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A photograph showing two men standing in front of a glass door. The man on the left, Mario Solinas, is wearing a light blue shirt and a blue lanyard, and is holding a framed certificate. The man on the right is wearing a dark blue suit and glasses. The background shows an outdoor setting with trees and a building.

MARIO SOLINAS
THE PRIZE THAT AMAZES THE WORLD
WINNERS AND FINALISTS 2022



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SAVE THE DATE

A conference on Nutrition and Health Labelling of Extra Virgin Olive Oils in the European Union will be held on 20 May 2022. More details will be available soon.

For more information, keep an eye out for our updates:

<https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/>

CONFERENCE ON
NUTRITION AND HEALTH LABELLING OF
EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OILS
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

20 May 2022
Schedule : 10.00 a 15.30

INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS
Príncipe de Vergara, 154 - 28002 Madrid
LIMITED CAPACITY

The event will be live streamed.

Event languages: French and English active, Spanish and Italian passive.

The cocktail party will be brought to guests courtesy of the following companies:

MARIO SOLINAS 2022: WINNERS AND FINALISTS

MADRID / The Mario Solinas Quality Award is the most prestigious non-profit competition to find the best extra virgin olive oils from around the world.



In the 22nd edition, 120 samples of extra virgin olive oils were entered from 11 countries. The samples were judged by an international panel made up of the leaders of IOC-recognised panels. The Mario Solinas competition started in the 2000/2001 crop year, after being approved by the Council of Members in

1993, helping from then on to improve the quality of extra virgin olive oil produced.

The aim of this competition is to encourage producers, producer associations and packers in producing countries to market extra virgin olive oils with harmonious organoleptic characteristics and to encourage consumers to recognise and appreciate the sensory attributes of these oils.

Click on the link below for the results of the Mario Solinas Quality Award 2022. We hope to see you next year!

<https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/COMUNICADO-MS-2022-ENG.pdf>



MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD



THE IOC AND THE UCO STRENGTHEN THEIR COLLABORATION



MADRID / CÓRDOBA The IOC and the University of Córdoba (UCO) have maintained close ties for several years through organising frequent activities for training, cooperation, sharing experiences, exchanging information and contributing to the international debate on the importance of agriculture and olive growing. To strengthen their relationship, the IOC Executive Director, Abdellatif Ghedira, and the UCO Rector, José Carlos Gómez Villamandos, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding defining the structure of their collaboration with a view to creating synergies in training, research and technical cooperation activities as well as in activities implemented in the framework of bilateral and regional development projects.

The two institutions recognise that university education is an essential component of human development and provides the high level of skills needed by experts in the olive sector. It is important to encourage technical cooperation and technology transfer, education, research, harmonisation, information dissemination, olive economy, promotion of the different elements of the olive and olive oil production chain, and impacts on society.



Together, they have decided to strengthen and formalise their relationship in this Memorandum of Understanding. An event to celebrate the signing of this agreement is likely to be held in the near future.





CHECKING THE COMPETENCE OF PHYSICO-CHEMICAL AND ORGANOLEPTIC ANALYSIS LABORATORIES

MADRID / Each year, the IOC organises tests to check the competence of the physico-chemical and sensory analysis laboratories applying for IOC recognition. Many physico-chemical analysis laboratories participated in the 2022 trial to obtain IOC recognition for the period from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023, in accordance with Decision DEC-III.7/114-VI/2021.



This Decision provides for three types of recognition:

- **Type A approval: basic testing**
- **Type B approval: advanced purity testing, including quality parameters**
- **Type C approval: residue and contaminant testing.**

The IOC also holds two tests to verify the competence of the laboratories that conduct the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil. The samples for these proficiency tests were sent to all participating laboratories and panels.

Further information is available at this link:

<https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/what-we-do/chemistry-standardisation-unit/>

THE IOC WELCOMES A PERUVIAN DELEGATION



MADRID / A delegation from the Tacna region of Peru visited Spain. The aim of the visit was to establish contacts in research, development and innovation, find ways to make Peru a more competitive player through new technologies, study food safety and environmental quality and seek opportunities for international cooperation.



The 15-strong delegation included representatives from the National Institute of Agricultural Innovation, olive and oregano producers' associations, the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and the incubator of the Private University of Tacna. This visit is part of the Tacna region's plan to develop the regional ecosystem for research, innovation and entrepreneurship, according to the principles of the European Commission's RIS3 policy, in the given areas of specialisation, in particular the agricultural, agro-industrial and fisheries sector, tourism and international trade, but also entrepreneurship, education and sustainability. This project was initiated by the Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer (CITE Agroindustrial) in Tacna.



The Tacna region is the main olive-producing region in the country, accounting for more than 80% of Peruvian production. The IOC helped the Peruvian delegation draw up its programme of visits and accompanied it for two days. First, on 15 March, the group went to the University of Córdoba, where the head of the IOC's Olive Oil Technology and Environment Department, Pablo Morello, took part in a meeting with researchers from the UCOLIVO group: Professors Isabel Trujillo, Concepción Muñoz and Diego Cabello, and the Gen4olive project coordinator, Hristofor Miho.

The importance of the conservation of olive genetic resources, varietal identification, olive certification and different planting systems were highlighted and the THOC and Gen4Olive projects, which promote similar objectives, were presented.



