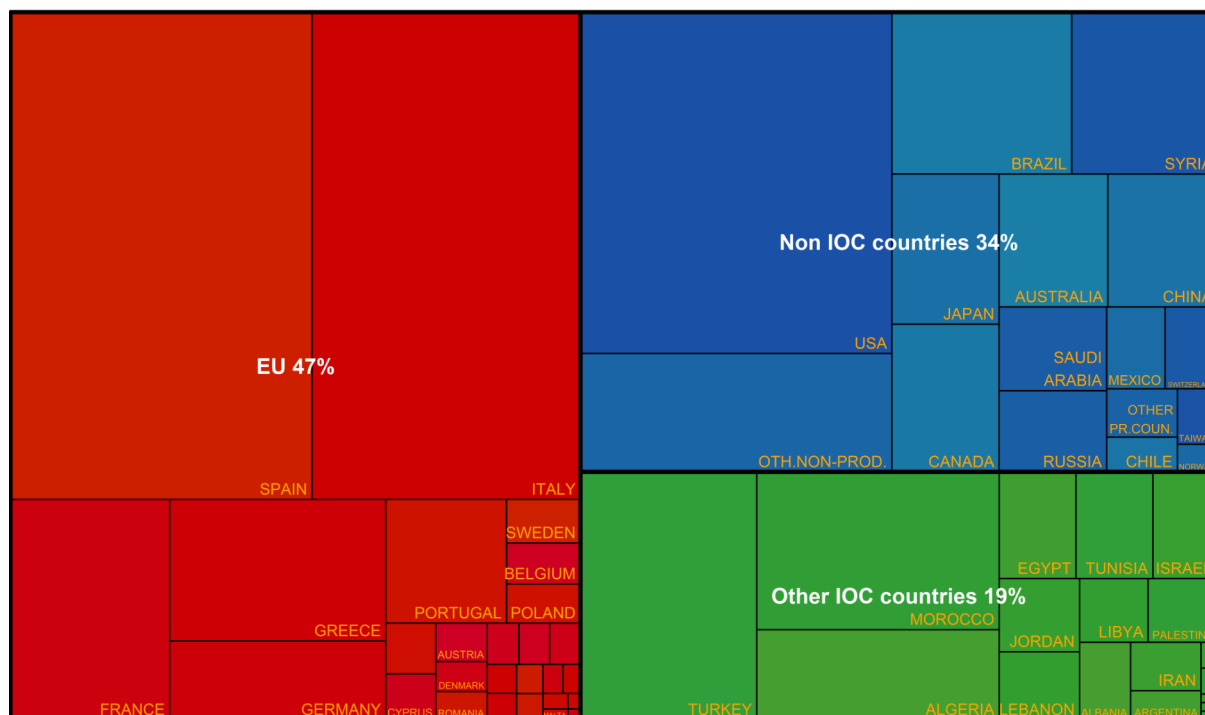
Graph 1 – Changes in olive oil consumption. Annual rate of change since 1990/91.



1. OLIVE OIL – PROVISIONAL 2020/21 CROP YEAR AND ESTIMATE 2021/22 CROP YEAR

According to official data and estimates by the Executive Secretariat, world consumption could reach 3 214 500t in the 2021/22 crop year, an increase of 2.9% compared to the 2020/21 crop year.

