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TRAINING COURSE ON MANAGEMENT OF DATE PALM PESTS

As part of a collaborative project between the Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority (ADFCA) and ICARDA, a training workshop on integrated pest management (IPM) of date palm pests and diseases was organized at Al Kwaitat Research Station in Al Ain (UAE), on 20-23 December, 2015. A group of international IPM experts conducted this training workshop which was attended by 21 participants from different institutions in Abu Dhabi.



Dr. Moulay Hassan Sedra showing insect attack symptoms on date palm

Along with introducing the participants to IPM principles, the workshop presented surveillance guidelines and methods on designing, planning and conducting surveys of insect pests and diseases of date palm. Participants looked at the principles of designing and analyzing IPM data and learned about environmentally friendly management methods of insect pests and diseases of

date palm. Cases of key pests and diseases of date palm such as borers, Red Pam Weevil, Lesser date moth, etc. were discussed in detail. During the field visit, participants visited two date palm farms, one with only date palm production and the second with mix cropping (date palm and forage crops). They discussed different damage symptoms and management options with the trainers.

This collaborative project between ADFCA and ICARDA, 'Enhancing date palm integrated pest management and agricultural extension and technology transfer system in Abu Dhabi,' which started in 2015, aims to enhance agricultural extension and technology transfer systems as well as improve research activities on integrated pest management in Abu Dhabi.

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The Arab Society for Plant Protection (ASPP) in collaboration with the Agricultural Research Center (ARC), Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt, represented by the Plant Protection Research Institute and the Plant Pathology Research Institute, has the pleasure to welcome and invite scientists, researchers, academicians, and those who are involved with various aspects of the field of plant protection of pests from government agencies, universities, research and extension institutions, and international agencies, to the 12th International Arab Congress of Plant Protection, 5 – 9 November, 2017, Cairo – Egypt.

The theme of the congress will be 'Towards Future Secure Agricultural Production', and we expect participants to present and exchange regional expertise of all aspects of plant protection, including recent developments related to integrated pest management strategies.

Congress Topics:

1. Economic insect and animal pests
2. Integrated management of phytopathogens
3. Etiology and epidemiology of plant diseases
4. Natural enemies and their role in pest management
5. Post-harvest pests
6. Effect of environmental changes on insect pests, plant pathogens and natural enemies

7. Date palm pests
8. Bio-pesticides
9. Nano-technology for pests and plant diseases control
10. Safe use of agrochemicals
11. Quarantine regulations and phytosanitary measures
12. Integrated pest management
13. Genetic engineering and pest control
14. Integrated control of weeds
15. Apiculture and Sericulture

The official language will be will be **Arabic** for paper presentation, and **English** for symposia presentations.

Please visit our website acpp2017@arc.sci.eg for more information and also to register for the congress.

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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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