



Dear colleagues,

The IRMA project (“Efficient Irrigation Management Tools for Agricultural Cultivations and Urban Landscapes”), financed in the framework of the European Territorial Cooperation Programmes (ETCP) GREECE-ITALY 2007-2013 (<http://www.irrigation-management.eu/>), has been launched on April 2013. The closing event of IRMA will be the International Conference on “**Modern technologies, strategies and tools for sustainable irrigation management and governance in Mediterranean agriculture**” (**IrriMed 2015**), to be held on 23-24-25 September 2015 in Bari (Italy). **IrriMed 2015** is organised by Regione Puglia (Italy), with the scientific support of the Institute of Sciences of Food Production (CNR-ISPA, Bari, Italy) and in the partnership with the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM-IAMB, Bari).

Water scarcity is becoming a real threat to the sustainability of irrigated agriculture. This issue is of primary interest in Mediterranean countries, where population dynamics, upgraded standards of living, economic and social development, and the use of water-consuming technologies require careful and continuous assessment of models for water resources use. Since agriculture is the major consumer of water, the focus should be turned towards increasing the efficiency of water use in the Mediterranean agricultural systems. Hence, the aim of **IrriMed 2015** is to present the latest scientific and technological achievements in the irrigation sector and to offer a platform for discussion and debate among actors/stakeholders involved in the management and governance of water for agricultural use. Both scientific research advancements on irrigation practice and water resources governance topics will be covered in the sessions of the Conference.

It is our pleasure to invite you to actively participate in IrriMed 2015, by proposing sessions, roundtables, workshops, special events, technical meetings, short courses as well as social activities, promote the event, and prepare presentations for it. We invite you to save the date for taking part at the Conference. The definitive program of the Conference is now under definition, so feel free to get in touch with us for proposals and suggestions.

Web-site of the Conference will be soon available with info and updates at

<http://bari2015.irrigation-management.eu/>

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Looking forward to meet you next September in Bari.

Sincerely yours. The **IrriMed 2015** organizing committee



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