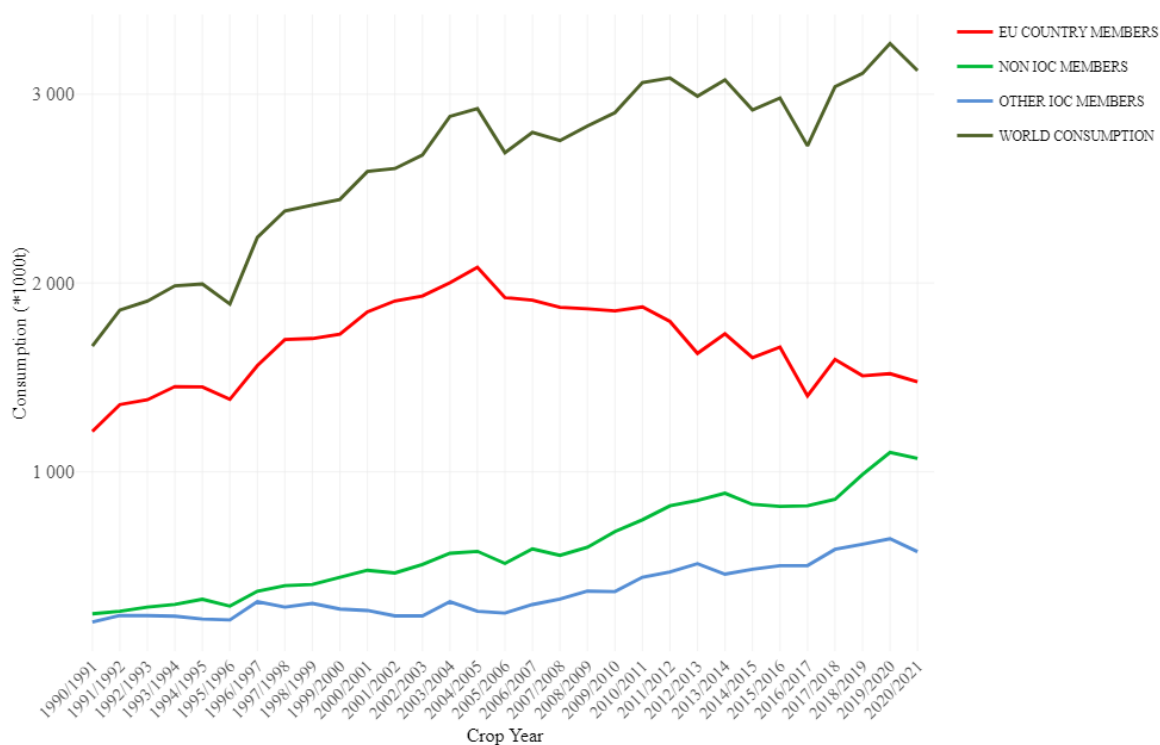
The provisional data for the 2020/21 crop year put world consumption at 3 125 000t, for a fall of 4.4% or 143 500t less than the previous crop year.



Graph 2 – Olive oil consumption 2020/21.

Olive oil consumption has changed significantly in the EU. World consumption has almost doubled since the 1990/1991 crop year, and both IOC member and non-member countries have contributed to this growth. However, in the EU, consumption began to fall 2004/2005, and has continued to plunge ever since. The EU's share of consumption has fallen from just over 70% in 2004/2005 to just under 50% in recent years.

This fall is cushioned by rising consumption outside the EU and a long-term positive trend in olive oil consumption worldwide.



Graph 3 – Changes in olive oil consumption.

2. TABLE OLIVES – PROVISIONAL 2020/21 CROP YEAR AND ESTIMATE 2021/22 CROP YEAR

The biggest rise in consumption is seen in the main producing member countries of the IOC. Some saw their production and consequently consumption rise sharply, including Egypt, where consumption went from 11 000t in 1990/91 to 450 000t in 2020/21. During this period, consumption in Algeria rose from 14 000t to 285 000t and Turkey from 110 000t to 325 000t.

Consumption is estimated at 2.7 million tonnes in 2020/21 and slightly more in 2021/22.

