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IPM RESEARCH BRIEF LAUNCHED

The Systemwide Program on Integrated Pest Management (SP-IPM) of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) has launched an IPM research brief series. The series is part of the SP-IPM strategy to promote information exchange among stakeholder groups so as to increase public awareness and benefits of IPM, encourage the full integration of IPM into mainstream agriculture and thereby raise the profile of IPM within farming communities. The briefs are primarily intended to meet the information needs of agricultural research managers, policy makers and the development partners with whom governments plan IPM inputs into agricultural and rural development activities. The briefs analyse the biological and ecological bases of IPM related food insecurity issues of common concern across agroecologies and regions, synthesise the research results that feed into location-specific farmers' field experiments and advise on the partnership opportunities for scaling out/up the benefits gained by  farmers.

IPM brief number 1 discusses the challenge posed by parasitic weeds to productivity and sustainability of cereal-legume production systems in Africa and presents ecologically sound IPM options for controlling these weeds, which have become a major factor contributing to food insecurity in the continent. After a statement of the scale and nature of the parasitic weed problem, the brief synthesises research findings that point the way towards solutions, summarises the current state of knowledge and the action taken so far to put this knowledge into practice at farm-level and points out outstanding research needs that will help to sustain the gains made by farmers. The SP-IPM expects the brief to be of value both to those directly involved in research for development and to the decision makers who determine the policy environment for development, indeed to all stakeholders in the research for development community whose consensus and collaboration are needed if development efforts are to succeed.

IPM brief number 1 has been prepared by the SP-IPM Secretariat in collaboration with Green Ink Ltd (UK) and is based on materials provided by scientists and development workers at the Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo (CIMMYT), the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), the Institute of Agricultural Research of Ahmadu Bello University (IAR/ABU) in Nigeria, the Agricultural Research Centre (ARC) in Egypt, the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA) in Morocco, the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI), the Agriculture Department Group of the FAO Regional Office for Africa (FAORAF), the Pan-African Striga Control Network (PASCON), the African Union's Semi-Arid Food Grains Research and Development programme (AU/SAFGRAD) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The XVth International Plant Protection Congress (IPPC), co-organized by the China Society of Plant Protection (CSPP) and the International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS) in Beijing, China, has been rescheduled to take place **11-16 May, 2004**. The main venue for the XVth IPPC is the Beijing International Convention Center (BICC) located in the north of the City. The BICC is a first class convention facility with a newly built hotel and support complex (www.bicc.com.cn). The Opening Ceremony and Welcoming Reception will be held in the Great Hall of the People.

Here some important dates and addresses

- January 31, 2004: Deadline for Abstract Submission
- February 20, 2004: Final Date for Early Registration
- April 10, 2004: Deadline for Tour Reservation

Further information can be obtained on: www.ipmchina.net/ippc On-line registration web site:

<http://www.congress.com.cn/ippc/form.htm>

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The Sixth International Symposium on Chemical and Non-Chemical Soil and Substrate Disinfestation will take place in Corfu Holiday Palace on the Island of Corfu, Greece, from 4-8 October, 2004. Up to now over 100 scientists from 20 countries all over the world have pre-registered or expressed their interest to participate in the symposium.

As indicated in the first circular, the forthcoming ban of methyl bromide in many countries around the globe in January 2005, and the difficulties in effectively replacing this valuable chemical, is challenging the future of vegetable and ornamental cultivation, creating anxiety among farmers and causing alert among the policy makers.

Hence, scientists from all over the world searching for alternatives to methyl bromide are invited to Corfu to present their research data and discuss recent findings in controlling soil-borne pathogens. Advances related to the chemical and non-chemical soil disinfestation will be also included. The long-standing tradition of the collaboration with the International Society for Horticultural Sciences (ISHS), which will publish the proceedings of the Symposium in *Acta Horticulturae*, will be continued.

It is expected that the hot scientific topic and the beauty of Corfu, one of the most famous Mediterranean summer resorts will attract world famous scientists. The organizing committee will be honored and pleased if you could participate and share with us your current knowledge and research experience under a highly constructive and inspiring environment.

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The web page of the symposium is: <http://www.aua.gr/SD2004/>

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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 a the world's crop and forest ecosystems.

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