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## First Announcement

**IOBC/WPRS Working Group**

**"Landscape management for functional biodiversity"**

**Meeting 29 June - 1 July 2010, Cambridge, England**

**DEADLINE FOR OFFERS OF PAPERS IS 31 JANUARY 2010**

### **ORGANIZERS**

John Holland  
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Association of Applied Biologists

### **SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD**

Barbara Ekbohm  
Maarten van Helden  
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Walter Rossing  
Felix Waeckers

**Conference dates : 29 June - 1 July 2010**

Registration, welcome drink and installation of posters are scheduled for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June evening (8.30 p.m.). Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> are days for oral presentations, poster sessions and discussions. On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> afternoon we will visit local projects to see landscape management for functional biodiversity in action. This will include a visit to the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust Farm at Loddington. The social programme will include a conference dinner and punting on the river Cam.

### **AIMS OF THE MEETING AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME**

The dynamics and impacts of pests, diseases and weeds in agricultural crops depend on the landscape matrix, both due to effects of the matrix on dispersal abilities for these pest organisms, and due to the effects of landscape matrix on natural enemies. Functional biodiversity - catering to the natural control function in agricultural landscapes - provides the *raison d'être* for the IOBC working group on Landscape Management for Functional Biodiversity. The challenges of climate change and food security have forced food security up the EU political agenda. This may pose a threat to (functional) biodiversity as land once again may become more intensively managed and the area of uncropped land diminishes. The loss of set-aside is the start of this



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process. Farmland biodiversity is under threat with some taxa continuing to decline despite the widespread implementation of agri-environment schemes. In the future uncropped land may have to become more multifunctional and provide a greater range of resources.

There remain many scientific challenges of which understanding dispersal within fields to landscapes is key if we are to maximise ecosystem services. New technologies are constantly being developed of which genetic markers offer the best opportunity to track beneficial or detrimental biological agents. Such empirical data will help populate whole system models. Climate change may also bring future challenges as weeds and pathogens spread to new areas and landscapes in which biocontrol may not be fully functioning. The landscape may play an important role in mitigating the impact of such change. The IOBC/WPRS Working Group "Landscape management for functional biodiversity" is interested in attracting a broader range of disciplines, there is currently a large bias towards entomologists, but if we develop more ecosystem based approaches to crop management then an interdisciplinary approach will be required. This should include economists because only by demonstrating the economic viability of utilising functional biodiversity will farmers be persuaded to adopt appropriate land management practices.

The scientific programme will feature two and a half days of presentations, posters and discussions and half a day of visits to local projects (programme details will be provided later).

For the fourth meeting of the Working Group in Cambridge we specifically invite contributions on the following themes:

- The role of agri-environment schemes in providing functional biodiversity
- Modelling for enhanced understanding of spatial and dynamic interactions
- Landscape and IPM: seeking appropriate measurements

Contributions will be evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board and by the Organisers for suitability for oral or poster presentations.

We encourage initiatives which could lead to multi-authored reviews on relevant themes, for instance linking up scientific approaches with applied experiences.

The IOBC Working Group can contribute to authors' meeting costs if a paper will be produced for the proceedings and subsequently submitted to the refereed journal *Bio-Control*. Available support will be given with first priority to young scientists (e.g. PhD-students) with limited travel funds from their home institutes.



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Contributions should be limited to 4 pages maximum, including tables and graphs. All full papers will be published in an issue of the IOBC-Bulletin. Papers should be submitted camera-ready to the AAB office ([carol@aab.org.uk](mailto:carol@aab.org.uk)) by e-mail. Deadline for submission is 16 April 2010 to achieve printing for the meeting. Full instructions for authors can be found at <http://www.iobc-wprs.org/pub/index.html>.

For further registration details see (<http://www.iobc-wprs.org/events/index.html>).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **Conference Site**

The Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn, Lakeview, Bridge Road, Impington, Cambridge CB24 9PH, UK. The site is located north of the city centre and it is well served by public transport (Train, Bus, Tram and Plane (Stansted is the closest airport)), see below.