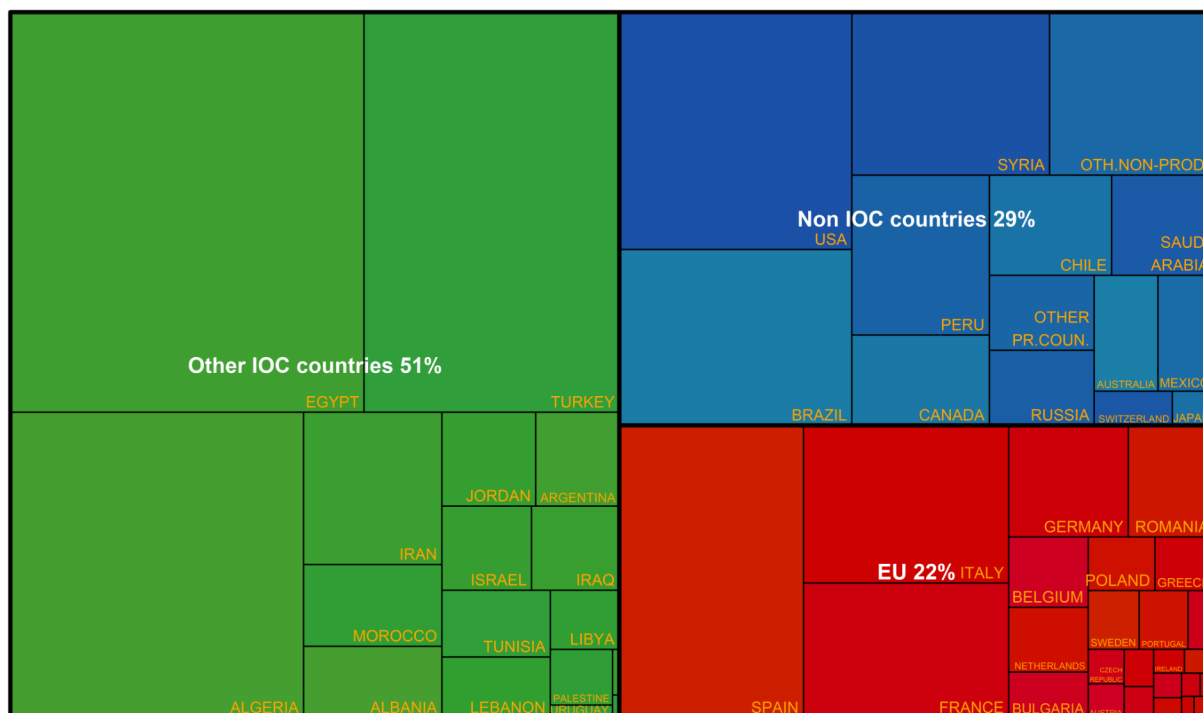


Table 2 – Olive oil consumption 2020/21. .

I. WORLD TRADE IN OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVES

1. OLIVE OIL – 2020/21 CROP YEAR

The table below shows trade in olive oil and olive pomace oil in eight countries in the first three months of the 2021/22 crop year (October-December 2021). Imports fell by 9% in Australia, 27% in Brazil, 40% in Canada, 22% in Russia and 13% in the US compared to the same period the previous crop year. Imports rose by 3% in Japan and 8% in China.

In the first two months of the 2021/22 crop year, intra-EU acquisitions fell by 12% and extra-EU imports fell by 40% compared to the same period the previous crop year¹.

¹ Data for the EU were not available for September 2021 when this newsletter went to print.



OLIVE OIL IMPORTS (INCLUDING OLIVE POMACE OIL) (T)						
Importing country	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 21	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 21	DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 21
Australia	3353,3	3353,3	2563,6	2254,0	3377,3	2809,0
Brazil	11052,3	8137,6	12249,6	8895,7	10356,0	7465,7
Canada	5755,7	3195,9	5146,6	3628,6	5900,5	3209,7
China	2588,2	3156,3	5438,5	5464,2	7785,1	8439,6
Japan	4902,6	4567,0	6160,0	6856,5	4478,2	4514,3
Russia	4156,7	3227,1	3908,1	3393,8	3992,3	2761,1
USA	29339,7	24667,7	33389,2	32101,5	32336,5	25586,4
Extra-EU/27	19817,7	15418,9	22010,5	9681,7	19222,7	N.D
Intra-EU/27	98528,6	81263,4	104971,3	98173,2	119103,8	N.D
Total	179494,7	147019,0	169448,3	170449,1	206552,4	54785,8

2. TABLE OLIVES – 2020/21 CROP YEAR

The table below shows trade in table olives in the 2021/22 crop year² (September-December 2021). Imports fell by 19% in Australia, 26% in Brazil and 26% in Canada compared to the same period the previous crop year. Imports rose by 4% in the US.

In the 2021/22 crop year (September-December 2021), intra-EU acquisitions rose by 15% and extra-EU imports fell by 11% compared to the same period the previous crop year³.

TABLE OLIVE IMPORTS (T)								
Country	SEPTEMBER 20	SEPTEMBER 20	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 21	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 21	DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 21
Australia	1590,2	1622,4	1457,0	1120,8	1671,5	1277,0	2141,9	1531,5
Brazil	14702,7	11770,4	17012,7	10495,0	14990,8	13417,9	14363,3	9812,7
Canada	4138,0	2581,3	3671,0	2396,9	4088,8	3150,3	3140,7	3032,9
USA	8942,1	12274,1	11341,4	11534,0	13197,0	10713,6	11828,2	12419,3
Extra-EU/27	8375,4	8335,4	10867,0	8858,6	10492,1	9328,5	10589,1	N.D
Intra-EU/27	29487,6	28211,0	29041,7	33305,3	29070,6	39645,5	24908,9	N.D
Total	67235,9	64794,6	73390,7	67710,6	73510,8	77532,7	66972,1	26796,4

² According to the new provisions of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015, 'table olive crop year' means the twelve months from 1 September of one year to 31 August of the next.

³ Data for the EU were not available for December 2021 when this newsletter went to print.



II. PRODUCER PRICES – OLIVE OILS

Monthly price movements for extra virgin olive oil and refined olive oil are shown in graphs 1 and 2.

Extra virgin olive oil – Producer prices in **Spain** from 14 to 20 February 2022 stood at €3.25/kg, a 20.7% rise on the same period the previous crop year.

