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IOBC/WPRS INTEGRATED PRODUCTION, PROTECTION AND BIOCONTROL COMMISSION FOR NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES

A new brochure illustrating the recently established commission “**IOBC/WPRS Integrated Production, Protection and Biocontrol Commission for North African Countries**” has been published and is available online http://www.iobc-wprs.org/expert_groups/c_ip_north-africa.html

The International Organization for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious Animals and Plants, West Palaearctic Regional Section (IOBC/WPRS) promotes the use of sustainable, environmental safe economically feasible socially acceptable control-methods of pests and diseases of agricultural and forestry crops.

IOBC/WPRS fosters research and practical application, training and information, especially of biological methods of control, but also of all methods, including chemicals, within an integrated pest management context. IOBC/WPRS elaborates guidelines for integrated production of agricultural crops, develops and standardizes methods of testing effects of pesticides on beneficial species.

IOBC/WPRS offers presentation platforms (workshops, symposia, proceedings, publications) to scientists involved in research to ameliorate agricultural crop production using methods and strategies in agreement with overall goal of IOBC.

Needs, role, terms of reference and organization of the IOBC/WPRS Commission for North Africa

Needs

North African countries are poorly represented in the different IOBC/WPRS activities carried out by the working groups, study groups and the commissions. In addition, most of the conveners and of the liaison officers are from the northern part of the Mediterranean Sea. The North African countries are regularly facing new diseases and pests. Cooperation among the North African countries and with European countries is more and more needed. During its last meeting in Vienna (22-23 January 2010), the IOBC/WPRS council approved the establishment of a new commission for North African countries (Morocco to Egypt) within the WPRS zone.

Role

The main tasks of the commission are:

- Identify in each country the main agricultural universities, research institutions, associations/societies that are involved in agriculture and sustainable plant protection

- Establish a network among North African countries to promote biocontrol, IPM and IP in the region
- Contact potential stakeholders (such as government bodies, research institutes, commercial organizations and industries related to plant protection, production and exports) and make them familiar with the major activities and results of IOBC/WPRS.
- Identify special crop protection problems and needs in North African countries in order to assist the region to develop and implement sustainable solutions.
- Organize regional workshops on plant protection, in collaboration with IOBC commissions, working and study groups

Terms of references

- Establishment of programs for regional conferences, training sessions, round tables, workshops, and colloquia, in collaboration with other IOBC commissions, working and study groups, for sharing information on crop protection.
- Publication of a list of potential stakeholders (government bodies, research institutes, plant protection services, commercial organizations and industries related to plant protection, production and exports)
- Encouraging new individual, institutional, supporting and honorary membership to IOBC/WPRS
- Sponsor a plant protection North African Newsletter that will feature articles on integrated pest management training, research and extension.
- Initiate and facilitate the coordination and integration of research and extension in plant protection on a regional and country basis.

Members

The members of the commission are:

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Bouزيد Nasraoui, Deputy convener, Tunisia

Claire Villemant, Liaison Officer, France

Ahmed Mazih, Morocco

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IAPPS Mission: to provide a global forum for the purpose of identifying, evaluating, integrating, and promoting plant protection concepts, technologies, and policies that are economically, environmentally, and socially acceptable.

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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