



International Vermicomposting Symposium

Information at a Glance

What: The first ever International Vermicomposting Symposium

When: 8-9 November 2023

Where: StarHotel - Michelangelo, Florence, Italy, Viale Fratelli Rosselli, 2, 50123 Firenze FI, Italy
or
Virtual registration is available

Who: Presenting Sponsor Stone Pine Consulenza, SRL. Founded in 2020, Stone Pine Consulenza, SRL works with expats, individuals, and small businesses in the Valdichiana and Val d'Orca regions of Southern Tuscany to create, maintain, and grow vegetable gardens and landscapes founded on sustainable practices and biological control, with a special emphasis on promoting and preserving soil health.

Why: Vermicomposting is a method of recycling organic matter using worms. As organic matter like food scraps, animal waste, and leaves pass through the worms' bodies, the matter is turned into a nutrient-rich fertilizer that supplements healthy soil and plants. As the worms excrete feces, soil contaminants are reduced. The result is a high quality, water soluble organic fertilizer.

Vermicomposting has many significant benefits:

1. Reduces organic matter in landfills, which in turn reduces the release of methane, a harmful greenhouse gas.
2. Creates a way for breweries, farms, olive oil mills, and vineyards (as well as schools, hospitals, restaurants) to use organic byproducts (such as grape leaves, olive pits, hops) to improve their own water infiltration and retention systems, to fertilize crops, to increase the soil microbiome, to boost crop yields, and to improve overall soil health.

3. Provides a market for organic byproducts, which can be sold to large-scale vermicomposting ventures.

Italy has a centuries-old tradition of agricultural practices that honor and preserve the land, as well as the world's foremost *farm-to-table* food scene. Italians eat and drink locally and seasonally, supporting hundreds of small and mid-sized food and beverage producers throughout the country. Because of the Italian culture's respect for sustainable agricultural practices, Italy was the logical choice for the first-ever International Vermicomposting Symposium.

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Information for the Press: Members of the Press are required to register for the day they intend to attend. Registration is complimentary but does not include food or beverages. Please send your press credentials to Lisa Forehand at info@stonepineconsulenza.com to receive the registration discount code. NB: The Symposium will be conducted in English. There are, however, several Italian-speaking experts participating who will be available for interviews.

More information, including links to Speaker Bios, an Agenda, and other Sponsoring Organizations :

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