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HIGHLIGHTS OF IPPC2015

The 18th International Plant Protection Congress was held in Berlin 24-27 August 2015. It involved a joint effort between IAPPS and the German Scientific Society for Plant Protection and Plant Health (DPG), the Julius Kühn Institut (JKI) and the German Crop Protection, Pest Control and Fertilizer Association (IVA). The overall organization of the Congress was provided by Conventus Congressmanagement & Marketing.

IPPC2015 opening ceremony and IPPAD awards, August 24, 2015

On Monday August 24, at 9h00 the IPPC2015 opening and IPPAD awards ceremony took place at the Henry Ford Building, Free University Berlin, Germany. The Congress Chair, Prof. Holger Deising (DPG) welcomed a crowded meeting hall which was filled with over 1000 participants. His welcome address was followed by introductory remarks by Dr. Gerhard Gündermann (JKI) and Dr. Helmut Schramm



Congress Chair Prof. Deising (left) and IAPPS President Prof. Norton (right) during the opening ceremony

(IVA), while Dr. Werner Kloos gave the official welcome on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL). IAPPS President Prof. Geoff Norton, in welcoming participants to the Congress, emphasized the unique role that IAPPS plays by covering all the major plant protection disciplines and being guided by a Governing Board representing 15 major world regions. However, its role in convening the IPPC every 4 years is only made possible by collaboration with local plant protection organizations.

Introducing the International Plant Protection Awards of Distinction, IAPPS Secretary General Prof 'Short' Heinrichs provided details of the contributions made to plant protection by the five

individual and one team IPPAD awardees. The awards, a plaque of appreciation, were presented by the IAPPS President. Further details of the 2015 IPPAD awardees will be presented in the next issue of the Newsletter.

During the closing session on August 27, Prof. Deising thanked in particular the Congress Managing Director Dr. Falko Feldmann (DGP) together with Congress Project Manager Ms. Claudia Tonn (Conventus) for the excellent preparation and smooth operations of the whole congress. Prof. Norton, after giving his closing remarks, handed over the traditional congress gavel to Dr. David Bergvinson, Director General of ICRISAT representing the organizers of the next IPPC to be held in 2019 in Hyderabad, India. Dr. Bergvinson and his team presented a brief video to preview this upcoming event, which brought the official ceremony to a close.

IAPPS Governing Board Meeting Sessions, August 23 and 26, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Secretary General's report
 - Membership: initially problems with membership payments on the website via credit cards but running smoothly now as members have learned how to navigate the new website constructed by Geoff and Identic colleagues.
Spike in memberships before the congress because of the discount, but this is not continued the years thereafter
China has the biggest share of IAPPS memberships
 - SG's Newsletter: discontinued, replaced by Global Plant Protection News (<http://iapps2010.wordpress.com>). This is an on-going effort. It is providing a needed service to our more isolated members. Faculty members have indicated that they find useful material for use in their classes. Getting around 70 hits per day with a maximum of 490 hits on one day. SG is recruiting more followers by informing all new members of the free service.
 - IPPAD 2015: Six individual awards and one team award. Awardees: David Bergvinson, K.L. Heong, Juerg Huber, Richard Sikora, Andreas von Tiedemann, Anthony Youdeowei and the Feed the Future IPM Innovation Lab (team).
 - IPPC 2019: Hari Sharma distributed flyers and info materials with regard to the IPPC 2019 to be held in Hyderabad, India. There was some discussion about the need to include symposia on weeds, the availability of many international flights coming into Hyderabad and the excellent convention facilities in Hyderabad. The Hyderabad team consisting of the host institution (David Bergvinson, DG, ICRISAT). Hari Sharma (Chair of Scientific Program and M. K. Dhillon (Hyderabad Convention Visitors' Bureau) made a "Welcome to India" presentation at the closing ceremony.
 - Affiliate members: GB members are requested to be more proactive in getting affiliate memberships which are free of charge and provide mutual benefits to IAPPS and the affiliate society. IAPPS purpose in affiliate members is to promote all societies/congresses that are involved in plant protection.
 - The EC is to look into the possibility of changing the Statutes/By-Laws for Regional Coordinators, to better assist them in being more active in promoting IAPPS in their own regions
3. Treasurer's report – The IAPPS funds are deposited as Certificates of Deposit in the bank. Interest earned is used to pay the Membership Manager. Finances have improved each year for

the last several years due to increased membership, decreased expenses and \$10,000 received from CropLife International in 2011.

