



“Harnesstom at the XIV Congreso Nacional y XII Ibérico de Maduración y Postcosecha (Retos del Sistema Agroalimentario)”

[The XIV National and XII Iberian Congress of Maturation and Postharvest](#) will be held from June 12 to 14, 2024 in Madrid. Following a tradition that started in 1988, researchers will gather to present results on how they are addressing the relevant challenges in the Agri-food system, with a focus on this occasion on strategies for the prevention and reduction of food waste.

Harnesstom will use this opportunity to increase the project visibility in a highly relevant environment as this will enable the exchange of knowledge with other groups working in ripening postharvest field and important aspect of prebreeding activities in Harnesstom. The organizers Carmen Meriodo, María Teresa Sánchez Ballesta and Irene Romero de la Fuente from Grupo Biotecnología y Calidad Posrecolección (POSTBIOTEC), Instituto de Ciencia y Tecnología de Alimentos y Nutrición (ICTAN-CSIC) has assembled a nice [program](#) that includes a number of keynote speeches, round tables and interactive sessions. The session will address research on the implementation of new sustainable technological developments for the conservation of plant products. Research based on knowledge of the ripening and senescence processes of fruits and vegetables, nutritional analysis and evaluation of defense systems against pathogens and environmental factors. In short, a very good platform to present results of basic-applied research to preserve the quality of plant products during post-harvest.

[Harnesstom](#) coordinator will participate as a keynote speaker in session III Postharvest Opportunities and challenges in the Agrifood system delivering a talk entitled: “From chance and necessity to “precision”: NGTS and variability in the biotec breeding of tomato”. Harnesstom coordinator Antonio Granell will also participate as founder of [MadeInPlant](#) and [Naplateg](#) in a round table on Science applied to the Industry : Relationship between Science and Companies. Almudena Lázaro Lázaro. Director of the Centro de Innovación Gastronómica de la Comunidad de Madrid and Bruno Defilippi Bruzzone, Director of the Instituto de Investigaciones Agropecuarias (INIA) La Platina, Chile will also participate in the Round table. This will provide a nice opportunity to discuss the participation of companies in Public-Private funded projects like Harnesstom and other opportunities for public private collaborations.

