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17th ICPA and 11th ConBAP Early Bird Registration Rate Ending



The 17th International Conference on Precision Agriculture and the 11th Brazilian Congress on Precision and Digital Agriculture registration rates will increase tomorrow, **1 May 2026**.

As a reminder to Presenters, all Presenters, both Oral or Poster, must be registered for the conference by **22 May 2026**. The abstract will be dropped from the program if the Presenter is not registered by this date.

Register Today!

ISPA Officer Elections

The International Society of Precision Agriculture holds officer elections each year for board positions. On even numbered years the ISPA membership will vote on the roles of President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer (four year term), North America Regional Representative, and Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Representative. The results of the election will be announce during the International Conference on Precision Agriculture. On odd numbered years the ISPA membership will vote on the roles of Africa Regional Representative, Asia/Oceania Regional Representative, and Europe Regional Representative. The results of the election will be announced during the European Conference on Precision Agriculture.

Candidates can be nominated by active ISPA members or by self-nomination. All active ISPA members will have the opportunity to vote in the electronic election for the roles of President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Regional Representatives are elected by a majority vote of members from that region. Prior to the election, the Board will review and approve the nominations.

Solicitation of Board Nominations (Open February 1 - May 1 of election year)

The nomination committee of ISPA is requesting nominations for the following offices for the ISPA.

- ***President-Elect*** - (Two year appointment) to serve from July 2026 to July 2028, and then move to President for July 2028 to July 2030 and then to Past-President in 2030
- ***Secretary*** - (Two year appointment) to serve from July 2026 to July 2028
- ***North America Regional Representative*** - (Two year appointment) to serve from July 2026 to July 2028
- ***Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Representative*** - (Two year appointment) to serve from July 2026 to July 2028

To nominate an individual:

- The nominator must be a current member of ISPA.
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- Contact the nominee and verify that they are interested/available to serve as an officer.
- Submit a short CV or bio (2-pages)
- A high resolution picture of nominee.
- The nominee must provide a vision statement for serving in this role.
- Provide contact information for the nominee and the nominator.
- Please send nominations to nominations@ispag.org.

Nominations must be received by May 1, 2026.

Elections will be held electronically.

Upcoming Regional Conferences

Upcoming Speaker Deadline:
The Speaker Registration deadline is 30 October 2026. Abstracts will be dropped from the program if the presenter is not registered by this date.

For for information, please visit our **WEBSITE**.

Full Paper Instructions:
The 16th European Conference on Precision Agriculture full paper instructions are now available on the conference website. Full paper submissions are due by 15 December 2026.

For for information, please visit our **WEBSITE**.

Registration and Abstract Submissions:
The registration form for the 12th Asian-Australasian Conference on Precision Agriculture is now open. The conference is also accepting abstract submissions through 28 February 2027.

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Preliminary Digital Agriculture Survey

ISPA is developing a Digital Agriculture definition and we would like to hear from our ISPA membership currently working in Digitial Ag or expecting to do so. This survey will inform the definition committee. We split this into four broad questions:

a. Where, within food systems, do you operate?
b. What technologies do you consider most important? (We suggest four classes: data collection, control tech, modeling/AI and comms/networking.)
c. How do you believe technology creates value? (We suggest three classes: increased efficiency, better processes, and assett management.)
d. Who do you expect gains value from digitial ag?

Digital Agriculture Survey

Country Representative Update from Italy

Submitted by Italy Country Representative, Alessandro Matese. This article explores precision agriculture in Italy from two perspectives: the current state of the scientific literature and the available evidence on the adoption of precision agriculture technologies and practices across the Italian country.

Current state of the scientific literature in Italy:

The findings presented here are drawn from a dataset of 400 peer-reviewed journal articles published from 2023 onward in the Italian precision agriculture context. One of the clearest findings from the dataset is that Italian precision agriculture is moving along several strong and well-defined lines of research.

The first major area is remote and proximal sensing. UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles), multispectral and hyperspectral imaging, thermal data, vegetation indices and field-scale monitoring appear throughout the literature. This confirms that a large part of Italian research is still focused on monitoring crop conditions and acquiring within-field variability with increasing detail and accuracy.

A second major direction is artificial intelligence and machine learning, which increasingly act as a common layer across many applications. From 2023 to 2025, the literature shows clear growth in classification, forecasting, detection, regression, deep learning and computer vision. This suggests that the field is gradually moving from descriptive analysis toward more operational and decision-oriented uses of AI...

View the full article here.

ISPA Members - My Account Information

Manage and update your membership profile information on your unique My Account page.
Login to the ISPA website using your membership credentials, then upload or update your bio and headshot, change your contact information, add links to your social media accounts, and more.

Upcoming Events

1-3 DEC 2026
4th African Conference on Precision Agriculture
Cairo, Egypt
paafrica.org

2-6 FEB 2027
AGROEXPO 2027
Izmir, Türkiye
en.agroexpo.com.tr

30 MAR-1 APR 2027
2027 AI In Agriculture
Lexington, Kentucky USA
aiagconference.uky.edu

11-15 JUL 2027
16th European Conference on Precision Agriculture
Copenhagen, Denmark
ispag.org/Events/ECPA

15-18 SEP 2027
12th Asian-Australasian Conference on Precision Agriculture
Kobe, Japan
smartconf.jp/content/acpa12/

16-19 JUL 2028
18th International Conference on Precision Agriculture
Athens, Georgia USA
Save the date

See the ISPA website for a complete list of events.
Do you have an event that would be of interest to our members? Send us an email to let us know.

Jobs Listing

Assistant Professor of Soil Science - University of California, Riverside
Graduate Research Assistant (Ph.D.) position in Precision Water Management - University of Missouri-Columbia

Do you have a job you would like to post to the ISPA website? Please send your job announcement,

a short description, and the deadline for applications to info@ispag.org

Stay Up To Date with ISPA on Social Media!

Be sure to follow ISPA on X and LinkedIn to stay up to date with what the society has to offer. If you're posting about precision agriculture and would like to reach our international community, please add **#ispag** to your post.

SPAM EMAIL NOTICE: ISPA does not sell your information. If you receive an email indicating that your information has been sold, this is spam. Please be diligent about spammers, if you would like to double check the validity of an email, please reach out to info@ispag.org.

The joint 17th International Conference on Precision Agriculture (17th ICPA) and the 11th Brazilian Congress on Precision Agriculture (11th ConBAP) will be held from 13-16 July 2026 in Porto Alegre, Brazil

For additional conference information, please visit: ispag.org/icpa/conference

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