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In memory of our Dear friend
Maria Gerardi – Passali
(Deceased 23 July 2012, Chios)

“Many years now, I’ve been printmaking the way I breathe. I never stop to think what or how am I supposed to carve a surface... You don’t have to think in order to breathe for your life. When I listen to the messages of nature and the environment, I’m not thinking of what to print.”

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COMMENTS AND IMPRESSIONS

It was a superb congress and thanks to you all for the wonderful time and great contributions!

Bob Ursem, The Netherlands

We want to show our gratitude for your help during the congress. Congratulations; we sincerely enjoyed the days in Chios!

Elena Estrelles, España

It was my pleasure to attend this successful congress; I learned a lot, I shared a lot of information and I had a very pleasant and interesting stay at the beautiful island of Chios. Thank you once more for organizing so nicely and efficiently this congress!

Maria Papafotiou, Greece

It was an excellent congress! Well done!

Stephen Blackmore, United Kingdom
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On the 26th of May 2012, at the facilities of the Maria Tsakos Foundation, Chios welcomed the National Representatives of the European Botanic Gardens Consortium, while two days later, on 28 May 2012, the Homerion Cultural Centre of Chios Municipality opened its doors to the 6th European Botanic Gardens Congress. The decision to hold the European Congress in Chios this year was largely influenced by the island’s mediterranean flora and the re-establishment of the Aegean Botanic Garden.

The Chair of the Organising Committee, Dr. Eleni Maloupa, Research Scientist at the Hellenic Agricultural Organisation - DEMETER and Head of the Balkan Botanic Garden of Kroussia, welcomed the participants to the Island of Chios and co-ordinated the congress, while ARTION Conferences & Events, was responsible for supporting and supervising the event.

The 6th European Botanic Gardens Congress (EUROGARD VI) brought together scientists, botanic gardens, industrial leaders and decision makers from all over Europe, offering sharing of knowledge and discussions in a great range of subjects through cluster conferences, workshops, expositions, keynote lectures, oral and poster presentations, botanic tours and training programmes.
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