Several members of the delegation (Manuel Morales, President of the Pro Olivo Association, Úrsula Cavero, Director of Pro Olivo, David Casanova, Director of the INIA in Tacna (MIDAGRI) and Eduardo Baumann, an entrepreneur in the olive sector) visited IOC headquarters in Madrid where they were welcomed by the Executive Director, Abdellatif Ghedira, and Deputy Executive Director, Jaime Lillo. Together, they discussed strategies and collaborations between the institutions. The prospect of

Peru joining the IOC was also raised, given the strategic and historical importance of this country.

And finally, on 26 March, a virtual meeting was held between the technical committee of the Peruvian National Quality Institute INACAL and the IOC's Standardisation and Research Unit, including the head of the Standardisation and Research Unit, Mercedes Fernández, and the head of the Olive Oil Chemistry Department, Yousra Antit. The group discussed topics of interest related to standardisation, future collaborations and the need to maintain permanent communication between the IOC and Peru.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON AN OFFICIAL MISSION TO LATIN AMERICA

THE IOC ON MISSION TO URUGUAY



MONTEVIDEO / On 5 April 2022, Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira and Head of the External Relations Department Mounir Fourati were welcomed to the headquarters of the Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs by Victoria Francolino, Director General of International Economic Affairs; Ricardo Gonzales Arenas, Director General of Political Affairs; and Cristina Gonzales, Director of International Economic Organizations. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was also due to attend, announced his absence shortly before the meeting.

The Executive Director thanked the Uruguayan officials for their invitation to visit Uruguay and for the hospitality of the Ministry's protocol services. The meeting focused on the plan to develop the Uruguayan olive sector and the country's ambitions to equip itself with the appropriate technology to achieve this objective, in particular through:



- Boosting productivity
- Promoting consumption
- Expanding olive-growing areas
- Installing type B and C physico-chemical analysis laboratories
- Improving quality
- Setting up a germplasm bank.

The Executive Director made proposals to this effect and assured the Uruguayan party that the Executive Secretariat would be available to provide technical support through its expertise and assistance. At the multilateral level, the Uruguayan party considered opening up channels of cooperation between the IOC and Mercosur.



MEETING WITH MINISTERS MATTOS AND PAGANINI IN MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO / 07.04.2022 - After meeting with officials from the Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 5 April 2022, Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira and the Head of the External Relations Department, Mounir Fourati went to the headquarters of the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries, where they were welcomed by its Minister Fernando Mattos Costa and by the Minister of Industry, Energy and Mines, Omar Paganini. Mr Ghedira reiterated his thanks to the Uruguayan officials for the invitation to Uruguay and outlined some of the ideas discussed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting between the two parties focused on the future of the Uruguayan olive sector, its profitability and the search for quality.



The Executive Director pointed out that supply hardly met the demand of the world market and that there was therefore no *competition*. He added that the battle for new markets was more about quality. Several other topics were discussed, including productivity, consumption and foreign investment. The Executive Director insisted on the comparative advantages of the country, such as its climate, geographical position and hydraulic resources,

which are all assets to draw in investors, especially as the price of olive oil is becoming attractive. With such an ambitious plan to develop the olive sector, Uruguay could become a major regional player in the field.

At the end of the meeting, the Uruguayan officials asked the IOC for its support, technical assistance and expertise. The officials praised the efforts and fruitful collaboration between the two parties. They also welcomed the publication of the latest issue of *Olivæ* devoted entirely to the Uruguayan olive sector.



SCIENCE AND RESEARCH ON THE IOC AGENDA IN URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO / 09.04.2022

On 7 April 2022, on a visit to the Technology Park of the Uruguayan Technology Laboratory, IOC Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira was welcomed by its Director General Dr Jorge Silveira.



The IOC delegation was shown a video summarising the activities of this very modern complex before taking a guided tour of the research laboratories, some of which are dedicated to the olive sector. The Executive Director was highly interested in the research being conducted at the centre. He asked technical questions and requested explanations on the objectives of some of the ongoing studies. One of the laboratories in the complex is specialised in the physico-chemical analysis of olive oil and has type B approval from the IOC. The day continued with a visit to the Public University of Chemistry. Professor Ivan Jachmanian, head of the Department of Food Science and Technology, welcomed the Executive Director and the head of the External Relations Department of the IOC. The delegation met with researchers working on olives and olive oil. The institution's laboratory has type A approval from the IOC and its tasting panel is also recognised by the Organisation. A guided tour allowed the IOC representatives to see some of the research being carried out on olive oil, including a process to turn olive oil into a butter-like substance. Research in this area appears to be well advanced.



In the late afternoon, the IOC delegation visited the National Institute for Agricultural Research. Santiago Cayota, an agricultural engineer, welcomed the Executive Director. The visitors were shown a short introductory video on the activities of the institute before they then visited the laboratories, including those where research is carried out on olive products, and the olive orchards for experiments.



The entire community involved in olive research in Uruguay wants to see the country set up its first olive germplasm bank. This means studies will need to be conducted on the varieties that grow under the cli-



matic conditions of the Southern Hemisphere and the specific pathologies of the region. The Executive Director plans to look into this on his return to Madrid.

THE IOC JOINS THE LAUNCH OF THE URUGUAYAN CROP YEAR



MALDONADO DEPARTMENT (URUGUAY) / 08.04.2022- On 7 April 2022, the new crop year officially began in Uruguay. Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira joined several representatives of different ministries at the event: Adrian Poña, Minister of the Environment; Walter Verri, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines; and Martin Robaina Antia, General Manager of the Nicolas Chiesa farm and President of ASOLUR.

