



Preparations Underway for 2018 Spring WUWM Conference



WUWM Executive Secretary, recently visited Mercabarna to prepare the WUWM Spring Conference of 2018. Josep Tejedo, General Manager and

WUWM Board Member and Ingrid Buera, Business Director went through all the details regarding the event venue and logistics. The conference will take place 16–18 April 2018 under the theme “**The markets of the future: responsible and efficient**”.

The event has been planned to overlap with the international biannual “ALIMENTARIA” and “HOSTELCO” Trade Fairs, which will take place in Barcelona from **April 16–19, 2018**. ALIMENTARIA is one of the most important food trade shows in the world, with 140,000 visitors, and HOSTELCO is one of the biggest appointments in the restaurant & catering sector, with 42,000 visitors.

Natalia Barragan had also the opportunity to visit the wholesale market of Mercabarna. Mercabarna is a food city that operates 24 hours a day with the aim of guaranteeing the supply of fresh food to the public. The facility houses more than 700 companies specialising in the distribution, preparation, importing and exporting of fresh and frozen products.

Mercabarna is without doubt one of the main European fresh food markets, with 2 million tonnes sold annually and distributed across Catalonia, Spain and many countries worldwide. In total, Mercabarna supplies fresh products to around 10 million consumers.

Delegates will have the opportunity to visit this market during the WUWM Spring Conference.

The event website will be available at the end of October.

Technical Visits during the WUWM Congress in Australia



The next WUWM Congress will take place in Australia 23–27

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October under the theme *market modernization*. The event will be jointly hosted by the Melbourne

Market Authority, Queen Victoria Market and Sydney Markets Limited.

The Congress starts in Melbourne 23 October and finishes in Sydney 27 October. Transportation between the 2 cities is not included in the congress fee and the delegates need to arrange it by themselves.

During this event delegates will be visit the following markets:

Queen Victoria Market

The Queen Victoria Market has been an important part of the fabric of Melbourne for more than a century. Today, the Queen Victoria Market is a vibrant and bustling inner-city market where you can shop for everything from Australian fruit and vegetables, local and imported gourmet foods, to cosmetics, clothing and souvenirs.

A historic landmark spread over two city blocks, the Queen Victoria Market is the largest and most intact of all Melbourne's great 19th century markets.

In its 139 years, the Queen Victoria Market has had a colourful and sometimes controversial history. During that time, the site has been a cemetery, a livestock market and a wholesale fruit and vegetable market. The market has continued to evolve to what it is today, one of Melbourne's most popular tourist attractions for national and international visitors and a destination loved by generation of Melburnians.

The Queen Victoria Market is home to hundreds of small businesses and has supported generations of family businesses throughout its history. To this day, 33 generational businesses and over 600 small businesses continue to trade at the market.

Melbourne Market

In August 2015, the Melbourne Market completed a once in a generation move to a new purpose built USD410m facility on 70 hectares, and the outcome is spectacular. Through consultation and international benchmarking, Australia's newest wholesale market – the Melbourne Market – is world class both in design and operations, and is the largest warehousing precinct at any central market in Australia.

Underpinning the new Market is the objectives of allowing businesses to conduct their tasks easier, safer and with the ability to manage costs more appropriately.

More than 4,000 businesses use the Market as a base, buying and selling fresh produce and cut flowers in the early hours of the morning for distribution across Victoria, Australia and international exportation.

An estimated USD1.529b of produce is trading within the Market annually.

Sydney Markets

Submerge yourself into the vibrancy of Sydney Markets

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through an insightful tour of the largest wholesale fruit, vegetable and flower market in the Southern Hemisphere. Obtain a unique perception into the operational aspects of Sydney Markets and embrace the opportunity to interact with some of Australia's best wholesalers, growers and retailers.

Spanning across an impressive 43 hectares, Sydney Markets generates over 2.5 million tonnes of world class fresh produce annually. Sydney Markets is home to more than 5000 workers or more accurately put 5000 characters, each a reflection of the diversity and liveliness of the life inside the markets. Sydney Markets prides itself in providing the best environment that supports competitive trade and effective distribution. Honouring a continued commitment to sustainable practises on site, Sydney Markets recycles up to 65% of generated waste.

Registrations are open at www.wuwmcongress.org The event website is available in multiple languages.

Early-bird registration (Euro 965 for delegate) is available until the deadline expires on **1 September 2017**.

SIMAB group wholesale markets support food bank



Wholesale Markets of Lisbon, Braga, Évora and Faro, SIMAB group companies, support the Food Bank with near 2.300 tons of food collected.

The partnership between the wholesale markets of Lisbon (MARL), Braga (MARB), Évora (MARÉ) and Faro (MARF), with Food banks of their regions, has been translated, either by assignment of spaces for the collection and storage of food collected, either with the encouragement of the participation of wholesale markets operators through participation in campaigns ranging from fresh food supply and also in the transport of these same foods.

According to Rui Paulo Figueiredo, CEO of SIMAB Group "These actions and the partnership we have with the Food Bank, are essential and fundamental for a contribution that we all want to give, to help all who spend more difficulty putting many foods that would otherwise be wasted to reach these people. This relationship is increasingly extended to our operators from agro aliment base, logistics and transportation. They can together increasingly contribute to the success of this mission ".

Mercabarna Opens a Summer Campus for Children with Limited Resources



This summer, Mercabarna is holding the "Cool Off with 5-a-Day" campus, a charitable initiative addressed at vulnerable and at-risk children who come from summer camps and

social action organisations in Barcelona and its province. The activity, which is supported by the AGEM, is subsidised by Mercabarna, who, apart from organising the workshops, is also

responsible for the transport costs and breakfast and lunch for the participants.

Throughout July and August, it is expected that more than 400 children will visit the Central Fruit and Vegetable Market, where they will discover the huge variety of fruit and vegetable produce that is sold in the Food Unit. Children will be able to see how good they are at recognising fruits and vegetables, demonstrate their cooking skills and be made aware of the impact of food waste and the importance of recycling in schools and homes.

