



**Working Group “Pesticides and Beneficial Organisms”
WG Meeting 2009 in Dubrovnik (Croatia)
7th – 9th October 2009**

1st Announcement

On behalf of the International Organization for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious Animals and Plants (IOBC), you are cordially invited to participate at the next meeting of the **IOBC WG „Pesticides and Beneficial Organisms“**, that will be held in **Dubrovnik, Croatia, from 7th to 9th October 2009**. Dubrovnik is an historical town in the south of Croatia, on the Adriatic coast. This highly touristic town is disserved by numerous airplane companies. The meeting will be organized in close cooperation with the local organizer :

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The meeting will take place at the

Argosy Hotel***

Iva Dulcica, HR-20 000 Dubrovnik, Croatia

The hotel is located near the sea on the Babin kuk peninsula, at 5km of the historical town of Dubrovnik. More information at the hotel website: <http://www.valamar.com/argosy-hotel-dubrovnik/>.

We will use the conference room of the hotel and the lunches will be taken at the hotel. The dinner will be free but can be taken at the hotel (thus please take the half board option).

The following topics will be covered:

- **Implementation of results from side-effect tests into IPM.** A specific attention will be given to the use of results generated by IOBC WG members for building Pesticide selectivity lists and database
- **Procedures to test side effects** of pesticides / control methods on important beneficial organisms. All testing tiers, but especially extended laboratory, semi-field and field tests. Presentation and discussion of new or optimized methods; completion of sequential testing schemes. Please consider IOBC standards.
- **Test methods for special plant protection products**, e.g. IGRs, soil-incorporated granules or seed dressings, special use patterns
- **Duration of effects** (natural substrates, exposure under realistic conditions, aged residues) and implementation into IPM
- **Field tests:** Test design, sampling techniques, statistics; extrapolation of field studies to different regions, different crops: Is this possible?
- **Side-effects of pesticides in glasshouse crops/open field/orchards.**
- **Side effects of biological control agents** (e.g. Bt, fungi, viruses)
- **Sublethal effects of pesticides**, methods, significance and acceptability.
- **Comparison of results between species and biotypes**

- **Comparison of results** from laboratory, extended laboratory, semi-field and field tests; extrapolation laboratory - field
- **Other topics related to side-effects**

For questions of organization, only **Oral presentations** will be taken into consideration. A standard presentation will last 15 minutes + 5 minutes for questions. Ample time will be allotted during the meeting for open questions and discussion. If you think you need more or less time for presentation, it is possible to adapt the schedule. People that intend to present a poster are encouraged to give an (short) oral presentation. Please contact the Convenor for specific request on the organization.

Besides the sessions with **oral presentations**, **specific workshops** will be held with participation restricted to involved participants and invited experts. Please contact the Convenor, if you have any suggestions concerning topics for the meeting as well as organizing or initiating special expert group activities, for which a certain time frame should be reserved.

Preliminary Programme

Tuesday, 6th October 2009: Arrival, Get-together in the evening

Wednesday, 7th October 2009: Registration, Opening session, Oral presentation sessions (morning and afternoon session)

Thursday, 8th October 2009: Oral presentation sessions (morning session), Excursion, Social Dinner (afternoon and evening)

Friday, 9th October 2009: Oral presentation sessions (morning session*). Closing of the meeting
*according to the number of presentation, the program will be adapted to try to close the meeting at 12.00h-13.00h but if needed, an afternoon session will be organized.

Publication of presentations

Papers of presentations will be published after the meeting and after review in the IOBC/wprs Bulletin. People are encouraged to deliver their manuscripts before the start of the meeting. If it is not possible, some texts (but not all) can be delivered the latest 4 weeks after the meeting. Manuscripts have to be written in accordance with the author's instructions (see IOBC website). **Abstracts** of presentations have to be sent to the WG Convenor until 20th July 2009.

Accommodation

The Argosy Hotel will be the place of the meeting and rooms will be available at a reduced rate from the 6th to the 11th October 2009. Single or double rooms with breakfast can be hire using the Hotel reservation form. The **reduced room price is available only for early reservation, thus** please make your room reservation in time. The **keyword** for room reservation is "**IOBC Meeting**". **Please use the attached Hotel Booking Form.** For those wishing to prolong their stay or arrive earlier, please negotiate directly with the hotel board for a specific rate.

Registration

The registration fees for the meeting will be 30€ for IOBC members and 80€ for non-members. This fees include the participation to the workshop, the documents, the access to the conference room and facilities for presentation, the coffee breaks, the excursion and the dinner on the 8th October. The lunches of the 7th and 8th October that will be take at the conference hotel are not included in the registration fees.

IOBC Funds

Limited IOBC funds are available to assist to travel costs of participants. A condition for any kind of support is that a presentation is given. Please address your request to the Convenor. The priority will be given to members that have little or no support from their organizations.

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