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FALL ARMYWORM WORKSHOP FOR EAST AFRICA: HIGH PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

The IPM Innovation Lab and the USAID mission in Ethiopia, in partnership with *icipe*, organized a two-day workshop on Fall Armyworm in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, July 14-15, 2017. The purpose of the workshop was to assess the magnitude of the problem in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania; develop research strategies; identify high priority areas of research; create awareness; enhance collaboration among national, regional, and international agencies; provide collective insights on training, capacity building, and information dissemination on management options.

The workshop was attended by about 75 participants from national, regional, and international organizations including members from the governments of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania. The workshop also included members from plant protection departments, extension, universities, NGOs, the private sector, and international research organizations.

Breakout sessions organized by the workshop resulted in a list of high priority recommendations for fighting the Fall Armyworm. They are:

- Integrate cultural, physical, chemical, and biological controls with host plant resistance in management of FAW.
- Survey and document natural enemies recruited by the FAW in East Africa.
- Evaluate the efficacy of the local larval parasitoid *Habrobracon hebetor* on FAW.
- Evaluate the efficacy of the local egg parasitoid, *Trichogrammatoidea armigera* on FAW.
- Evaluate the efficacy of other local natural enemies recruited by FAW.
- Screen and identify the correct pheromone lure combination for attraction of FAW strains in East Africa.
- Screen insecticides included in the USAID PERSUAP for efficacy and safety under local conditions in East Africa.
- Governments should consider fast track registration of pesticides for control of FAW.
- Conduct FAW host preference and host range studies in East Africa.
- Collaboration within local governments, private companies, and international agencies.
- Integrate management technologies developed for FAW in the IPM package that will be developed by the IPM Innovation Lab for maize and other crops (chickpea, rice, horticulture) in East Africa.

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THREE JOINT MEETINGS TO FORSTER COOPERATION FOR PROTECTION OF PLANT HEALTH AND BIODIVERSITY



The National Institute of Agricultural Research of Chile (INIA) and the faculties of Agronomy and Forest Sciences of the University of Concepción invite you to participate in the **25th Congress of the Phytopathology Society of Chile, the 19th Latin-American Congress of Phytopathology and the 57th Meeting of the Caribbean Division of the American Phytopathology Society.**

This joint meeting will be held October 2-5, 2017, in the Conference Center, Termas de Chillán, in the Biobío Region of Chile.

This event will gather together renowned scientists from Chile and other countries worldwide and is directed towards professionals, private sector companies, students, farmers and extension workers interested in acquiring the latest knowledge in the area of plant pathology.

Thematic areas:

- Agricultural and forest phytopathology
- Plant mycology, bacteriology, virology and nematology
- New plant diseases
- Epidemiology
- Advances in chemical, biological, physical, and cultural control
- New and novel fungicides and use strategies
- Integrated management of diseases
- New diagnostic tools and methods
- Invasive phytopathogens

Save the date and participate in the various activities related to the Congress and the Phytopathology:

- International specialists lectures
- Short training sessions and workshops on specific topics on current issues in phytopathology
- Oral and poster presentations
- Manufacturers' exhibition of products
- Outdoor activities at the Termas de Chillán
- Excursions on the beautiful mountains.
- Welcome cocktail
- Conference dinner and dance

The first week of October is an ideal time to visit the tourist attraction of Termas de Chillán. The start of spring, with its temperate climate and the remnants of the snows of winter, creates a perfect atmosphere away from your regular routine allowing you to share ideas and experiences with

colleagues and friends interested in phytopathology. At the end of the working day, you will be able to take advantage of the hot springs, either outdoors or indoors.

Check the web page regularly: www.congresofitopatologia.com for:

- The program for the Congress
- Registration for the Congress, training sessions and workshops
- Exhibitors
- Submission of oral or poster presentations
- Sponsors
- Key speakers
- Accommodations
- Key contacts
- Activities at the Termas de Chillán

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1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIOLOGICAL CONTROL: APPROACHES AND APPLICATIONS

This is the first announcement for the **1st International Conference on Biological Control: Approaches and Applications**, to be held Sept 27-29, 2018, in Bengaluru, India. It will be organized by the Society for Biocontrol Advancement (SBA) in association with ICAR - NBAIR, Bengaluru.

The main theme of the conference is to address issues related to various biological control approaches in the context of biodiversity, increased chemical pesticide pressure and climate change. Its emphasis would also be on the challenges faced by the researchers, farmers and other stakeholders in implementing biological control programs. The conference will include keynote addresses, plenary and oral presentations and poster sessions.

Conference sub-themes will include:

- Biodiversity and biosecurity
- Conservation strategies
- Biotechnological approaches in biocontrol
- Production and utilization of macrobials for insect pest management
- Production and utilization of microbials for insect pest and disease management
- Biocontrol compatible approaches

- Biological control: industrial perspective and policy issues

For more information, please contact icbc2018bangaluru@gmail.com.

Our web site www.icbc2018bangaluru.com will open soon.

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