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XIV CONGRESS OF PEST MANAGEMENT

Guatemala will be the site for the XIV Congreso de Manejo Integrado de Plagas (XIV Congress of Pest Management) during July 15, 16 y 17 of 2015. This workshop is being held every 2 years in a different country of the Central American and Caribbean region.

This event is transcendental because in each workshop, even though new knowledge is presented in different areas of IPM, one particular area is targeted in which the growers, technicians and future professionals in the area can be immersed and updated. This workshop will be focusing on the challenges that agriculture is confronting due to climatic change. We will try to present different cases and scenarios showing how much IPM is being used in our countries, as well as what to do to reduce the impact of the negative effects through early warning systems. Also, other themes treated include IPM examples that have given good results in different crops, biological control agents that are being used, quarantine examples, the impact of IPM in exportations and how the use of chemicals is being focused. Other aspects or themes that are going to be presented include food safety, norms and certification of products, identification of diseases, innovations in many aspects that are being applied in other countries, as well as simple practices that are being used in IPM. Finally, talks about biotechnology applied to IPM will be presented along with some new strategies that have been developed.

General objective: To promote applied research in Integrated Pest Management programs and the interaction between researchers, farmers, technicians and other professionals in the region, to emphasize the mitigation of climatic change impacts on agriculture. More specifically:

- Scientific, technological and practical information interchange about current interest in IPM and its challenges in the real world.
- Promotion of the best perspectives and advances in the generation, implementation and technology transfer in IPM.
- Interchange of information about successful experiences in the implementation of adequate technologies for IPM and marketing and commercialization of various agricultural products.
- Establishment of the contribution that IPM, biotechnology, phytopathology and other new technology provide to sustainable production.
- Knowledge and interchange of experiences in food safety, norms and certifications and their relation to IPM.

Themes: The topics to develop during the event will be divided into 4 areas:

- Climatic change effects on agriculture and MIP
- Sustainable MIP: successful examples
- Food safety
- IPM innovation

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2nd PEARS FOUNDATION ALUMNI SYMPOSIUM IN PLANT SCIENCES

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to attend the 2nd Pears Foundation Alumni Symposium in Plant Sciences, entitled "Knowledge Sharing - A Key for Enhancing Agricultural Productivity". The Symposium will take place at the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food & Environment in Rehovot, Israel, from September 7-9, 2015.

Sustaining food production for the rapidly increasing world population under diminishing resources is a major challenge facing global agriculture. While certain countries, such as Israel, managed to adopt modern agro-technologies and considerably increase their crop production over the last half a century, other countries are still lagging behind in this respect. Closing this gap by promoting agricultural practices in least-developed countries is among the most promising strategies to enhance crop production and food security where it is most needed.

Pears Foundation of London, UK, works to create meaningful social change and inspire people to support their communities. Pears Foundation provides scholarships for students from developing

countries to acquire postgraduate (MSc) degrees in public health and agriculture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.

This international symposium aims to bring alumni in Plant Sciences and other young professionals, together with Israeli and worldwide experts to exchange ideas on knowledge transfer and agricultural development. In so doing, the symposium will equip these young professionals with a complementary toolbox of knowledge transfer and enhance their capacity to foster development and adoption of advanced agro-technologies for the well-being of the rural communities in their countries, and contribute to global food security.

The symposium will consist of keynote lectures, case study presentations, panel discussions and a field trip.

Among the keynote speakers of the symposium on Sept 7, **IAPPS past-president Prof. Hans R. Herren** will talk about ‘Transforming Today’s Agriculture and Food Systems to Meet Tomorrow’s Need’ while **IAPPS secretary general Prof. E. A. "Short" Heinrichs** will present his views on ‘Appropriate Plant Protection: Food for All in the 21st Century’

Any participant who is interested in the topic is welcome to pre-register and attend. We look forward to welcoming you back to Rehovot!

For details about the symposium:

<http://pearsworkshop.agri.huji.ac.il/symposium2015/index.php>

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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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