In his speech, the Executive Director presented the mission of the IOC and described the comparative advantages of Uruguay in the olive sector as well as the perspectives and challenges facing the country to position itself on the world scene as a quality olive oil producer. He praised the good governance of the Uruguayan authorities and the role played by private stakeholders, whom he described as pioneers.



He also congratulated the editorial team behind this year's **Olivæ** for their excellent work on this special edition devoted entirely to the Uruguayan olive sector, noting the thousands of readers who have already downloaded the publication. He concluded his speech by recalling that the IOC is at the disposal of the

Uruguayan authorities and the private sector to support them in implementing their programme to develop the olive sector and thanked the representative of the Ministry of Industry for his proposal to involve MERCOSUR in the application of IOC standards.



At the end of the speeches, the editorial team of *Olivæ* took the floor to thank the IOC for giving them the opportunity to help readers get to know the Uruguayan olive sector. They presented a summary of the contents of this special edition.

The guests were then invited to a symbolic olive picking in a nearby orchard. In the afternoon, the group visited an original, 'oleocultural' complex which had a modern oil mill, a physico-chemical analysis



laboratory, tasting booths that met international standards, along with a projection room, works of art, audio-visual information on how to use different olive oils in cooking and a reception room.

Just before nightfall, a visit to the orchard was organised to witness the mechanised harvesting of the olives.

MEETING WITH INTA AND SENASA OFFICIALS

BUENOS AIRES / 12.04.2022 – Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira and Head of the External Relations Department Mounir Fourati met with the heads of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA) and the National Service of Agri-Food Health and Quality (SENASA) in Argentina on 11 April 2022. They were welcomed to the headquarters of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries by the Argentinean representative to the IOC, Sofia Tagarelli, and by Dr Carlos Parera, the National Director of INTA. Videos covering the main activities of the two institutions allowed the IOC delegation to verify the technical capacities and skills of these centres to conduct advanced research into olive cultivation, and to consider their wish to have their national germplasm bank recognised by the IOC as an international bank. Mr Ghedira said he was impressed by the technical mastery of these institutions and congratulated them on their excellent work. He pledged his support for the Argentinean project, expressing his belief in the drive to create a regional germplasm bank, given the specific climatological characteristics of the American subcontinent. He also encouraged Argentines to increase not only olive oil production but also its consumption, which remains very low (0.2 kg per capita per year).



He also emphasised quality, proposing, after consultation with IOC experts, to reintroduce a category specific to the southern hemisphere into the Mario Solinas Quality Award. Consultations on the issues discussed will continue on Tuesday 12 April 2022, with a meeting scheduled between the Executive Director and the Argentine Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

MEETING WITH THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

BUENOS AIRES / 12.04.2022 – **Julian Dominguez**, the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Argentina, granted an audience to Abdellatif Ghedira, Executive Director of the IOC, who was accompanied by Mounir Fourati, the Head of the External Relations Department.

The Minister welcomed the IOC delegation and thanked them for their interest in his country. He stressed the importance of the agricultural sector for Argentina, adding that olive growing, which is constantly improving, now occupies a prominent place in the national agricultural strategy.



The Executive Director congratulated the Minister on the good governance and progress of the Argentine-olive sector, which is actively involved in quality and is beginning to occupy a prominent place among the major traditional olive oil producers.

He also went into more detail on some of the issues discussed with technical institutions and the private sector. These include productivity and the germplasm bank, which would cover Argentine and regional varieties – and provide the means to determine the best varieties in the American subcontinent, add the indigenous *Arauca* variety to the World Catalogue, and set up a southern hemisphere edition of the Mario Solinas Quality Award.



The Executive Director said that the IOC's specialised units would have to study the technical aspects of this endeavour and the Council of Members would have to approve it.

The Minister took great interest in the topics discussed and the explanations provided by the Executive Director and encouraged him to continue his dialogue with the relevant bodies in his department.

At the end of the meeting, Mr Ghedira informed the Minister that he would soon receive, through the diplomatic channel, a personal invitation from the Jordanian Minister of Agriculture and current Chair of the IOC to attend the next session of the Council of Members in Jordan in June 2022.

IOC LISTENS TO THE ARGENTINE PRIVATE SECTOR

BUENOS AIRES / 13.04.2022 - Abdellatif Ghedira, the Executive Director of the IOC, and Mounir Fourati, the Head of the External Relations Department, met with representatives of the Argentinean Olive Oil Federation, which unites the country's provincial associations, on 12 April 2022. The head of the Argentine delegate to the IOC, Sofia Tagarelli, also attended the meeting.



The Executive Director congratulated the Federation, the major olive oil producers and processors for their efforts to share the Argentine product, not only in the region but also worldwide. The quality of production heralds a bright future for Argentina's olive oil, although local consumption remains the weak point, he added.

The meeting allowed for a better understanding of the sector and its strengths, which are the lagging production compared to the northern hemisphere and the quasi-monopoly on exports, but also areas to be improved, such as productivity and consumption.

Several topics were discussed, including the inclusion of the Arueca variety in the World Catalogue, the recognition of the international status of the national germplasm bank, the creation of a Mario Solinas competition for quality specific to the southern hemisphere, which could take place separately, after the harvest, and whose rules will be set after consultation with experts and the agreement of the Council of Members.