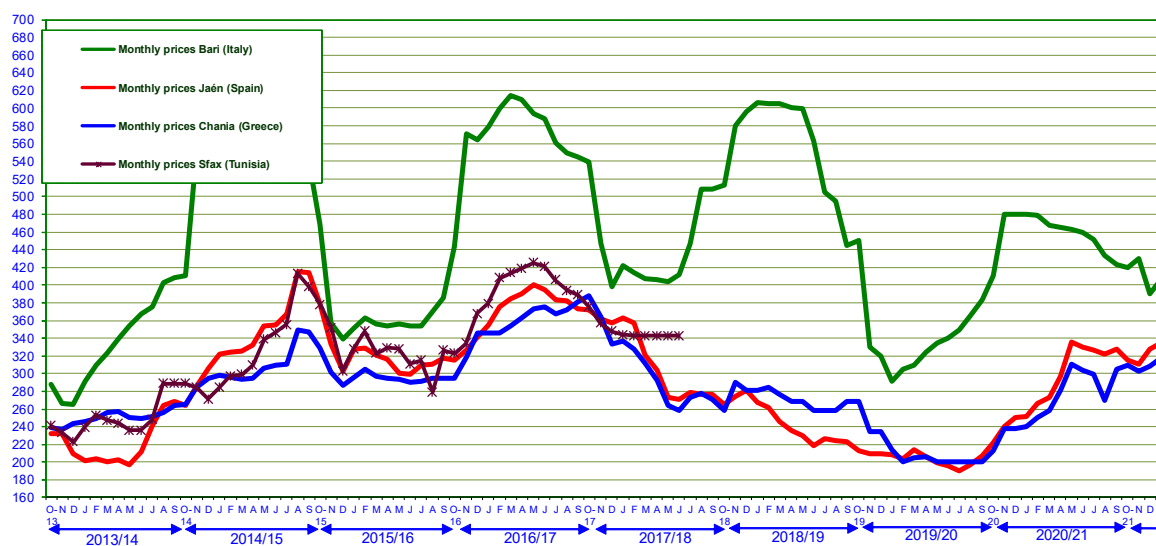
Italy – Prices in Italy from 14 to 20 February 2022 stood at €4.13/kg, a 14% fall on the same period the previous crop year.

Greece – Prices in Greece from 14 to 20 February 2022 stood at €3.10/kg, a 22.8% rise on the same period the previous crop year.

Tunisia – Prices in Tunisia remained stable in the last weeks of June 2018, at €3.43/kg, an 18% fall compared to the same period the previous crop year.

MOVEMENTS IN PRODUCER PRICES EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL Average monthly prices

Euros/100 kg



Graph 1

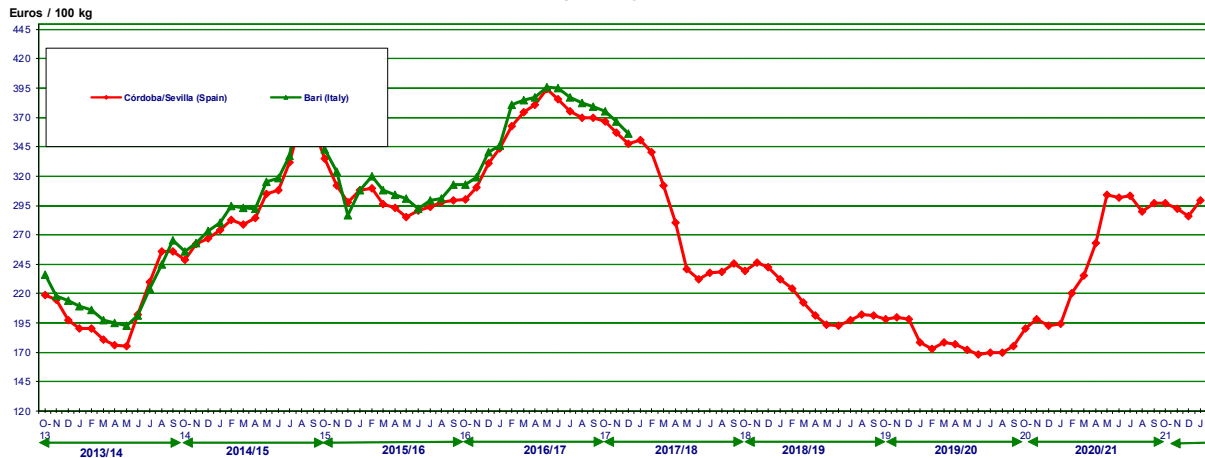
Refined olive oil: Producer prices in Spain stood at €3.02/kg from 14 to 20 February 2022, which indicates an increase of 33.8% compared to the same period the previous crop year. Data for Italy have not been



available for this category since the end of December 2017 when they had increased by 4% to €3.56/kg.

The difference between the price of extra virgin olive oil (€3.25/kg) and refined olive oil (€3.02/kg) in Spain was €0.23/kg. In Italy, the difference was €0.43/kg in December 2017. (Graph 2)

**MOVEMENTS IN PRODUCER PRICES
REFINED OLIVE OIL**
Average monthly prices



Graph 2

<https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/what-we-do/economic-affairs-promotion-unit/#prices>



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