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## **ESA AWARD FOR IAPPS BOARD MEMBER DR. EL BOUHSSINI**



Dr. Mustapha El Bouhssini, Principal Entomologist at the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Morocco, and IAPPS Coordinator for Region VII: West Asia, received the 2014 Distinguished Scientist Award from the International Branch of the Entomological Society of America (ESA). This award is recognition of Mustapha's dedicated work, which has yielded significant contributions to the development of Integrated Pest Management options of cereal and legume insect pests that are now being increasingly used in North Africa, West and Central Asia. The outcomes from this IPM work have been documented in refereed publications (92), proceedings (26), newsletters and extension

publications (12), books (3) and book chapters (5), and voluntary and invited presentations (100+) at international and regional meetings worldwide. Dr. El Bouhssini has also been heavily involved in human resources development, including giving short-term training courses, mentoring individual trainees and supervising graduate students work (18 MSc, 11 PhD). Over 1000 junior scientists and technicians benefited from these training courses either at ICARDA headquarters or in mandate countries. This is the latest in a series of awards over the past decade. This year Dr. El Bouhssini received an Award of Merit for his research in Morocco on Hessian fly resistance in wheat from the International Plant Resistance to Insects Working Group. He received the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus from the Department of Entomology at Kansas State University. These follow an International Plant Protection Award of Distinction from the International Association for Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS) in 2007 and a CGIAR Award in 2006 that recognized Dr. Bouhssini's efforts to apply integrated pest management techniques in the fight against Sunn Pest. Please join me in congratulating Mustapha on behalf of the entire IAPPS family.

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> ARAB CONGRESS OF PLANT PROTECTION

The 11<sup>th</sup> Arab Congress of Plant Protection organized by the Arab Society of Plant Protection (ASPP) and the Balqaa Applied University was held in Amman, Jordan during the period 9-13 November, 2014. Around 300 participants from 17 Arab countries and from USA, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and United kingdom participated in this event. Around 450 papers were presented in the meeting as either oral or poster presentations. The third day of the meeting was dedicated for a touristic and agricultural trip made to the Dead Sea and Jordan Valley, where many vegetables and date palm farms were visited.

In the closing ceremony awards for the best presentations by graduate students was announced. In this occasion, ASPP offered the “Society Fellow” award to five scientists for their distinguished service to the Society and for their professional excellence, and those were: Dr. Ahmed Heneidy (Egypt), Dr. Saeed Baangood (Yemen), Dr. Bassam Bayaa (Syria), Dr. Abdelsattar Aref Ali (Iraq) and Dr. Barakat Abu-Rmeileh (Jordan).

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## 4TH WORKSHOP ON MICROBIAL CONTROL AGENTS (IV TALLER DE AGENTES MICROBIANOS DE CONTROL BIOLÓGICO)

The 4th Workshop on Microbial Control Agents (IV Taller de Agentes Microbianos de Control Biológico) was held on October 31 2014 in Montevideo, Uruguay. The Workshop theme was "Constraints, opportunities and challenges in the use of microbial control agents in agriculture" and brought together scientists, students, regulators and business personnel, working in biological control of plant diseases and pests in the Southern Cone countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay) and New Zealand.

The workshop integrated scientific and technological subjects with topics on business development, intellectual property protection, and the registration of products based on microbial agents for plant protection. Successful experiences were presented, including pest management with microbial control agents in Brazil and Chile, as well as emerging technologies such as endophytes. Commercial development of microbial control agents was discussed, including strain collections, registration, intellectual property and the experiences of commercial microbial control producers. The event was supported by the Microbial Genetic Resources Working Group of the Cooperative Program for Technological Development in Agrifood and Agroindustry in the

Southern Cone (PROCISUR). The presentations are now available in the website (<http://www.inia.uy/Paginas/4%C2%B0-Taller-de-Agentes-Microbianos-de-Control-Biologico.aspx>)



The event was opened by Dr. Emilio Ruz, Executive Secretary of PROCISUR-IICA, and authorities from the national research institute

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