### **Registration Fee (deadline May 14<sup>th</sup> 2010)**

The registration fee will be **£290.00** for IOBC Members (£340 for non Members) and it includes:

- Admission to scientific sessions
- Abstract book
- Welcome Drink
- Lunches and coffee-breaks on all 3 days
- Dinner on 29 and 30 June
- Wednesday Excursion - Visit to Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust demonstration farm at Loddington

The registration fee including all of the above, plus accommodation on 29 and 30 June at the Holiday Inn, is **£430.00** for IOBC Members (**£480** for non Members) and, for those delegates wishing to arrive on Monday 28 June, the registration fee will be **£530.00** for IOBC Members (£580 for non Members), which will include all of the above + dinner and accommodation for that night. Extra nights' accommodation is available at £99.50 per night. There are a limited number of subsidised places for students at **£250.00**, which will include the conference registration fee and 2 nights' accommodation. Please contact John Holland ([jholland@gwct.org.uk](mailto:jholland@gwct.org.uk)) for further details.



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### **Payment**

Payment can be made securely online at <http://www.aab.org.uk>. Click on CONFERENCES, then FUTURE CONFERENCES, then the IOBC June 2010 conference. At the top of the page, you will see a button REGISTER ONLINE. Click here for secure online payment via Worldpay.

Other payment methods include cheque, credit card or bank transfer (see below). Participants are reminded that money transfers are subject to bank charges which will be deducted before arrival at the Congress Secretariat; it is therefore essential that such transfers of money should include any surcharge. Otherwise these deductions will be payable at the Registration Desk on arrival. Please attach a copy of the payment advice to the Application Form.

All data supplied by participants will be processed and held on computer by the Congress Secretariat for the sole purpose conference administration.

Applications may be cancelled up until 14 May, 2010, in which case a partial refund will be made. It **will not be possible** to offer any refunds if details of cancellation are received after this date.



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### **Accommodation**

Accommodation has been arranged the Holiday Inn, just north of Cambridge. Other hotels are available in Cambridge, but participants are advised to book early as this is graduation week, and hotels will be more expensive than usual.

## **TOURIST INFORMATION**

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### **The City of Cambridge and the surrounding landscape**

(<http://www.visitcambridge.org>)

### **How to get to Cambridge**

Situated in the heart of East Anglia, Cambridge is easily accessible by air, road and rail. The railway station is about 15 minutes walk from the city centre and there are always plenty of taxis and buses available. If coming by car, it's a good idea to take advantage of one of the five Park and Ride sites situated around the edge of the city - park for free and hop on a bus into town. Details available on:

<http://www.visitcambridge.org/VisitCambridge/HowToGetHere.aspx>

**By air:** There is a regular train and coach service from London Stansted Airport, which is a 20 minute drive away (there is a direct train which takes around  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour every hour from the airport to Cambridge, which costs just over £11.00 for an offpeak return). London Heathrow and Gatwick Airports are serviced by Regular National Express Coaches.

**By rail:** Train service is available through Cambridge Railway Station, located in the city centre.

**By road:** From the South & from London, Cambridge is a short trip up the M11 motorway. From the north, the A1 and M1 link to the A14 dual carriageway straight to the city, and from the east and west, the A14 again takes you to Cambridge.

### **How to get to the conference site:**

By car: from the south leave the M11 at junction 14 & follow A14 to Newmarket.

Take the B1049 to Histon & hotel is on the right. From A1 south, take junction 14.

Take A14 towards Harwich leave at Jctn 32, B104. Holiday Inn Hotel is on the right.

Taxi transport from the airport (Stansted) to the Holiday Inn, Cambridge would cost about £45.00.

### **Dress/Climate**

The average temperature in June/July ranges from 23°C during the day to 14°C at night, with normally very pleasant conditions.



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**FINAL DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF FINAL PAPERS IS  
15 APRIL 2010**

**Registration Form IOBC-meeting 2010  
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Name:

Title:

Organisation:

Address:

Phone (incl. country and area code):

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E-mail:

I wish to give an oral presentation

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Topic:

I wish to eat vegetarian:

Yes

No

This form can be faxed to meeting administration office at +44 179 470234, or sent via mail to: IOBC Meeting-2010, c/o AAB Office, the Warwick Enterprise Park, Wellesbourne, Warwick CV35 9EF, UK, or save this page as a WORD file and upload it to the conference administration at <http://www.aab.org.uk>. Click on ABSTRACTS in the left hand column of the page, then the name of the conference. You can register your email and you will be sent a password. You will then be able to upload your offer to the conference abstract web site.