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7TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM PLANT PROTECTION AND PLANT HEALTH IN EUROPE

The 7th international symposium Plant Protection and Plant Health in Europe (PPPHE) will deal with aspects of **the "principle mode of action" of micro-organisms as agents between fertilization and plant protection.**

The symposium is organized jointly by the Deutsche Phytomedizinische Gesellschaft e.V. - the German Scientific Society for Plant Protection and Plant Health r.S. (DPG, www.phytomedizin.org), the Federal Research Institute for Cultivated Plants - Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI, www.jki.bund.de) and the Division Phytomedicine of the Albrecht-Thaer-Institute of the Humboldt University of Berlin (www.hu-berlin.de).

This two-day symposium will be held 12-13 March 2015 - at the traditional building of the Division Phytomedicine, Lentzeallee 55-57, 14195 Berlin (Dahlem), Germany

Registration is possible between 01 September 2014 and 08 March 2015 via this website.
<http://dpg.phytomedizin.org/de/plant-protection-and-plant-health-in-europe/>

Afterwards please register directly at the registration desk.

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KENYA NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS SYMPOSIUM ON *TUTA ABSOLUTA*

The invasive South American tomato leafminer, *Tuta absoluta* (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae) as the name implies it is a native of South America. It was accidentally introduced in to Spain in 2006 and since then it has spread all over Europe and the Mediterranean region. In 2012, it reached Senegal in West Africa and Ethiopia in East Africa. A workshop to sensitize West and Central African countries about the impending danger of invasion of *T. absoluta* was held in Dakar, Senegal in May 2013. A similar workshop was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the East African countries in November 2013.



Tuta absoluta damage on tomato leaves



Workshop participants

In June, 2014, invasion of *T. absoluta* was recognized in Kenya. It caused severe damage to tomato crop in the field and greenhouses. It set a panic in the nation and lead to the organization of a National Stakeholders Symposium spearheaded by Mr. Muthomi Ernest of KENGAP and Dr. Lusike Wasilwa, Deputy Director, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute on July 4, 2014 at the KARI headquarters. It was sponsored by USAID, IPM Innovation Lab, KARI, GreenLife, Russell IPM, Real IPM, Dudutech, KOPPERT, DUPONT, ELGON Kenya Ltd., DOW Agro sciences, and others. There were about 400 participants representing Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, Extension, Kenya Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, private industries, and Universities and farmers. There were several presentations starting with Dr. R. Muniappan presenting “Origin, spread, biology, monitoring, and methods of control”.

In general, the symposium highlighted the seriousness of this pest in tomato production, need for research in tackling this pest and the importance of government and private companies working together to address this national problem.

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THE NEW IOBC NEWSLETTER IS OUT !

The latest newsletter of the International Organization of Biological Control IOBC is available for downloading at

http://www.iobc-global.org/download/IOBC-Global_Newsletter_95_June-2014.pdf

Here is a brief excerpt of the first page:

Message from the President:



Dr. Barbara Barratt, IOBC President

The IOBC-Global Executive Committee met recently in Pergine Valsugana, Italy, in association with the 8th Meeting of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group "Integrated Plant Protection in Fruit Crops" (sub-group: "Soft Fruits"). The conference was held at the research centre of Fondazione Edmund Mach, where we were made extremely welcome by the organizing committee Alberto Grassi, Danielle Prodorutti, Erica Candioli, and also Claudio Ioriatti (WG Convenor) and Christian Linder (Sub-Group Convenor). I would like to thank everyone involved in making this conference such a success, and for the very warm reception that the Global Executive Committee received. We were fortunate that Eric Wajnberg, the Editor of our IOBC journal BioControl was able to attend our Executive Committee meeting to give us an update of how things are going with the journal. The good news is that BioControl is now in the top 10 entomology journals, with an impact factor of over 2.0, and it seems likely to remain strong in the near future. As you can imagine, there is a positive relationship between impact factor and numbers of papers submitted, so the quality of the journal will continue to increase. There is a really good incentive to consider BioControl for your next paper!

The editorial board of Biocontrol comprises 13 Associate Editors who are all committed to a fast turn-around time for papers. In 2013 this was down to about 50 days. Furthermore, the publishers (Springer) are able to get electronic versions of accepted papers out very rapidly. Eric is encouraging ideas for 'special issues', and introduced us to the idea of 'virtual' web-only issues. So if you have an idea for a special issue of a hot topic around biological control, I'm sure Eric would be interested to hear about it [eric.wajnberg@sophia.inra.fr]. Also if you are organising a conference or symposium on biological control, consider whether a collection of papers from the meeting would lend themselves to a special issue. In summary, I think we should put our hands together for Eric and his team and applaud them for the fantastic job they are doing for our journal.

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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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