



A SHORT HISTORY OF ICVG AND LIST OF PAST MEETINGS

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The idea of creating a scientific working group on virus diseases of grapevine came out during the third meeting on grapevine infectious degeneration organized by the Office international de la Vigne et du Vin (O.I.V.) in May 1962. The virologists present thought it would be useful to create an international study group independent from O.I.V., with the aim of providing an opportunity for grape virologists to discuss freely on their methods, their research and results.

The first ICVG meeting took place at the Federal Agricultural Research Station of Changins, Switzerland, 17-20 August **1964**, with about 30 participants. It was followed by an excursion at Arbois (France) and in Burgundy. A provisory committee was set up with following members: E.Baldacci (Italy), R.Bovey (Switzerland), A.Ciccarone (Italy), H.Dias (Portugal), W.Gärtel (Germany), W.B.Hewitt (USA) and A.Vuittenez (France).

The following meetings were:

2. Davis (California USA) 7-11 September **1965**.
3. Bernkastel-Kues (West Germany) September **1967**.
4. Colmar (France) 16-18 June **1970**. The meeting in Colmar included visits to vineyards at Horbourg and Riquewihr and was followed by a common meeting with O.I.V. at Montpellier on practical applications of virological knowledge to viticulture.
5. Salice Terme (Italy) 16-19 September **1973**. Field trip in Tuscany and Sicily 20-23 September.
6. Cordoba and Madrid (Spain), 12-17 September **1976**. Post conference tour in the Rioja and Villafranca del Penedes viticultural regions.
7. Niagara Falls (Ontario, Canada) 7-12 September **1980**. Field trip to Geneva (N.Y.) and East Lansing (Michigan).
8. Bari (Italy) 2-7 September **1984**. Post conference tour in Sardinia.
9. Kiryat Anavim (Israel) 6-11 September **1987**. Post conference tour in northern Israel.
10. Volos (Greece) 3-7 September **1990**. Post conference tour in southern Greece.
11. Montreux (Switzerland) 5-10 September **1993**. Post conference tour in Valais.
12. Lisbon (Portugal) 28 September - 2 October **1997**. Post conference tour in northern Portugal.
13. Adelaide (South Australia) 12-17 March **2000**.
14. Locorotondo (Italy) 12-17 September **2003**. Technical and historical tours in Southern Italy, including Lecce and Pompei.
15. Stellenbosch (South Africa) 3 – 7 April **2006**. Technical tours in Stellenbosch-Paarl region.
16. Dijon (France) 31 August - 4 September **2009**. Technical tours in Burgundy and Jura vineyards.