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THE IAPPS GUIDE TO PLANT PROTECTION INFORMATION

As readers of this Newsletter will know, the mission of the International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS) is to promote and support an integrated, scientific approach to plant protection. In addition to convening the International Plant Protection Congress every 4 years, organizing international symposia, and supporting the journal "Crop Protection", IAPPS also provides a range of other information sources concerning the science and practice of plant protection through its website www.plantprotection.org.

The IAPPS **Information Hub**, accessed via the tool bar at the top of the website, offers a means of obtaining information about plant protection. The **Global Plant Protection News** page provides links to current and important news items from around the Globe and archives these articles under a range of categories for later reference.

The screenshot shows the IAPPS website's Information Hub. At the top is the IAPPS logo and navigation menu. Below the menu is a search bar and a list of search criteria. The search results are displayed in two columns. The left column lists various criteria such as "What information on plant protection are you looking for?", "Aids for identifying pest organisms and diagnosing 'sick' crops", and "Details of specific organisms". The right column lists search results, including "Bayer Crop Compendium", "Biological Control - A Natural Alternative - video", "Biological Control of Pests and Diseases - video", "Biological crop protection - video", "Bugwood Image archives", "Bugwood IPM images", "Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey", "Cooperative Extension Search", "Crop Protection", "ENDURE", "ENDURE Information Centre", "ENDURE Training Guide", and "EPPO Global Database".

In June this year, a new component was added to the Information Hub – a **Guide to Plant Protection Information**. It is structured as an interactive database. When you open the Guide you see two columns. The left-hand column lists various criteria you can select to describe the type of information you are looking for, such as type of pest, identifying a pest, specific control measures, etc. In the right-hand column is a list of online information and training

resources. By selecting appropriate criteria, the short list of sites is reduced to those most appropriate to your search. Each listed site has a link to a Summary page, which provides an overview of the content of the site and a link to its home page.

Since this Guide inevitably is a work in progress, we are adding appropriate sites to the database as

they come to our notice. If you are aware of sites with relevant plant protection information or training resources that are not currently in the Guide, please send details to support@plantprotection.org.

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BCPC CONGRESS 2016

“Changes in European Agriculture - How the regulatory environment might adapt and how Brexit might affect the regulatory landscape”

There is no doubt that the outcome of the UK referendum on membership of the EU will generate significant interest across the regulatory, scientific and food production community. To address this and to offer a first insight, the theme of the 2016 BCPC will now feature how the agricultural and regulatory environment might change in the UK.

This year’s Congress to **be held 4 – 5 October 2016, Brighton, UK**, offers a program of presentations, Q&A sessions, panel discussions and a CRD workshop (topic to be announced) covering existing and future regulatory challenges.

A revised program will be announced which will include those advertised presentations on EU regulatory progress and challenges, voluntary initiatives and the challenges presented by changes in arable agriculture in Europe. New presentations will include opinion from across the spectrum of stakeholders such as industry and their associations, policy makers, growers representatives and regulators.

All presentations will be delivered by experts in their field and delegates will have ample opportunity in Q&A sessions and at breaks to meet colleagues, experts and suppliers of services to the industry.

Visit <http://www.bcpccongress.org> to view the latest program and confirmed speakers.

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TUTA ABSOLUTA SYMPOSIUM

The IAPPS Working Group on *Tuta absoluta* is organizing a symposium at the 12th Arab Congress of Plant Protection to be held in Cairo, Egypt during **November 5-9, 2017**. Symposium organizers are Dr. Mustapha el-Bouhssini (ICARDA), Rangaswamy Muniappan (IPM Innovation Lab), and conveners of the *Tuta absoluta* Working Group Dr. Shoki Al-Dobai (FAO RNE, Cairo, Egypt) and Dr. Ahmed El-Heneidy (Agricultural Research Center, Cairo, Egypt).

The South American tomato leafminer, *Tuta absoluta* was accidentally introduced into Spain in 2006 and since then it has spread throughout Europe, the Mediterranean region, North, West and East Africa, some countries in Central Asia, and Afghanistan, India, Nepal and Bangladesh in South Asia. It is a serious pest of tomato and it can cause total crop loss unless control measures are implemented. Its preferred host is tomato but it will also attack potato, eggplant, pepper, tobacco and some solanaceous weeds.

We expect over 100 scientists from all over the world to participate in this symposium which will cover various scientific aspects such as origin, taxonomy, biology, ecology, genetics, distribution, spread, modeling, forecasting, economic injury, crop loss, monitoring, quarantine regulations, pheromone traps, area wide management, chemical control, cultural control, biological control (including parasitoids, predators, microbials and botanicals), and integrated pest management.

In addition, it is also expected that the symposium will provide opportunities for the development of regional and global collaborative programs.

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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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