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WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER AND JOURNAL LIAISON OFFICER



It is my pleasure to welcome Dr. Elaine van Ommen Kloeke as our new **Governing Board member and Elsevier Journal Liaison Officer**. For her MSc in Ecology at the VU University in Amsterdam, she specialized in experimental fish behavior (field studies), statistics and global meta-database analyses of plant traits. During her PhD, also at the VU University, she studied soil ecosystems and designed a decision matrix to evaluate potential risks of novel (GM) crops on keystone soil invertebrate species (e.g. earthworms). This matrix combined different research fields including, ecotoxicology, ecogenomics and community ecology using the crop *Brassica oleracea*, known for its glucosinolates, as model. In her spare time she enjoyed organizing workshops, meetings or events, hence the choice to go from science into the field of publishing.

Please join me in welcoming Elaine on the IAPPS Governing Board.
She can be reached at e.vanommenkloeke@elsevier.com.

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UPDATE: AAIS 20TH BIENNIAL MEETING AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Second announcement and change of dates: 27th –31st October

The African Association of Insect Scientists (AAIS) serves persons and institutions interested in the promotion of insect science and its application in the African region. AAIS announces its 20th Scientific Meeting and Conference to take place at the Yaoundé Conference Center, Yaoundé, Cameroon, Oct 27-31, 2013.

The theme of this year's conference will be: '**Global change and impacts on insect biodiversity: Integrated pest and vectors diseases management in Africa**'

Sub – themes:

- Impact on Beneficial Insects, Pests and Vectors of Diseases.
- New Challenges in Integrated Management of Insect Pests and Vectors of Diseases.
- Knowledge Sharing and Networking
- Biotechnology, Genetically Modified Organisms and Biosecurity
- Education and Integrated Pest Management of Insects and Vectors and Capacity Reinforcement
- Biodiversity and Insect Taxonomy
- Integrated Storage Pest Management

Submission of abstracts

Abstracts should be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the AAIS (E-mail: jltamesse@yahoo.fr, zngalo@gmail.com, sniassy@icipe.org) **not later than 30th June 2013(deadline)**.

For more information and logistic details: www.ueab.ac.ke/AAIS

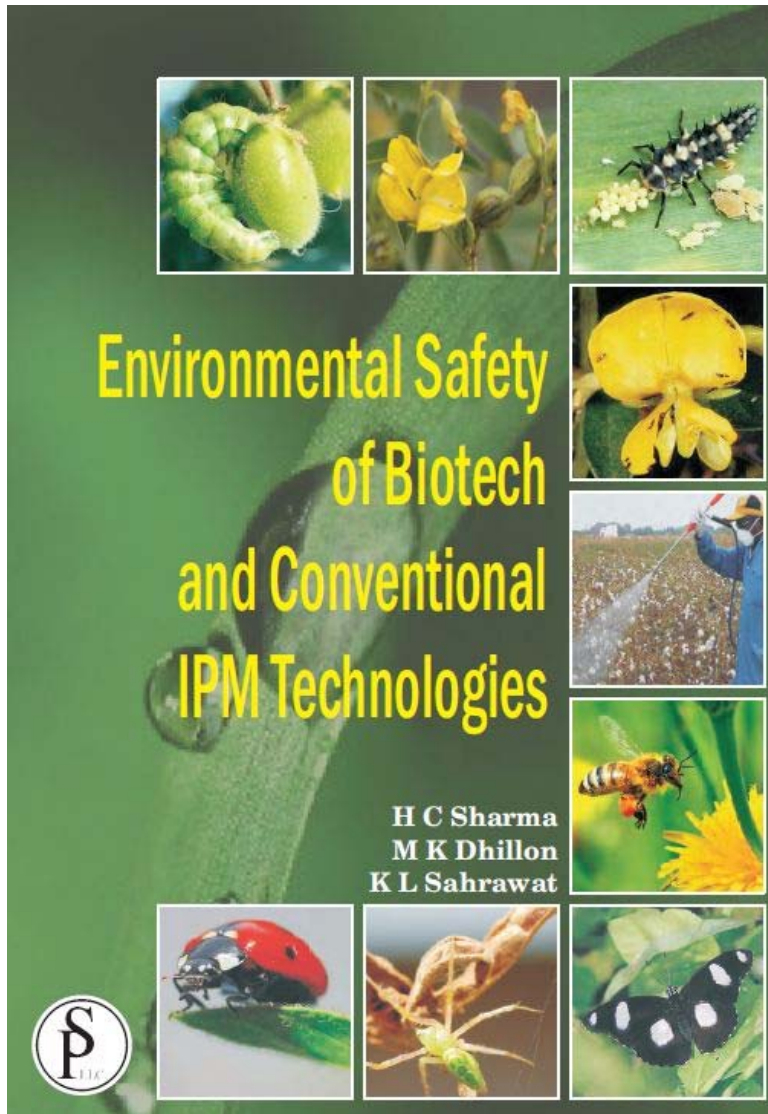
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NEW BOOK: ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY OF BIOTECH AND CONVENTIONAL IPM TECHNOLOGIES



Crop production is constantly threatened by increasing difficulties in controlling insect pests, and synthetic pesticides are still relied upon by a vast majority of the farmers for minimizing the losses due to insect pests. Massive application of pesticides to control insect pests has resulted in adverse effects on the beneficial organisms and the environment. It is in this context that the use of biotechnological techniques for insect control has become all the more important. The potential of recombinant technologies to allow a greater modification than is possible with conventional methods has raised some concerns.

Therefore, it is important to have a critical look at the comparative assessment of the, **Environmental Safety of Biotech and Conventional IPM Technologies**, to make informed decisions in pest management for sustainable crop production. This book, edited by H. C. Sharma, M.K. Dillon and K.L. Sahrawat, will be highly useful to

students, researchers, administrators, NGOs, and the industry all over the world.

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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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