The Executive Director invited the representatives of the Advisory Committee to present their region-specific suggestions at the next meeting of this Committee, which will be held in June 2022 in Jordan.



TECHNICAL VISIT TO SAN JUAN

SAN JUAN / 14.04.2022

On 14 April 2022, Abdellatif Ghedira, the Executive Director of the IOC, visited the faculty of chemistry and the national germplasm bank of Argentina and presented a prize to one of the winners of the Mario Solinas



Quality Award. The ED and the Head of the External Relations Department flew to San Juan in a plane provided by the Argentinean Minister of Agriculture. On arrival, a brief meeting was held with the Governor of the Region, Sergio Uñiak, and the Argentinean Minister of Productive Development, Matias Kulfas. The ED took the opportunity to thank the Governor for welcoming them to his region and presented him with a gift as a token of his appreciation.

The IOC delegation then visited the faculty of chemistry to meet with the heads of the olive oil research centre and the leaders of the IOC-recognised panel of San Juan and Mendoza. A lively debate ensued, and the ED recalled the objectives of his visit:



- To register the Arauco variety in the international catalogue of varieties
- To recognise the international aspect of the national germplasm bank
- To look into introducing a Mario Solinas competition for the Southern Hemisphere, to be held at the end of the year.

The ED also congratulated the panels for their hard work and for the good reputation they hold among other panels. A visit to the tasting room and souvenir photos were taken.

The visit continued with a tour of the San Juan germplasm bank. The bank is managed by the National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA) and the Agricultural Experimental Station (EEA), both under the Ministry of Agriculture.



The collection spans about 15 hectares and includes around 100 varieties and more than 1000 olive trees. A detailed presentation was given to the IOC delegation by those in charge of the collection, followed by a visit to the orchards. At the end of the day, the ED went to the El Mistol orchard to present a medal and diploma to Victoria Mercado, whose entry won first place in the Southern Hemisphere category of the Mario Solinas Quality Award. Several elected officials from the region attended the event. The ED



congratulated the lucky winner and encouraged her to continue producing quality olive oil. The company managers thanked the ED for travelling from Madrid to present them with this award and invited him to a cocktail party to mark the occasion.

At the end of the mission, the Executive Secretariat must express its gratitude to the officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, INTA, SENASA, the San Juan germplasm bank, and especially to Sofia Tagarelli, the Argentine representative to the IOC, who spared no effort to make the visit a success.

GEN4OLIVE: 4TH CONSORTIUM MEETING

MADRID / The fourth consortium meeting of Gen4olive was held on 23 and 24 March 2022. On the first day of the online consortium, participants discussed the technical review of the work packages (WP). On the second day, the reporting process that will officially launch on 1 April 2022 was explained.

The Gen4olive project is an EU-funded 'innovation action' that aims to increase olive genetic resources (GenRes) mobilisation and encourage pre-breeding activities by characterising around 700 varieties and 1 000 wild and ancient genotypes from the Mediterranean basin, develop smart ICTs tools to make GenRes more accessible and better incorporate breeders and growers through two open calls.



The specific objectives of the project are:

- To enhance the management and use of olive GenRes through defining harmonised protocols, identifying end-user needs and linking with other projects;
- To enhance the preservation, evaluation and use of olive GenRes for improving olive breeding and producing new varieties;
- To leverage the information available by creating a smart and user-friendly interface;
- To foster the involvement of SMEs in pre-breeding activities;
- To enhance inter-actor cooperation through co-creation, capacity-building and results sharing.



Gen4Olive brings together a wide, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary consortium of 16 partners from seven countries, including the three international germplasm banks (Cordoba, Izmir and Marrakech) and the national germplasm banks of Italy (CREA) and Greece, the top five olive growing countries.

The Gen4Olive project operates across 11 WP over 48 months. In a preview of the development of the project, the progress of the WPs is as follows:

- WP1: Protocols and definition of user needs – completed
- WP2: Ongoing
- WP3: Agronomic characterisation – started at the end of 2021
- WP4 and WP5: Not started
- WP6: Website and applications for image detection – ongoing, first results are in
- WP7: Specific calls: the first call for proposals from SMEs – completed.

The call brought in 35 proposals, with representation from each of the seven countries contacted. Eligible proposals were assessed by three experts of different nationalities to the applicant. As a result, eight proposals (two individual and six collaborative) were submitted for funding and 14 SMEs (seven from Spain, three from Italy, two from Greece and two from Albania) will soon receive funding with an overall budget of €700 000.



The IOC acts as an advisory board for the project; the ES participates in meetings and puts the resulting synergy to good use in order to achieve the project's objectives. This direct synergy has been made possible thanks to the True Healthy Olive Cultivars (THOC) project, a collaborative project developed by the IOC and the UCO in collaboration with the international and national germplasm banks on the IOC network. The project was set up to authenticate the main commercial varieties and establish true-

to-type vegetal material, which is conserved in an international repository at the UCO facilities and made available to the banks on the IOC network. The Gen4Olive project uses the varieties authenticated under the THOC project to assess different issues facing the crop, like *Xylella fastidiosa*, using true-to-type varieties only.

