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Working Group Meeting
“Integrated Control in Protected Crops, Mediterranean Climate”
9-12 October 2012, Catania, ITALY



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

December 2011

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held in Catania (Italy) at the [Faculty of Agriculture](#), University of Catania. The meeting will start on Tuesday 9 October, will comprise 3 days of oral presentations, poster sessions and discussions, and a one-day technical visit on 12 October.

Aims of the meeting

The Mediterranean region is one of the world most important and dynamic agricultural areas, especially for protected crops. Climatic conditions, hot and dry summers with mild winters, allow growing crops all year round in unheated greenhouses, though determining pest and disease problems. The control strategy is mainly based on pesticide applications, however there is a clear trend to increasingly reduce their use due to environmental issues, consumers' concerns and pesticide resistance.

Biological control has been recognized as the most desirable alternative strategy for its well-known benefits. However, it is a complex strategy that has to be developed by trained experts in all aspects of crop ecology, and needs to be adapted to the specific conditions of each crop, area and/or pest/disease combinations. This strategy has to be the core of IPM programmes that integrate all compatible solutions for the complex of pests and diseases affecting the crop. As new pests or diseases occur, the system needs to be updated and new solutions have to be developed. For instance, the currently applied IPM programmes had to be adapted in order to effectively control the tomato borer, *Tuta absoluta*, new pest for the Mediterranean basin. Sharing expertise in the different areas and disciplines is a cornerstone for the progress and implementation of sustainable crop protection strategies.

Italy is one of the world leaders in vegetable and ornamental production. Most of the protected cultivation is concentrated in the South of the country and especially in Sicily (approx. 7000 Ha). Biological control and IPM strategies attract rising interest by the farmers and they are applied on an increasing area.

The aim of the meeting is to provide a common forum for researchers and technicians from public and private sectors, to address the challenges of biological and IPM strategies against the main pests and diseases of vegetable and ornamental crops.

Organizing Committee:

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Proceedings

Proceedings will be published as an IOBC/WPRS Bulletin before the meeting. Manuscripts should be short contributions of scientific or technical information that is not intended to interfere or compete with publications of data in refereed journals. Papers should be limited to 6 pages maximum, including tables, graphs and references. Publication is a prerequisite for oral or poster presentation. **Manuscripts** have to be **prepared before 15 May, 2012 and sent to Cristina Castañé** (cristina.castane@irta.es) by e-mail. Full instructions for authors can be found at <http://www.iobc-wprs.org/pub/index.html>. You will find them as well in the attached document as a template.

Book of abstracts

The book of abstracts will be distributed to the participants during the meeting.

Presentations

Oral presentations are preferred to posters, but authors may express their choice. Everyone's preference of presentation form, oral or poster, will be carefully considered but the final decision will be taken by the scientific committee according to time constraints in the final program.

Registration and fees

Those who are interested in taking part to the meeting are highly encouraged to fill in the enclosed pre-registration form and send it to info@iobc-wprs-protcropswg.net before 29 February.

Registration includes participation in the sessions, an information package, coffee breaks, lunch meals, conference dinner, excursion (including meal), book of abstracts and bus transfer from meeting points close to the main hotels to the Conference Hall. Accompanying person payment includes excursion and conference dinner.

It is planned that Registration will be opened on 1 April 2012, and deadline for early registration will be on the 15 July. Applications may be cancelled up until 10 September 2012 in which case 80% refund will be made. No refunds if cancellation is received after this date.

Category	Early (before 15 July 2012)	Late (after 15 July 2012)
Member of IOBC/WPRS*	250€	350€
Non member	370€	470€
Student**	150€	220€
Accompanying person	100€	130€

* Individual membership or employee of institutions with Institutional or Supporting membership. If you are not an individual member then you may check if your institute is a member of IOBC/WPRS at 2011 or 2012. In case it is, please detail the exact name of the institute that is an Institutional or Supporting member.

** A student card or certificate is required.

Payment instructions will be detailed on the registration form, available at the meeting web site: <http://www.iobc-wprs-protcropswg.net>, where you will also find information on accommodation, conference venue, transportation from and to the airport, tourism, climate and clothes, and other useful details.

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