

EUBerry seminar and WP2 meeting at Sant`Orsola March 19.-20. 2012.

EUBerry WP2 Improved cultivation techniques had a seminar for advisors and researchers at Cooperative Sant`Orsola in Pergine Valsugana, Trentino on March 19. The seminar was hosted by Gianluca Savini from the Cooperative participating EUBerry project. In the seminar, there were 10 presentations connected to EUBerry activities in WP2, Improved cultivation techniques. From Portugal (P14) Regina Menino presented results of nitrogen use in production of strawberry planting material and Pedro Oliveira discussed possibilities for Blackberry double cropping. In Serbia, propagation techniques of Rubus species have been studied and Djurdjina Ružić presented results of comparative studies. Poland (P2) is a leading EU country in raspberry production and Edward Zurawicz reported the first results of season extension studies. Tunnels and their properties are an essential part in season extension and Cecilia Stanghellini (P9) described the possibilities to manage harvest time of strawberry in tunnel. In the North, lack of light is a restricting factor in season extension in the Autumn and Rolf Nestby (P8) reported Norwegian work in utilising LED lights in tunnels. IPM will be mandatory in all crop production in 2014 and Gijs van Kruistum and Bert Evenhuis from The Netherlands (P9) presented results of pest and disease management work. Biological thrips control is possible and use of decision support system helps to reduce pesticide residues in strawberry. Tuomo Tuovinen from Finland (P7) has a long experience on biological mite control also in practice on berry farms. In EUBerry, nutritional value of fruit is an important topic and Erika Krüger from Germany (P10) described the possibilities to affect the contents of bioactive compounds in fruit. About 20 advisors and researchers from Trentino and nearby areas participated the seminar.

After the seminar, the participants of WP2 continued with a meeting on March 20 to discuss the project activities and cooperation between partners under different subtasks. In the seminar and meeting 18 WP2 participants were present.

The participants also had opportunity to see trials in tunnel conditions at Sant`Orsola cooperative. On raspberry and strawberry production sites it was also possible to see the production techniques used in the Trentino area.