A GOOD READ

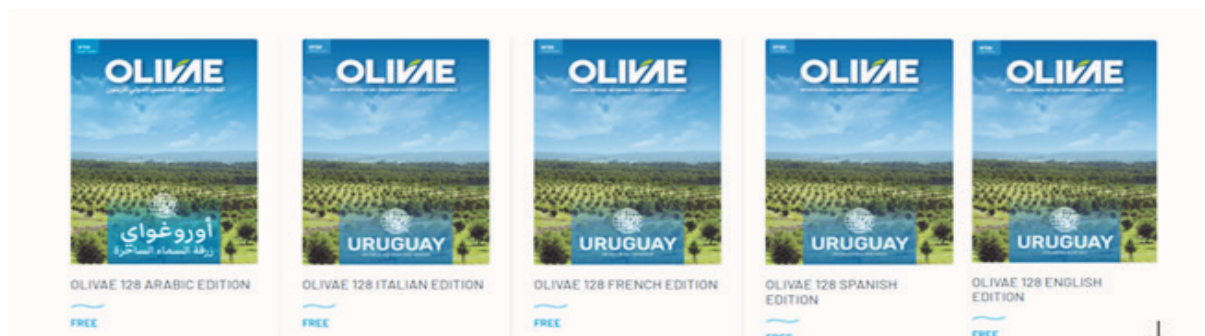
MADRID / Head to the digital library of this website to find the latest issue of *Olivae*, which in its 128th edition is dedicated to the olive sector in Uruguay. It has been published in the five official languages of the IOC: Arabic, French, English, Italian and Spanish.

In the coming days, Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira, alongside the Head of the External Relations Department, Mounir Fourati, will be in Montevideo for an official visit at the invitation of the Uruguayan authorities. Uruguay is one of the world's most valued food producers for the excellence and safety of its products and it has a long tradition in agro-industrial exports. Its olive industry has made important progress in both local and foreign markets and has received well-deserved relevant international recognition and awards.

The main strength of Uruguayan olive oil is its quality. The chain is vertically integrated and applies high quality standards on both the productive and the industrial level, as well as advanced technology. Uruguay has been proactive in promoting R&D&I projects in the olive sector, which are implemented by several institutions that work with an interinstitutional and interdisciplinary approach.

This has led to Uruguay hosting the first Latin American Olive Oil Conference in 2020.





The olive sector has developed synergies with other agricultural sectors, particularly livestock and forestry, and other activities such as olive oil tourism. This has resulted in an interesting range of diversification and the challenge now is to achieve greater commercial interaction with other more traditional export sectors in Uruguay, such as meat or wine. Further information is available on this link: <https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/publications/>

Enjoy your Reading and a new one is coming soon: **JORDAN 129**

THE IOC AT THE FINAL EVENT OF THE MED-GOLD PROJECT



MADRID / On 29-30 March 2022, the final event of the MED-GOLD project took place. The showcase provided an insight into the lessons learned during the project, possibilities for scaling up and the relevance of climate services like those developed in MED-GOLD for policy and society.

On the second day, the *Talking Climate for Policymaking* session was held, which focused on the link between the climate and policies to highlight overlapping needs, success stories and best practices to aid adaptation and the green transition. The Deputy Executive Director of the IOC, **Jaime Lillo**, had the pleasure of being on the panel and sharing the floor with representatives of important institutions in the sector: Adriana Ignaciuk, from the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN; Onélica Andrade, the Climate and Energy Policy Officer (EU DG Research); and Hanne Knaepen, from the European Centre for Development Policy Management.





The IOC was a stakeholder in this project to 'transform climate-related information into added value for traditional Mediterranean Grape, Olive and Durum wheat food systems' (MED-GOLD). The IOC played a role in activities to analyse the findings, which will help olive growing in the EU and elsewhere. The main objective of

the MED-GOLD project is to develop novel pilot climate services focusing on three staples of the Mediterranean food system: grapes, olives and durum wheat. The long-term objective of MED-GOLD is to make European agriculture and food systems more resilient, sustainable and efficient in the face of climate change, by using climate services to minimise climate driven risks/costs and seize opportunities for added value.

Further information is available here: <https://www.med-gold.eu/es/home-page-es/>





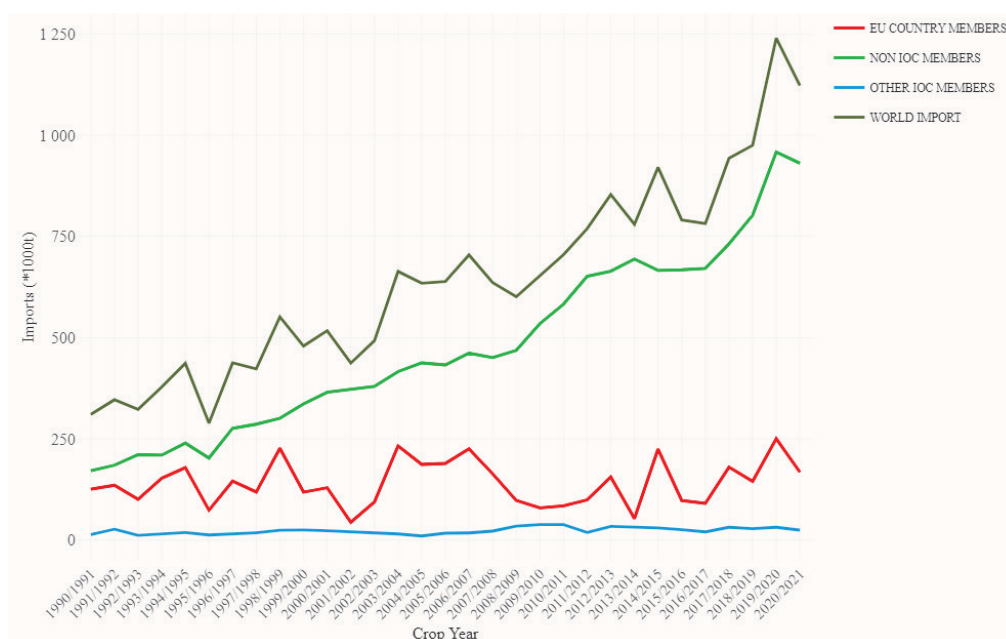
THE WORLD OF OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVES

