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European
Sustainable
Phosphorus
Conference



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Venue:

Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), Ben Guerir, Morocco

Conference Schedule:

November 23rd: Young Researcher's Day*

November 24th + 25th: ESPC6

November 26th: site visit to an OCP phosphate mine** and UM6P

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ESPC6 Conference Program – updated 05.09.2026

Monday 23. November – Young Researchers Day	
9:30 – 17:30	See programme below

Day 1 – Tuesday 24. November	
08:00 - 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 09:30	Keynote and welcome remarks Opening Addresses - Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P) Hicham El Habti, President - European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform (ESPP) Robert Van Spingelen, President - OCP Meriem El Asraoui, Chief Global Affairs Officer
09:30 - 09:45	Keynote on food security and importance of phosphorus - International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Najat Mokhtar, deputy Director General
09:45 - 10:45	Morning Plenary Food Security: The Strategic Role of Phosphorus - European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) Stefanos Kirkagiaslis - International Fertilisers Association Achim Dobermann - Fertilizers Europe Chris Poole
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:45	Parallel Sessions A (speakers for each parallel session are detailed below) - Session 1: Closing the Phosphorus Loop: Recovery and Recycling [I] - Session 2: Climate Change & Phosphorus - Session 3: Phosphorus Management and Applications

12:45 - 13:15	Innovators' Pitch: Sustainable Phosphorus Solutions from - Emter GmbH - NuReSys - Prayon - OCP - Re-Cord - Wetsus
13:15 - 14:15	Networking Lunch & Poster exhibition
14:15 - 15:45	Parallel Sessions B (speakers for each parallel session are detailed below) - Session 1: Phosphorus for Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems - Session 2: Closing the Phosphorus Loop: Recovery and Recycling [II] - Session 3: Global Phosphorus Institute (GPI) session
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 - 17:30	Afternoon Plenary: Phosphorus applications - challenges and perspectives - Fertecon/S&P Global – Allan Picket - Willem Schipper, Phosphate Industry Expert - European Commission, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) - Hans Ingels - European Centre for Research and Teaching in Environmental Geosciences (Cerege) - Daniel Nahon
17:30 - 18:30	Reception and poster exhibition
19:00	Networking Dinner in Ben Guerir (on site)

Day 2 – Wednesday 25 November	
08:00 - 09:00	Welcome Coffee
09:00 - 10:30	Morning Plenary: Phosphorus and the Environment: From Science to Action - European Commission Joint Research Centre - Panos Panagos/Elisa van Eynde - OCP Nutricorps Leonardus Vergutz - German Federal Environment Agency (UBA) Andrea Roskosch - Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P) Joann Karen Whalen
10:30 - 1:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:30	Morning Plenary: Phosphorus Reuse and Recycling: Scaling Circularity - EasyMining Pär Larshans - European Commission Joint Research Centre Dries Huygens, Lukas Egle - Ramboll Manon Cavagna - EFCI, Notified Body for the EU Fertilising Products Regulation Simonetta Gallerini - European Biogas Association Lucile Sever
12:30 - 14:00	Networking Lunch and Poster exhibition
14:00 - 15:30	Parallel Sessions C (speakers for each parallel session are detailed below) - Session 1: Closing the Phosphorus Loop: Recovery and Recycling [III] - Session 2: Climate, Soils and Phosphorus Dynamics - Session 3: Aligning Innovation and Industry
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:00	Reports from the parallel session Announcements of Early Career Poster and Oral Presentation Awards Statements on Young Researchers Day outcome: Key Research Priorities for the Phosphorus Value Chain
17:00 - 17:15	Closing Statements by the conference organizers OCP & ESPP

Thursday 26. November – Site visits	
9:00 – 16:30	OCP phosphate rock mine near Benguerir, laboratory and agronomy research at UM6P, optional for conference registrants, limited number of places remaining, first registered first served.

Parallel sessions

Closing the Phosphorus Loop: Recovery and Recycling [I] Day 1, 24.11. 11:15 - 12:45	Jouke Boorsma (Aquaminerals) Unlocking the value of vivianite from wastewater: bridging product quality, market uptake and regulatory barriers Hugo Quintana (Cetaqua) Circular phosphorus recovery from residual streams: development of a cascade precipitation technology for fertiliser valorisation Joan Antoni Baeza Labat (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) Phosphorus Recovery Potential from Municipal Wastewater via Side-Stream Enhanced Biological Phosphorus Removal Andreas Kolb (University of Braunschweig) Results from the first full-scale trials of struvite precipitation following biological phosphorus remobilisation at two municipal WWTPs Philip Demling (RWTH Aachen) Creating commercial incentive for phosphate recycling: Biotechnological production of high-value polyphosphates with baker's yeast
Phosphorus management and applications Day 1, 24.11. 11:15 – 12:45	Xiu Gao (KTH) Phosphorus Flows Driven by the Seaweed Industry in China: A Multi-Decade Analysis with AI-Based Scenario Exploration Lotfi Khiari (Laval University) Residual phosphorus efficiency of recycled fertilizers for circular phosphorus management Jan Weigand (TU Dresden) From Phosphate Rock to Chemicals: Redox-Neutral Pathways for a More Sustainable Phosphorus Value Chain Lucia Zuin (Canadian Light Source) Why would you want to use a Synchrotron for your Phosphorus study?
Climate change and phosphorus Day 1, 24.11. 11:15 – 12:45	Soufiane Ayoubé (UM6P) Global climate change impacts on phosphorus and carbon biogeochemical cycles and phosphate deposition <i>Federico Aragao (University of Helsinki)* Coupled Reactive Transport and Modeling of Clogging in Sand Filtration for Hypolimnetic Withdrawal and Treatment Systems</i> Nathan Schunk (North Carolina State University) Projecting the Global Consequences of Phosphorus Scarcity: Comparing Price Shocks and Supply Constraints in Agricultural Systems

