Dear Colleague,

We kindly invite you to participate in the 12th Conference of the IOBC-wprs Working Group on “Integrated Protection of Stored Products” that will be held in:

Pisa, Italy
4-6 September 2019

The conference is organised by the
Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment
University of Pisa, Italy

Integrated Protection of Stored Products (IPSP) consolidates different methods of preventing damage caused by insects, mites, rodents, birds or fungi. The goal is to achieve necessary efficacy using eco-friendly methods and tools while resorting to chemical methods only upon ineffectiveness of used methods. Aside from current knowledge and advances in recent IPSP research results, presentations regarding promotion and implementation of IPSP in everyday practice will also be included at the Conference. Current trends in the protection of stored products and the provision of quality food and other products for the market calls for limited use of chemicals.

The scientific program of the Conference will be divided into the following sessions:

1. Methods of pest prevention during storage, transportation and handling of stored products
2. Biological control of stored product pests
3. Prevention of microflora infection and development of mycotoxins
4. Physical, chemical and other techniques for stored product pest control
5. Wood-boring, urban and museum pests
6. Natural products
7. Quarantine and regulatory issues
8. Future trends on all aspects of storage pest control
The Conference will include oral presentations (each session starting with a presentation by a keynote speaker) and poster presentations. Participation of graduate students or researchers from developing countries is highly encouraged.

More information at: https://iobc-ipsp-pisa2019.com (in progress)

With kind regards,

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PISA, Italy

Pisa, located on the river Arno just before it empties into the Tyrrhenian Sea and barycentric between Siena, Lucca and Florence is one of the main cities of Tuscany. The city, of over 91,000 residents (around 200,000 with the metropolitan area) is of great history and of an enormous artistic wealth: besides its worldwide known leaning tower (the bell tower of the city's cathedral), Pisa has a number of fascinating museums and more than 20 historic churches and medieval palaces. Much of the city's heritage is due to its history as one of the Italian maritime republics. However, Pisa, with the historic University of Pisa, two renowned schools of excellence, the Scuola Normale Superiore and the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, the research area of the Italian National Research Council (CNR), the National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN), and the interferometric wave gravitational detector Virgo, is first and foremost a city based on knowledge and science.

Pisa is a city of innovation, research, culture, tourism, services, and of course excellent cuisine!