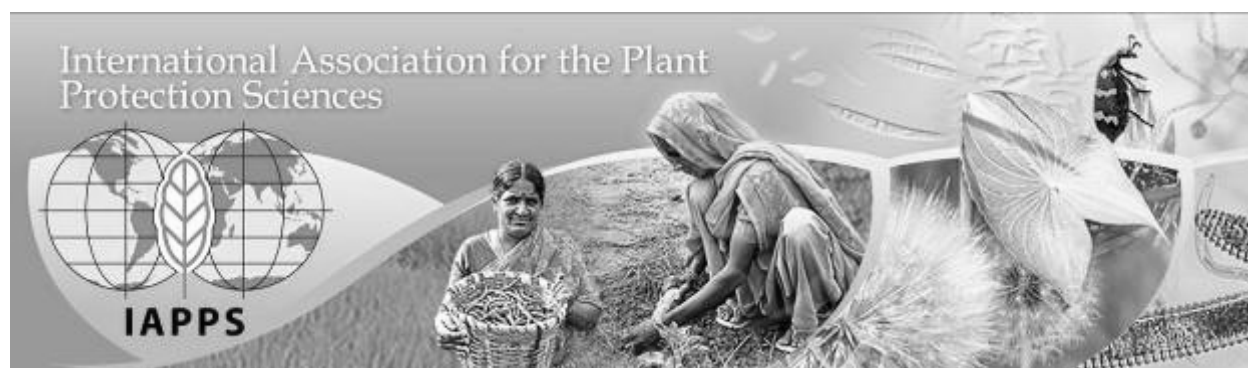


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IAPPS BLOG LAUNCHED !



I am pleased to inform IAPPS members that the IAPPS Blog <http://iapps2010.wordpress.com> has been launched on WordPress.com. The Blog is designed to provide a service to our global IAPPS Membership. With members from more than 60 nations, the organization seeks to promote global IPM by stimulating the development and exchange of plant protection information among entomologists, plant pathologists, nematologists, weed scientists, plant breeders, social scientists, economists, crop production and marketing specialists, technology transfer specialists, growers, policy makers, administrators, crop protection consultants, and environmental and other interested groups.

Through the IAPPS Blog we hope to provide a global forum for the purpose of identifying, evaluating, integrating, and promoting plant protection concepts, technologies, and policies which are economically, environmentally, and socially acceptable. The Blog is open to the public for viewing but only IAPPS members are eligible to submit posts or comment on submitted posts. To post an article, news item, question about pest identification or other item on the Blog please send the item accompanied by a photo in JPEG format to me ehinric@vt.edu by email attachment.

IAPPS Officers, Governing Board and members serve as resource persons for the following categories:

- Control tactics
 - Biological control
 - Cultural control
 - Host plant resistance
 - Pesticides
 - Ecological engineering

- Education
- Emerging/invasive pests
- IPM
- Meetings
- Monitoring pests
- News
- Pest diagnostics
- Pests
 - Insects
 - Weeds
 - Plant pathogens
 - Bacteria
 - Fungi
 - Nematodes
 - Viruses
- Research
- Technology transfer
- Uncategorized

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NEW IOBC/WPRS COMMISSION: INTEGRATED PRODUCTION, PROTECTION AND BIOCONTROL COMMISSION FOR NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Most North African countries are regularly facing new diseases and pests, and a strong cooperation among them and with European countries is considered essential for sustainable and efficient crop protection. Also, North African countries are poorly represented in the different activities carried out by the various working groups, study groups and commissions of the International Organization for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious Animals and Plants, West Palearctic Regional Section (IOBC/WPRS).

To redress this situation, during its last meeting (Vienna, 22-23 January 2010), the IOBC/WPRS council approved the establishment of a new commission for North African countries (Morocco to Egypt). The new commission on « Integrated production, protection and biocontrol for North African countries » was officially established by the IOBC Council on September 4, 2010.

The commission has 9 members from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and representatives of Crop life and the International Biocontrol Manufacturers' Association (IBMA):

Convenor:

- Prof. Mohamed Besri, Morocco

Liaison Officer:

- Dr. Claire Villemant, France,

Deputy convenor:

- Prof. Bouzid Nasraoui, Tunisia,

Members:

- Prof. Ahmed Mazih, Morocco
- Dr Khaled Moumene Algeria
- Prof. Dr Medhat Kamel Ali, Egypt
- Prof. Ibrahim M. El-Ghariani, Libya
- Mr. Eric Bureau, Crop Life Africa and Middle East, Morocco
- Mr. Michel Guillon, President, IBMA, France

The main tasks of the commission are:

- Identify in each country the main agricultural universities, research institutions, associations/societies that are involved in agriculture and sustainable plant protection
- Establish a network among North African countries to promote biocontrol, IPM and IP in the region
- Contact potential stakeholders (such as government bodies, research institutes, commercial organizations and industries related to plant protection, production and exports) and make them familiar with the major activities and results of IOBC/WPRS.
- Identify special crop protection problems in North African countries to assist the region to develop and implement sustainable solutions.
- Organize regional workshops on plant protection, in collaboration with IOBC working and study groups

The main actions to undertake during the period 2010-2011 are:

- Editing a Brochure introducing the commission "Integrated production, Protection and Biological control for North Africa"
- Identify the commission members
- Prepare and insert information in the IOBC/WPRS web site
- Prepare a survey form to be sent to the commission members and synthesis of the survey form
- Agreement on an activity program
- Meeting of the commission

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It seeks to provide a global umbrella for the plant protection sciences to facilitate and promote the application of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to the world's crop and forest ecosystems.

Membership Information: IAPPS has four classes of membership (individual, affiliate, associate, and corporate) which are described in the IAPPS Web Site www.plantprotection.org.

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