



**Message to all members of the ISHS Quality and Postharvest Horticulture Commission.
10 May 2004.**

Our major 4 yearly Postharvest Symposium in Verona, Italy, 6-11 June 2004 is about to take place. Pietro Tonutti (Chair of the Organising Committee) and Fabio Mencarelli (Chair of the Scientific Committee) assure me that there are a record number of registrants as well as offerings for Oral and Poster presentations. It promises to be a memorable meeting.

During the Symposium we will have a Business Meeting of the Commission. At this meeting we have at least three important matters to consider.

1. Venue of next meeting in 2008.

We will decide the venue for the next meeting in 2008.

At least two countries would like to host the next meeting; there may be others who wish to be considered. **Would anyone wishing to make a bid to host the next meeting please contact me by 22 May 2004 (ewmrhewett@xtra.co.nz).**

We will allow each country 5 minutes time (maximum) to make a presentation to members of the Commission at the Business Meeting. Then we will vote to decide the next host.. Each country can decide on the nature of their presentation; there will be a PowerPoint projector and an overhead projector in the meeting room. If further presentation aids are required then you must contact Pietro of your needs (Pietro.Tonutti@unipd.it) in advance of the meeting.

2. International Horticultural Congress Seoul 2006.

All Sections and Commissions have been asked by the Congress Organising Committee to submit ideas and suggestions for the 2-3 hour Colloquia and the 9-12 Symposia (to run over several days) to be held in Seoul. Following the very successful Toronto Congress, and the subsequent 2 volume Acta Horticulturae Postharvest publication, we should be able to suggest some highly relevant and interesting topics. **Therefore we need to suggest appropriate topics for either a Colloquia, and more likely a Symposium, to present to the Seoul Organising Committee by 31 August this year. In addition we must nominate possible Convenors, both locally in Korea and elsewhere in the world.**

I have received one suggestion already for a 4 day Symposium on “The Genetic Regulation of Fruit Quality- a Molecular Approach”. This will include pre and postharvest factors that affect fruit quality. Have you any other ideas that you would like to suggest.

This matter will be discussed at the Business meeting in Verona, but I would welcome any ideas prior to that. Please send them to me at ewmrhewett@xtra.co.nz before 22 May (which is the date that I leave New Zealand en route to Italy).

3. Other Business raised by members.

If you have any other matters concerning our Commission and its activities, please let me know so I can place them on the Agenda for our meeting.

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