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## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM IAPPS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

An ordinary IAPPS Governing Board meeting took place November 9, 2019, from 9am to 5 pm at the Hyderabad International Convention Center (HICC), Hyderabad, India, in conjunction with IPPC 2019.

### **1. Welcome and introductions (Pres. G. Norton)**

### **2. Secretary General's report**

- Global Plant Protection News:
  - 1300 articles have been posted since 2010.
  - We have readers from 160 + countries.
  - 100+ visits per day and steadily increasing.
  - Some readers report that this is the only plant protection news that they receive.
  - University professors report that they use the News to supplement their courses.
  
- Personnel changes since 2015
  1. Tom Hunt, Treasurer
  2. Srinivasan Ramasamy, AIRCA Representative
  3. Eris Tjamos, Coordinator, IPPC Athens (2023)
  4. Dienaba Sall, Coordinator Region IV: West/Central Africa
  5. Tadele Tedefera, Coordinator, Region V: East Africa
  6. Buyung Hadi, Coordinator, Region XI: Southeast Asia
  7. Bruno Zachrisson, Coordinator, Region XIV: Central America/Caribbean
  
- Membership

Membership remains stable but lower than we prefer. We have two associate members, *icip*e and AVRDC-the World Vegetable Center. Strategies to increase membership were discussed. One strategy is to encourage the Regional Coordinators to be more pro-active in promoting IAPPS membership in their Regions and to increase the awareness of IAPPS by organizing IAPPS symposia in national and regional meetings.

### **3. XIX 2019 International Plant Protection Awards of Distinction:**

- Charles Vincent, Agriculture and Agri-Food, Canada
- Karim Maredia, Michigan State University.

#### 4. IPPC 2019 chair's report (Hari Sharma)

- The IPPC 2019 Chair reported that this would be one of the most successful IPPCs based on the quality and hard work of the LOC, venue, scientific program and financial support by industry. Four days later, I could whole heartedly attest to his statement. Congratulations and thanks from the IAPPS Governing Board, Hari and Rajan. Well done! (EAH).
- A full IPPC 2019 report will be provided in the next issue of the IAPPS Newsletter.

#### 5. President's report (includes website, PestNet and information hub)

- Following a brief review of developments to the IAPPS website since the previous Board meeting, the following issues were raised:
  - IAPPS website – the last upgrade of the website occurred over 10 years ago. The need to upgrade the software and content was discussed.
  - PestNet – The potential role that IAPPS might have in supporting the activities of several plant protection community sites (such as PestNet), that provide valuable assistance to remote practitioners, will be explored.

#### 6. Treasurer's report (Tom Hunt)

#### 7. IAPPS Working Groups-Current status and discussion on potential new groups. (R. Muniappan)

- The IAPPS Working Group on *Tuta absoluta* formed in 2016

#### 8. IAPPS International Symposia (R. Muniappan)

- *Tuta absoluta* Working Group conducted symposia at the International Congress of Entomology; annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America in Denver, Colorado; and International Conference on Biological Control in Bengaluru, India.

#### 9. Crop Protection Chief Editor's report (S. Wegulo)

- IAPPS members E. A. Heinrichs, George Norton and Buyung Hadi served as Guest Editors for a special issue of Crop Protection entitled “**IPM for Tropical Crops**” consisting of 16 papers. The online versions of each paper have already been published and the online version and hard copy of the entire issue will be published by January 1, 2020. Stephen Wegulo served as Chief Editor. We consider this a major contribution to the Crop Protection journal which is sponsored by IAPPS.
- In a plenary lecture Chief Editor Wegulo discussed what it takes to get a paper published in the Crop Protection journal.

#### 10. XX IPPC 2023 Athens LOC chair's report (Eris Tjamos)



- Website: [ippcathens2023.gr](http://ippcathens2023.gr)
- The XX IPPC2023 congress will take place in the Megaron Music Hall and International Conference Center, Athens, Greece, between 10-15 June 2023.

- **Accommodation:**  
At least eight top hotels (various categories), with a capacity of over 1000 rooms, with reasonable accommodation charges are located at a walking distance from Megaron Congress Center. Beyond hotels, Airbnb availability is also extensive in Athens.
- **Local organizational coordination:**
  - The congress will be under the responsibility of Prof. Eris Tjamos, President of the Hellenic Society of Phytiatry.
  - The congress will be under the auspices of the Agricultural University of Athens (AUA) represented by the ex-Vice Rector Prof. Epaminondas Paplomatas, Professor of Plant Pathology.
  - The organization and running of the congress were undertaken by the Global Events Group of congress organizers in Greece.
  - Local organizational and scientific involvement of several Departments of AUA (Plant Pathology, Entomology, Pharmaceuticals, Plant breeding, Herbology and Organic farming, Ecology and Environment).
  - The Presidents of relative scientific societies, Hellenic Crop Protection Association (companies trading plant protection products), universities (Agricultural University Athens, of Salonika, of Thessaly), selected scientists from universities outside Greece and the Greek Ministry of Agriculture will all be involved in the planning and supporting of the Congress.
- **Excursions:** Scientific or touristic excursions will be organized on June 13, 2023.
- **International Organizations (FAO, EPA, CABI, BCBC, EPPO, EFSA)** will be consulted to offer their experience and involvement in the organization of XX IPPC.

## **11. Regional coordinator's reports**

### **12. IPPC 2027**

- Representatives of Agresearch, New Zealand discussed their proposal to bid for the 2027 IPPC.
- Bids for the 2027 IPPC are due December 31, 2026. Bidding instructions are on the IAPPS website.

### **13. Other business**

- Trevor Jackson presented a proposal to fund IAPPS plant protection activities. The proposal is now under discussion by the IAPPS Executive Committee.

14. There being no other business, the Board meeting closed at 1700 on Saturday November 9, 2019.

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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.**

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