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NEW ! NOW YOU CAN SUBMIT TO CROP PROTECTION ON-LINE

The Editors of *Crop Protection*, the official journal of IAPPS, are delighted to announce the start of on-line submission of manuscripts to the journal. The website can easiest be reached under <http://ees.elsevier.com/cropro/> The Editors of *Crop Protection* invite workers concerned with pest, disease and weed control to submit suitable contributions on any topic falling within the aims and scope of the journal. For more information, please contact:

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THE UK PESTICIDE GUIDE 2006 ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PESTICIDE USERS

Reliable information on pesticides is being increasingly demanded by the public, as well as being a requirement of  assurance schemes, cross compliance for the Single Farm Payment Scheme and Environmental Stewardship Scheme. The new 2006 editions of *The UK Pesticide Guide* reference book and *The e-UK Pesticide Guide*, CD-ROM are therefore essential reference publications on the current status of UK products and adjuvants, for use by professionals.

Both publications include detailed information on over 1,150 pesticide products including all new SOLAs and new products launched during 2005. All other registered products that may be legally used are also listed, making the guide the only complete printed reference of UK approved products for agriculture, horticulture, forestry and amenity use.

"*The UK Pesticide Guide* aims to provide users with the most up-to-date information for the main spraying season," explains the editor, Dick Whitehead. "For 2006 we have included about 150 new product entries along with five new active ingredients listed for the first time. The Guides also contain information on the latest legislative changes and environmental guidance to help users complete Crop Protection Management Plans. And to ensure that users of the Guides have access to the latest information all the year round, news and updates will be shown on the dedicated website at www.ukpesticideguide.co.uk."

"*The e-UK Pesticide Guide* 2006, contains everything that can be found in the book and more," says Mr Whitehead. "The powerful search functionality of the CD-ROM makes it easy for the user to find products for a particular crop or pest either on-label or off-label. Other factors such as LERAP category, chemical type or supplier can be added to make the search even more detailed. Direct links to the Pesticides Safety Directorate (PSD) website provide access to Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) and Specific Off-Label Recommendation (SOLA) sheets - particularly important for growers of minor crops. Finally plant growth stage illustrations and a glossary are available, as well as background information and numerous weblinks for those who wish to research in greater depth." A free guided tour of *The e-UK Pesticide Guide* 2006 is available on-line at www.ukpesticideguide.co.uk or a demonstration can be downloaded from the BCPC online Book Shop at www.bcpc.org/bookshop.

BCPC and CABI Publishing, are the joint publishers of the 2006 editions of these publications. *The UK Pesticide Guide* 2006 costs £36.95 and *The e-UK Pesticide Guide* 2006 costs £61.69 (inc. VAT) for a single use copy. Prices for network users are available on request. To order *The UK Pesticide Guide* and *The e-UK Pesticide Guide* 2006 contact:

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ANNOUNCEMENT: NOVEL BIOTECHNOLOGIES FOR BIOCONTROL AGENT ENHANCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT



From 8 to 19 September 2006 the NATO Advanced Study Institute (ASI) entitled "Novel biotechnologies for biocontrol agent enhancement and management" will be held in Gualdo Tadino, Perugia, Italy.

An ASI is a high-level teaching activity where a carefully defined subject is treated in depth by lecturers of international standing. New advances in a subject, not taught elsewhere, will be reported in tutorial form. We are organizing this ASI because we realize that except for classical biocontrol, there have been few successes with inundative biocontrol due to evolutionary barriers, and it is necessary to invoke some of the novel tools of biotechnology to overcome these obstacles. Perhaps with the addition of such technologies, it will be possible to augment pesticides for the control of some of the more intractable weeds, insect pests and disease pathogens. A NATO ASI is not intended to be an international conference or symposium, but rather a short course contributing to the dissemination of knowledge and the formation of international scientific contacts.

The intent of this NATO ASI is to permit the meeting of the major exponents in the scientific community working with enhancing different biological control agents (fungi, bacteria, virus, nematodes, insects), on different targets (pathogens, insects, weeds, rodents). This multi-disciplinary group has backgrounds in the different aspects of biotechnologies (transgenic enhancement, molecular biology, formulation, genetics, risk assessment, new technology, biochemistry, physiology) will present highly advanced lectures during the ten-day-ASI, in order to allow students to improve their capability to enhance and manage biological control agents. This approach will allow ASI attendees to bring new ideas, new approaches, or new methodologies coming from different fields of application to their own field of expertise. A further aim of the NATO ASI is to create a network of young and experienced scientists, with few geographical barriers among countries, who will develop new opportunities to collaborate in this field of science that requires a "global" collaborative approach. The invited lecturers already are leaders in their respective fields of knowledge, coordinating groups of researchers, leading a large number of projects on different aspects of biological control, and taking part in, or leading, international groups of experts. Fifteen lecturers have been invited, and around 80 students are expected to take part to the ASI.

Programme

The NATO Advanced Study Institute will be organized to have in each day one main theme with some lectures. Each talk will be followed by a long discussion. According to the NATO rules, 15 lecturers of high and internationally recognized scientific level have been invited. They will show progress in their field of interest, update results, and propose and discuss new approaches. Several specific workshops or round tables will also be organized during the NATO ASI. Time will be reserved for short presentations and poster sessions by the students that have some research expertise in the given area. Exhibition and presentations of novel equipment available for biotech research may also be arranged.

Costs/Awards

There is no registration fee for attending the NATO ASI. The costs for the whole NATO Advanced Study Institute, based on a double room occupancy, full board, excursions, bag, scientific material, and shuttle bus to train station and airport on days of arrival and departure, will be 1,500 Euro. As a rule, travel and living expenses for the participants have to be covered by their home countries or home institutions. Some funds are available to permit the Organizing Committee to partially cover living and travel expenses to a limited number of people from NATO or Partner or Mediterranean Dialogue Countries. Additional special funds will be available for students from USA, Turkey, Portugal and Greece. The decision of individuals to be granted is left to the discretion of the Organizers, and will be based on merits and needs of the applicants. We will make all effort to find further economic support for the students, besides the basic NATO grant. To be invited, potential students (post-graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and young scientists) are requested to fill in the application form available on-line at the official website (<http://www.ispa.cnr.it/NATO-ASI>), and submit it together with a short CV, and a paragraph about your research and why this course is relevant. Please be aware that attendance during the whole NATO ASI is mandatory.

Participation in the course as students is limited by NATO to citizens from NATO or Partner or Mediterranean Dialogue Countries (see complete list on the website). Students from Austria, Finland, Ireland, Sweden or Switzerland may participate but their related costs cannot be paid from the NATO grant.

If you decide to ask for funds, please be aware that these are limited, and that NATO requires a certain percentage of attendees be from partner countries who typically have extreme limitations on their funding. If you are from a NATO

member country outside of USA, Turkey, Portugal and Greece, support will be **extremely** limited. In addition, the ASI is limited to 80 participants and we expect many more applicants. For more information: <http://www.ispa.cnr.it/NATO-ASI>

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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.

Membership Information: IAPPS has four classes of membership (individual, affiliate, associate, and corporate) which are described [here](#).

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