

Working Group “Integrated Control in Protected Crops, Temperate Climate”

Report of the joint WPRS and NRS meeting in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, 6-9 May 2002

A joint meeting between the ‘Greenhouse, Nursery, & Ornamental Landscape IPM Working Group’ (IOBC/NRS) and WG ‘Integrated Control in Protected Crops, Temperate Climate’ (IOBC/WPRS – the 11th full meeting) took place in May 2002 in Victoria, BC, Canada, organised by Kevin Heinz, Texas A&M University, Texas, and Les Shipp, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ontario, as co-convenors of the NRS Glasshouse WG, and Annie Enkegaard, convenor of the WPRS Glasshouse WG with the local organisation chaired by David Gillespie, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, British Columbia.

The meeting, which was the 2nd joint meeting between the two greenhouse groups, was attended by ~125 participants (advisors, scientists, beneficial producers) from 25 countries, including – besides North American and Eastern (Lithuania, Poland, Croatia) and Western European states – New Zealand, Korea, Australia, Morocco, Chile, Israel, and Japan. The meeting has further strengthened the contact and cooperation between the 2 groups themselves and between these groups and people working with similar topics in other parts of the World.

The meeting followed the structure from previous meetings – without numerous strict presentations but instead seeking to provide room for vivid discussions by having sessions in which moderators and introductory speakers gave brief outlines of the state of the art and/or short presentations of recent work – hereby setting the scene for discussions and exchange of viewpoints on common issues. In addition a few keynote speakers were invited to address specific topics. To facilitate discussions the Bulletin containing the proceedings of the meeting was, as usual, compiled and distributed to participants well in advance of the meeting. The Bulletin (Enkegaard, A. (ed.). Integrated Control in Protected Crops, Temperate Climate, IOBC/wprs Bulletin 25(1), 2002, pp. 308) containing 74 contributions by ~150 authors representing 26 countries lived up to its previous standards. Abstracts of the Bulletin articles can be found on

<http://www.agrsci.dk/plb/iobc/Abstracts-compiled.doc>

The mixture of concurrent and plenary sessions dealt with topics like microbial control of pests and diseases; intraguild predation; quality control of beneficials; the biotechnology revolution and its impact on IPM in greenhouses; invasive species; biological and integrated control of thrips, whiteflies, aphids, mites, leafminers etc.; biological control in vegetables and in ornamentals; environmental risks of biocontrol; regulation of biocontrol agents. An full day excursion to the important greenhouse-growing area in the Fraser Valley on the mainland of British Columbia with visits to a number of premises implementing biological and integrated control gave the opportunity to learn more about the practical use of IPM in this area as well as to enjoy the breathtaking British Columbian landscape. As always, the excursion further stimulated discussions and exchange of information and experiences among the participants. Summaries from the sessions can be found in Sting 24, which will be issued around August 2002. When issued, a net version of Sting 24 will be available on the WPRS-WG homepage

http://www.agrsci.dk/plb/iobc/iobc_home.htm

Finally it may be added that the organisers – as something new for the groups – created a student award in the form of a contest between Master and PhD students to deliver the best manuscript for the Bulletin. With this award we wished to recognise the contributions from the new generations of greenhouse IPM workers. The price of the contest was a diploma and a partial reimbursement of travel expenses.

A lot of thanks are due to the local organiser Dr. David Gillespie and his team for the excellent organisation. Their tremendous efforts ensured us a scientifically and socially inspiring stay in British Columbia.

The **next meeting of the WG** will be held in **Turku, Finland, 2005**. Local organisers are Irene Vänninen, Jan Hulshof and co-workers, AgriFood Research Finland. Further details will be given in due course on the WG homepage.

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