



# The 12th International Symposium on Virus Diseases of Ornamental Plants Haarlem, The Netherlands 20-24 April 2008

## Important dates

Pre-registration: **Open now**  
Submission of title(s) of abstract(s):  
preferably before **1<sup>st</sup> October 2007**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November 2007:**  
Final submission of full abstracts  
**30<sup>th</sup> January 2008:**  
Papers selected by the scientific  
committee for oral presentations;  
authors will be notified by this date  
**15<sup>th</sup> February 2008:**  
End of early registration  
End of reduced rate of Hotel rooms  
Finalize VISA applications  
**12<sup>th</sup> April 2008:**  
Last date for advanced registration

## Local organizers

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## Venue

The symposium will be held in  
**Van der Valk Hotel Haarlem-Zuid,  
Haarlem, The Netherlands**



The area around Haarlem is the  
cradle of Dutch tulip cultivation.  
The symposium accommodation is  
situated in a colorful area that offers  
a great diversity in scenery and  
culture in the middle of  
important horticultural regions.



Working group  
Virus Diseases of Ornamental Plants  
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## Invitation

Flowers have always been an integrated part of Dutch culture as visible in f.i. many Dutch paintings and in the tradition to give a bunch of flowers at anniversaries. For centuries the cultivation of ornamentals has been of great economic importance for the Dutch economy.

Therefore the organizing committee of the 12th International Symposium on Virus Diseases of Ornamental Plants (ISVDOP 12) is happy to invite you to the Netherlands. This will be an excellent opportunity to see the cultivation of various ornamentals and to experience its splendor and importance.

Viruses are a continuous threat for ornamental industry. Because most of these crops are propagated vegetative, multiple infections are not exceptional. Unexpected virus infections may result from cultivation of ornamental crops in new areas, changed cultural practices, intensified (intercontinental) trade and reduced use of pesticides. These changes urge to improve certification schemes, detection methods, resistance breeding and integrated vector and virus management.

With your help the organizing committee expects to cover all these aspects in an interesting program.

Besides the traditional technical excursion, the symposium program will be completed by a visit to the famous flower bulb exhibition "Keukenhof".

There will be no partners program. However, there are many opportunities for you and your partner to compose your own tourist program. During the symposium (actual) tourist information and suggestions for daily trips can be gathered at the registration desk.

Scientists, industrialists, growers, plant health officers and students are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. The official language of this symposium will be English.

The organizers of ISVDOP 12 anticipate an attendance of many delegates from various countries. In order to optimize planning and logistics potential participants are strongly encouraged to pre-register as soon as possible (see web site).

## Scientific program

The symposium will offer oral and poster presentations on the following topics:

- **Detection methods**, with emphasis on group-specific tests,  
DNA or RNA multi-arrays and validation of detection methods
- **Resistance breeding**, both in classical way and by genetical modification
- **Epidemiology and transmission** by insects, nematodes, fungi, ...
- **Virus control** with emphasis on quarantine and reduced use of pesticides
- **New diseases and host plants**
- **Viroid and phytoplasma diseases**

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