4. Journal of Crop Protection: Elsevier report – Elsevier training sessions in South Africa for preparing good quality papers. The main challenges editors are facing is to get qualified reviewers. It was suggested to establish a databank on reviewers, to have internal reviews maybe through their own plant protection societies. Discussions also embraced the issue of English editing, big challenge by the number of submissions, up to 1000 a year for 6 editors, actively training young scientists to publish and review, Editors to put a note in the newsletter. Discussions were also about open access and page charges. The Governing Board encourages IAPPS members to submit papers to Crop Protection.
5. Report of Regional Coordinators will be presented in detail in the next issue of the Newsletter
6. IAPPS Website/Information Hub - Geoff gave a presentation on the IAPPS website and asked Board members to provide suggestions on improvements that could be made to the site. Brief details were provided on planned additions to the Information Hub on the website and Board members will be requested to provide ideas on specific additions to this information service.
7. IAPPS Newsletter - Manu is proposing to institute written IAPPS regional highlights to be published every 6 months, preferably with deadlines in April and October. Highlights per region will be presented in very succinct form, ½ page per region, with links to already published materials in past newsletter issues or IAPPS web site. Manu to prepare a template and circulate to board members including suggestions for contents.
8. IAPPS International Symposia - Muni presented the following international events:
 - Annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America at Knoxville, Tenn.
 - Annual meeting of the Horticultural Society of America at Desert Palms, Calif.
 - 8th International IPM Symposium at Salt Lake City, Utah.
 - Meso-American IPM Symposium, Honduras.
 - Annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
 - International congress of Entomology, Orlando, FL.
 - IPM and Biodiversity conference in Manado, Indonesia.
9. International Plant Protection Services (IPPS) - Muni suggested to a) prepare a list of IAPPS members who are interested participating in international activities; b) compile their resumes; c) advertise in the IAPPS newsletters; d) distribute to organizations that are interested in the list, especially Beltway companies in the US; e) monitor plant protection related RFA issued by different International Organizations and circulate to IAPPS members interested in the international activities for preparing and submitting concept notes or proposals
10. IAPPS Working Groups - Muni proposed to start setting up Working Groups of IAPPS which could be regional or global. *Tuta absoluta* working group to be formed as soon as possible. A proposal will be submitted to the EC. Suggestion to support Working Group workshops/symposia with a minimal amount of \$2,000 to encourage participation of graduate students
11. IAPPS Inter-Congress conferences - Suggestions to consider conducting an Inter-Congress on a smaller scale in between two IPPCs It could be a regional or multi-regional congress (two or more regions involved)
12. IPPC 2015 Program organizer's report - Falko reported some statistics about attendance. 1490 delegates (290 still to pay), 95 countries, 360 oral contributions and 1139 posters, problems with visas because of on-going wars in mid-east and north Africa. Only ¼ of participants are IAPPS members.

13. There being no other business, the Board meeting closed at 18h30 on Wednesday August 26.

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7TH INTERNATIONAL WEED SCIENCE CONGRESS

The International Weed Science Society (IWSS), which is celebrating 40 years of activity, is organizing the 7th International Weed Science Congress at the Clarion Congress Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic, June 19-25, 2016.

Abstract submission deadline 15th October 2015 and on-line registration and hotel booking open 15th December 2015 (<http://www.iwsc2016.org/>)

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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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