By Economic and Promotion Unit – Economic Studies and Statistics Department



CHANGES IN OLIVE OIL IMPORTS

World olive oil imports fell by 9% in the 2020/21 crop year¹; imports fell by 3% in non-IOC countries, which contribute to about 80% of total imports. Despite this, imports in the main markets were 100 000 tonnes higher than the average.



Graph 1 – Changes in olive oil imports.

Eight of the main markets contribute around 80% of world imports of olive oils and virgin olive oils: the USA with 35%, the EU with 17%, Brazil with 8%, Japan with 6%, Canada with 5%, China with 4%, Australia with 3% and Russia with 2%.

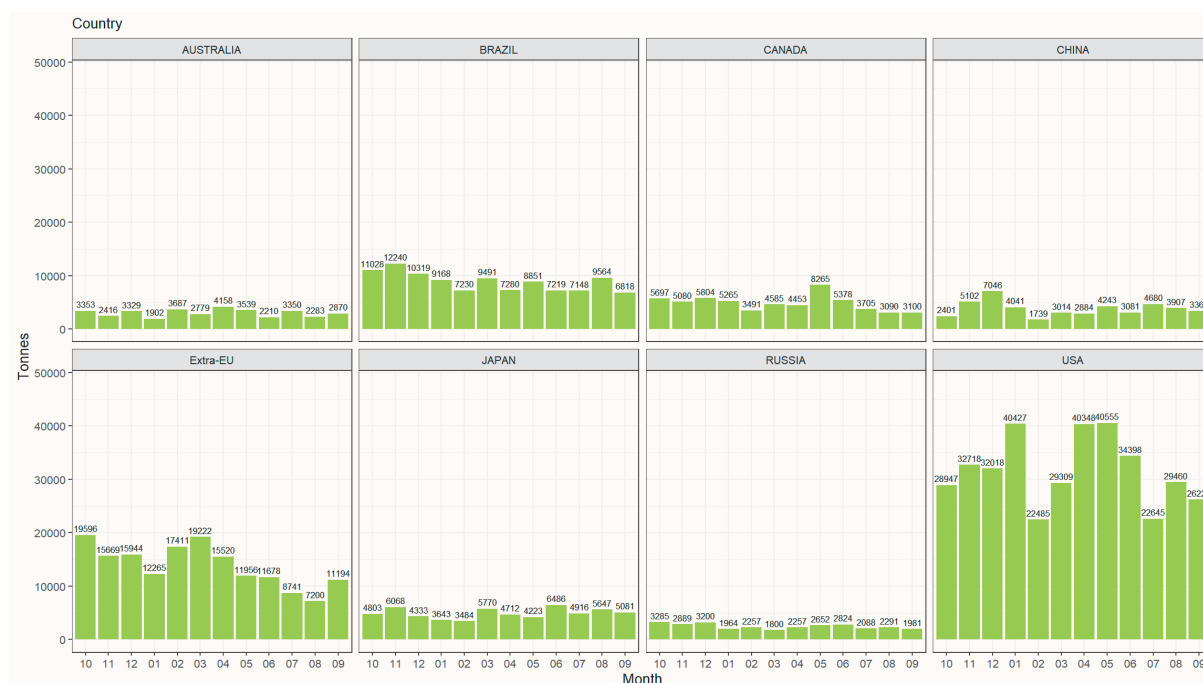
¹ Provisional data.



In the 2020/21 crop year, imports from these markets fell by 10.8% compared to 2019/20, interrupting the up trend seen since 2016/17. Despite this, imports in 2020/21 remain 100 000 tonnes above the average for recent years.

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	Average	%Variation Rates
AUSTRALIA	20893	26178	28934	31263	31898	36203	35877	30178	↓ -0.9
BRAZIL	66872	49900	59574	76433	86089	103903	106357	78447	↑ 2.4
CANADA	37769	40900	39476	46924	46502	57402	57912	46698	↑ 0.9
CHINA	31105	34413	39336	37870	45871	50641	45505	40677	↓ -10.1
JAPAN	59062	53730	54622	55462	68980	69753	59166	60111	↓ -15.2
RUSSIA	19228	19468	19685	20504	24090	26832	29488	22756	↑ 9.9
USA	294843	314345	304899	310769	346744	391117	379538	334608	↓ -3
Extra-EU	226642	106409	92382	182162	147147	252475	167643	167837	↓ -33.6
Total	756414	645342	638909	761386	797321	988325	881486	781312	↓ -10.8

Table 1 - Changes in olive oil imports in some of the main markets.



