

## Collaboration between AARINENA and International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS)

The collaboration between AARINENA and International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) took an excellent start, where AARINENA delegates have been actively involved in the scientific review of the contributions that will be presented at the conference of the Sixth International ISHS Symposium on Olive Culture that will be held in September 2008 in Portugal. The delegate includes:

- Dr. Belkassem Boulouha Focal point for AARINENA Olive Network, Morocco
- Moheddin Ksantini/ Focal point for AARINENA Olive Network, Tunisia
- Dr. Saleh Shdiefat/ Focal point for AARINENA Olive Network, Jordan, and
- Eng. Mohamed El-Kholy/ Focal point for AARINENA Olive Network, Egypt

Moreover, this interaction is the start of a long-term collaboration between the olive specialists of AARINENA and the ISHS Olive Working Group. Moreover, all scientists active on olive in this part of the world will have a chance to interact with their olive research colleagues from all of the world who normally attend the ISHS symposium in this series.

ISHS will be represented at the 11th AARINENA General Conference, held in October 2008 in Damascus, where collaboration between AARINENA and ISHS materialized and will be extended to all of the AARINENA activities that relate to horticultural crops and relevant issues.