Phosphorus for Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems including Fertilizers Day 1, 24.11. 14:15 - 15:45	Nicolai Jablonowski (FZ Jülich) Sustainable Plant Production via Improved Sulfur/Phosphorus Fertilization: Development of Multifunctional Composite Fertilizers for Enhanced Nutrient Use Efficiency <i>T.A. Ogunweide (Obafemi Aqolowo University)* Reducing Phosphorus Fertiliser Losses Through Cropping System Design: Evidence from Sub-Humid Southwestern Nigeria</i> Yahaya Mohammad Yusuf (UM6P) How the Rhizosphere Chemistry Explains the Effectiveness of Radish in Reclaiming Legacy Phosphorus Compared to Maize Paulo Pavinato (University of Sao Paulo) Long-term phosphorus management enhances crop productivity and improve its availability under no-tillage in the Brazilian Cerrado Henrique Raniro (University of Copenhagen) Improving recycled phosphorus fertilizer efficiency through (bio)acidification and targeted application strategies
Closing the Phosphorus Loop: Recovery and Recycling [II] Day 1, 24.11. 14:15 – 15:45	Alba Ceballos-Escalera (University of Girona) Pilot plant for phosphorus recovery from wastewater sludge: Electrochemical crystalliser for efficient struvite formation Michael Renz (Polytechnic University of Valencia) Recovery of phosphorus from the Organic Fraction of Municipal Solid Waste and its classification according to EU regulation of fertilizing products Yuwei Huang (Wetsus) Post-regeneration neutralization stabilizes phosphorus recovery from Ca- and NOM-rich waters Yariv Cohen (EasyMining) Building the world's first Ash2Phos plant in Schkopau, Germany Mohamed Takhim (TTBS) From Waste to Resource: Pilot Validation and Industrial Upscaling of the RubiPhos® Circular Phosphorus Recovery Technology
Phosphorus Stewardship in Action: African Experiences and Global Perspectives Day 1, 24.11 14:15 - 15:45	Global Phosphorus Institute session Mamou Ehui, Global Phosphorus Institute, Morocco Part 1: From Regional Evidence to Strategic Choice - Tilahun Amede, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Kenya - Gerald Steiner, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria Part 2: From African Priorities to Regional and Global Cooperation

Climate, Soils and Phosphorus Dynamics Day 2, 25.11 14:00 – 15:30	Ingeborg Pedersen (Aarhus University) Improving Phosphorus Fertilization Decisions in Acid Sandy Soils: The Value of CaCl₂-Extractable P Beyond Olsen-P Berta Singla (Beta) Effect of Carbon availability, phosphorus and water soil content on GHG emissions: insights from a soil incubation study Khaled Alotaibi (King Saud University) Phosphorus Management in Arid Soils: Integrated Approaches for Sustainable P Use <i>Innocent Muhwezi (University of Ghana)*</i> <i>Sustainable Organic Phosphorus Management for Climate-Resilient and Gender-Inclusive Food Systems in East Africa</i> Mariam D. KIBA/SOMA (CNRST) Increasing P availability and use efficiency in cultivated soils of Sub-Saharan Africa: Insights from the long-term field experiments of Saria in Burkina Faso
Aligning Innovation, and Industry Day 2, 25.11 14:00 – 15:30	Andrey Stephan Siahaan (Tohoku University) RinPhos Process: Progress and Implementation toward Circular Phosphorus Economy Hanae Zouiti (UM6P) Three dimensions for evaluating circular economy transition in the phosphate mining value chain: A review Aalaa Moussaid El Idrissi (UM6P) Conversion of Phosphogypsum into value added products Axel Yakub (TechnoPhos) & Kevin De Bois (Prayon) Smart Mining Solutions for Cadmium and Organic Matter Reduction in Phosphate Rock: A collaborative technology development by Technophos and Prayon Technologies
Closing the Phosphorus Loop: Recovery and Recycling [III] Day 2, 25.11 14:00 – 15:30	Christina Zipp (University Kaiserslautern) Experimental and Model-Based Design of Phosphate Recovery in Fixed Beds Solvita Kostjukova (University of Latvia) Natural Mineral Sorbents for Phosphorus Recovery from Open Water Systems and Circular Reuse in Agriculture <i>Andrea Salimbeni (Re-Cord)*</i> <i>Extraction of phosphorus from pyrolysis char: comparison of two innovative processes</i> P. de Jaeger (Aquacare) Pilot study: high-performance phosphorus removal from WWTP effluents using the BioPhree® technology <i>Julia Santolin (University of Antwerp)*</i> <i>Phosphorus and nitrogen recovery at European wastewater utilities: Current status, future directions, and drivers for technology adoption</i>

*pending administrative confirmation

Preliminary agenda of the Young Researcher's Day*

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09:30 - 09:45	Welcome address by the organisers
09:45 - 10:30	"Pitch your Phosphorus": 180-seconds, 3 slides, 10-15 speeches
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break & Phosphorus memes: anonymous meme presentation and voting
11:00 - 11:30	Innovation & Poster Marketplace: expo-style space with ECR posters, startups, pilot projects and industry demonstrations
11:30 - 12:30	Panel discussion with experts: Increasing impact of phosphorus research
14:30 - 16:00	"Phosphorus without borders": thematic working groups Emphasis on Africa -Europe perspectives and resource-constrained contexts.
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break & Fertilizer Blind Date:
16:30 - 17:30	Visit to the university campus