Graph 2 - Monthly changes in olive oil imports (2020/2021).

Imports come mainly from Spain, which contributes 29.2% of total imports (-2.9% compared to the same period of the previous crop year), followed by Tunisia with 26.8%, Italy with 20.4%, Portugal with 10.6%, Argentina with 3%, Turkey with 2.9%, Greece with 2.2%, Chile with 1.7% and Morocco with 1.2%.



	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	% Share	% Variation rates
SPAIN	225063	286791	265424	257818	29.2	↓ -2.9
TUNISIA	171273	146100	318846	235864	26.8	↓ -2.6
ITALY	167505	178422	183944	179994	20.4	↓ -2.1
PORTUGAL	48102	60696	104559	93573	10.6	↓ -10.5
ARGENTINA	27252	17229	23459	26210	3.0	↑ 11.7
TURKEY	44926	30499	28703	25725	2.9	↓ -10.4
GREECE	17660	18627	18889	19109	2.2	↑ 1.2
CHILE	14146	12045	13241	14591	1.7	↑ 10.2
MOROCCO	9455	25066	12403	10912	1.2	↓ -12
Others	36005	21848	18855	17689	2.0	↓ -6.2
Total	761386	797321	988325	881486	100	↓ -10.8

Table 2 – Changes in olive oil imports by country.

About 75.8% of total imports fell under code 15.09.10 (virgin olive oil), 18.3% under code 15.09.90 (olive oil) and the remaining 5.8% under code 15.10.00 (olive pomace oil).

Country	OLIVE OIL		OLIVE POMACE OIL	TOTAL
	150910 VIRGIN OLIVE OIL	150990 OLIVE OIL	151000 OLIVE POMACE OIL	
SPAIN	188074	69745	18474	276293
TUNISIA	206311	29553	14722	250586
ITALY	149710	30284	7036	187030
PORTUGAL	71464	22109	393	93966
TURKEY	13311	12414	1007	26732
ARGENTINA	24990	1221	0	26210
MOROCCO	8833	2079	11811	22724
GREECE	17849	1259	514	19623
CHILE	14590	1	0	14591
SYRIA	4060	189	2	4251
LEBANON	2756	399	8	3163
PERU	2234	1	0	2235
UNITED KINGDOM	761	693	203	1657
OTHERS	4830	1768	343	6941
TOTAL	709772	171714	54515	936001

Table 3 - Imports in the main markets by partner country and by type of olive oil (2020/21).
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I. WORLD TRADE IN OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVES

1. OLIVE OIL – 2021/22 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 three months of the 2021/22 crop year, intra-EU acquisitions fell by 8% and extra-EU imports fell by 12% compared to the same period the previous crop year.

OLIVE OIL IMPORTS (INCLUDING OLIVE-POMACE OILS)(T)							
No	IMPORTING COUNTRY	OCT 20	OCT 21	NOV 20	NOV 21	DIC 20	DIC 21
1	AUSTRALIA	3353.3	3385.1	2563.6	2254.0	3377.3	2809.0
2	BRAZIL	11052.3	8137.6	12249.6	8895.7	10356.0	7465.7
3	CANADA	5755.7	3195.9	5146.6	3628.6	5900.5	3209.7
4	CHINA	2588.2	3156.3	5438.5	5464.2	7785.1	8439.6
5	JAPAN	4902.6	4567.0	6160.0	6856.5	4478.2	4514.3
6	RUSSIA	4156.7	3227.1	3908.1	3393.8	3992.3	2761.1
7	USA	29339.7	24667.7	33389.2	32101.5	32336.5	25586.4
8	EXTRA-EU/27	19817.7	15418.9	22010.5	9681.7	19222.7	28845.2
	INTRA-EU/27	98528.6	81263.4	104971.3	98173.2	119103.8	116706.2
	TOTAL	179494.7	147019.0	195837.4	170449.1	206552.4	200337.2

2. TABLE OLIVES – 2021/22 CROP YEAR

The table below shows trade in table olives in the 2021/22 crop year² 2021/22 (September 2021–January 2022). Imports fell by 18% in Australia, 28% in Brazil and 20% in Canada compared to the same period the previous crop year. Imports rose by 2% in the US.

In the 2021/22 crop year (September–December 2021), intra-EU acquisitions rose by 12% and extra-EU imports fell by 16% compared to the same period the previous crop year³.

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 January 2022 when this newsletter went to print.



TABLE OLIVE IMPORTS (T)

No	IMPORTING COUNTRY	SEP 20	SEP 21	OCT 20	OCT 21	NOV 20
1	AUSTRALIA	1590.2	1622.4	1457.0	1120.8	1671.5
2	BRAZIL	14702.7	11770.4	17012.7	10495.0	14990.8
3	CANADA	4138.0	2581.3	3671.0	2396.9	4088.8
4	USA	8942.1	12274.1	11341.4	11534.0	13197.0
5	EXTRA-EU/27	8375.4	8335.4	10867.0	8858.6	10492.1
	INTRA-EU/27	29487.6	28211.0	29041.7	33305.3	29070.6
	TOTAL	67235.9	64794.6	73390.7	67710.6	73510.8

TABLE OLIVE IMPORTS (T)

No	IMPORTING COUNTRY	NOV 21	DEC20	DEC 21	JAN 21	JAN 22
1	AUSTRALIA	1277.0	2141.9	1531.5	1538.6	1296.8
2	BRAZIL	13417.9	14363.3	9812.7	9531.1	5484.3
3	CANADA	3150.3	3140.7	3032.9	3072.5	3320.0
4	USA	10713.6	11828.2	12419.3	11664.8	11211.4
5	EXTRA-EU/27	9328.5	10589.1	7508.1	8569.6	N.D
	INTRA-EU/27	39645.5	24908.9	25381.7	20449.3	N.D
	TOTAL	77532.7	66972.1	59686.3	54825.9	21312.4

II. PRODUCER PRICES – OLIVE OILS

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

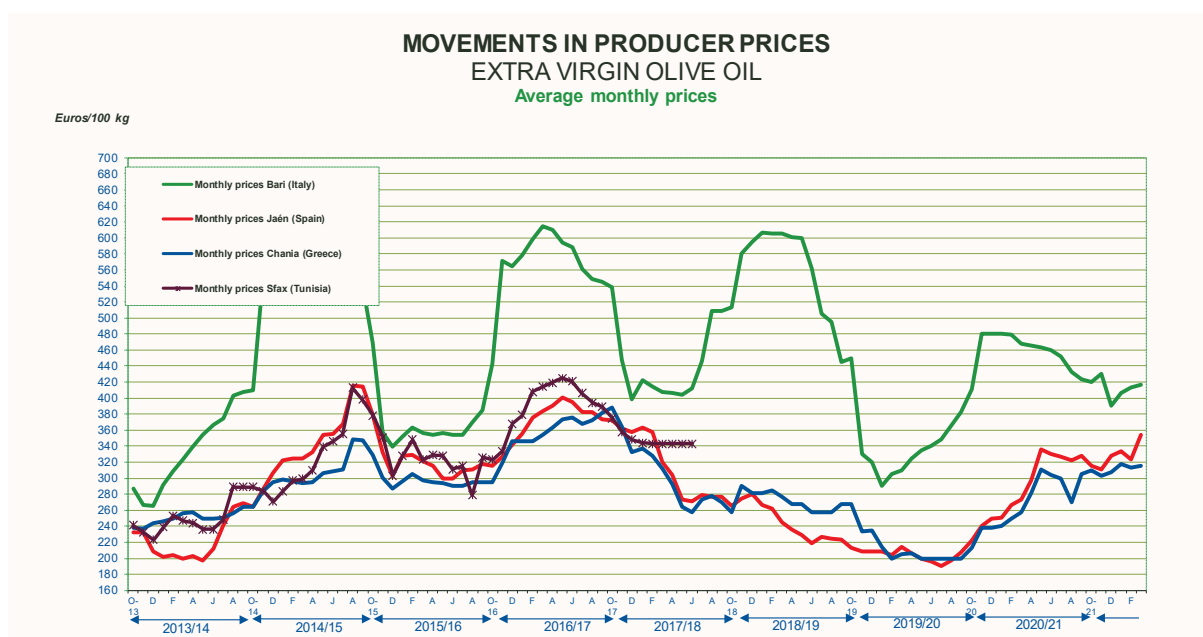
Extra virgin olive oil – Producer prices in **Spain** from 21 to 27 March 2022 stood at €3.63/kg, a 31.6% rise on the same period the previous crop year.

Italy – Prices in Italy from 21 to 27 March 2022 stood at €4.28/kg, a 8% fall on the same period the previous crop year.



Greece – Prices in Greece from 21 to 27 March 2022 stood at €3.20/kg, a 23.1% 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.



Graph 1

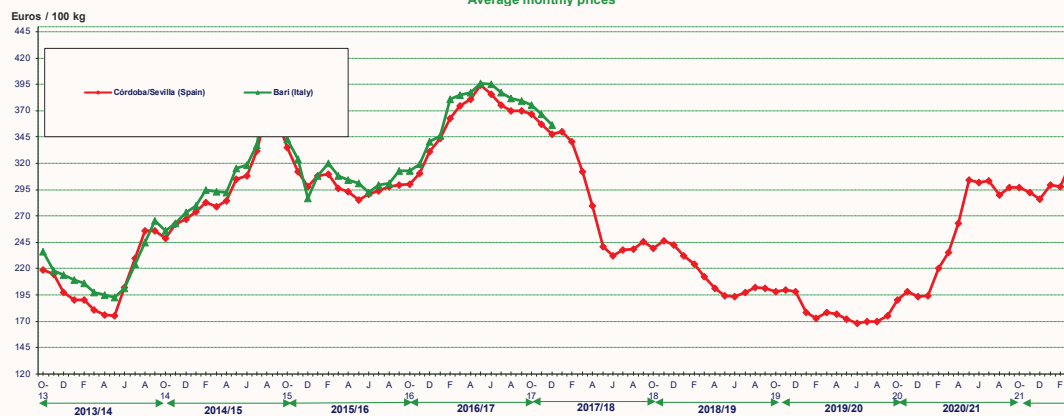
Refined olive oil: Producer prices in Spain stood at €3.39/kg from 21 to 27 March 2022, which indicates an increase of 41.3% compared to the same period the previous crop year. Data for Italy have not been available for this category since the end of December 2017 when they had increased by 4% to €3.56/kg.

The difference between the price of extra virgin olive oil (€3.63/kg) and refined olive oil (€3.39/kg) in Spain was €0.24/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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