IOBC/WPRS

Integrated Production, Protection and Biocontrol Commission for North African countries

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF IOBC/WPRS

- 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 standardises 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.

STRUCTURE OF IOBC GLOBAL AND IOBC/WPRS

Historically IOBC started in 1955 as a global organisation affiliated to the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU). Later it proved practical to form regional sections in addition to the Global IOBC. At present, IOBC-Global includes six regional sections. In contrast to the IOBC-Global and the other regional sections, WPRS has in its official name included both Biological Control and Integrated Control. This indicates the recognition in WPRS of the importance of both the pure biological control and the broader integrated approach, which had already been included in activities of several working groups.
IOBC organisation
MEMBERSHIP OF IOBC/WPRS

Members of IOBC/WPRS are individuals, and governmental, scientific or commercial organisations from 24 countries of Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East. IOBC/WPRS has several types of memberships. Website (www.wprs.org) will give the right and complete information.

IOBC/WPRS WORKING GROUPS, STUDY GROUPS AND COMMISSIONS

The scientific and technical activity of IOBC/WPRS is carried by Working Groups, Study Groups and Commissions.

**A Working Group (WG)** is responsible for a precise programme and the evaluation of the results obtained. Its aim is to speed up the acquisition of results through co-ordinated international activities and to avoid duplication of research effort.

The Working Groups aim is to:

- foster collaboration between scientists interested in problems common to several members of WPRS,
- share experience and eventually facilities, with special emphasis on joint or complementary programmes of work,
- increase the general knowledge in the area of interest of its members and offer this knowledge to the whole scientific community (the Bulletins serve as a vehicle).

Working Groups are led by a convenor and are supported through funds from the membership fees. Participation in a particular Working Group is open to anyone actively concerned with the Group’s specific topic.

**Study Groups (SG)** are Working Groups which are under construction.

**Commissions** are in several practical aspects comparable to Working Groups. However, they are more limited in size, more focused on a specific subject and consist of experts appointed by the Council of WPRS. A commission may, for example, define a long-term programme for the development of biological and integrated control strategies or it may establish and maintain an adequate service requested by the WPRS members.

**IOBC/WPRS IP & IPM**

**IP** (Integrated Production) is a concept of sustainable agriculture based on the use of natural resources and regulating mechanisms to replace potentially polluting inputs. The agronomic preventive measures and biological/physical/chemical methods are carefully selected and balanced taking into account the protection of health of both farmers and consumers and of the environment. Emphasis is placed on a holistic systems approach involving the entire farm as the basic unit, on the central role of agro-ecosystems, on balanced nutrient cycles, and on the welfare of all species in animal husbandry.
• Integrated Production Principles of IOBC. Integrated Production is a concept of sustainable agriculture developed in 1976 which has gained international recognition and application.
• Crop specific Integrated Production Guidelines. IOBC has published crop specific IP-guidelines for a large number of crops: pome fruits, stone fruits, arable crops, grapes, soft fruits (berries), olives, citrus and field grown vegetables.
• IOBC IP Tool Box. The IOBC IP toolbox contains a number of tools that enables and supports the implementation of IP into practice.
• Endorsement Procedure of IOBC. Regional organizations practicing sustainable agricultural production systems, certifying products of their members and seeking international recognition of the quality of their work can apply for IOBC endorsement.

**IPM** (Integrated Pest Management) is the part of IP focusing on pest and disease management.

**PUBLICATIONS OF IOBC RELATED TO WPRS**

• BioControl
• IOBC/WPRS Bulletins
• IOBC/WPRS Newsletter Profile, Archive
• IOBC/WPRS Books
• IOBC-Global Newsletter
• IOBC-Global Books

**NEEDS, ROLE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ORGANISATION 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 convenors 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. A cooperation among the North African countries and with European countries is more and more needed.

During its last meeting (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.

• Convenor: Mohammed Besri. Hassan II Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine, Rabat, Morocco
• Liaison Officer: Claire Villemant, Muséum national d’histoire naturelle, Department of Systematics & Evolution, Paris, France,
**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 in North African countries to assist the region to develop and implement sustainable solutions.
- Organise regional workshops on plant protection, in collaboration with IOBC commissions, working and study groups.

**Terms of references**

- Establishment of programmes for regional conferences, training sessions, round tables, workshops, and colloquia, in collaboration with other IOBC commissions, working and study groups to exchange 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 adhesion of individual, institutional, supporting and honorary members 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**

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- Agronomist, graduated from Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Agronomie de Toulouse (France)
- Starts his career in 1980 in the Dow Chemical Company, then joins Rhône-Poulenc in 1985. Through mergers and acquisitions, this company will become Aventis and eventually Bayer.
- Performs most of his career in the agrochemical branch (Crop Protection) of these companies, through technical and marketing positions followed by country and regional management responsibilities. Has occupied several positions in foreign countries (Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Kazakhstan, Belgium), alternating with headquarter positions in France.
- Currently General Manager of Bayer CropScience for North West and Central Africa.
- Chairman of CropLife Africa Middle East, the industry association gathering agrochemical companies as well as national associations in Africa and the Middle East.

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- BSc: 1979, Garyounis Univ., Fac. of Agric., El-Beida, Libya.

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- Coordinator of the graduate studies committee
- Delegate of the University staff ,1987-1989.
- Member of pest control committee in Libya up to 2005
- Head of plant protection Department , from 1995 to 1998
- Member of the executive committee of Arab Society for Plant Protection, and chairman for membership committee.
- Coordinator of plant protection team ( forest and olive trees ) in Al-Jabal Al-Akhdar.
- Coordinator of biotechnical research centre in the east region of Libya
- Organizer of many local and international scientific conferences.
- Published many papers in areas of ecology, biology, and biological control of insect pests.
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He has developed his research in biological control, sampling, development of IPM strategies and field population studies on several citrus pests as mites, Medfly, Insect scales, and citrus leafminer. He teaches courses in Population dynamics, Agricultural Entomology, Biological Control and Citrus Pest Management. He joined IOBC/WPRS (WG Integrated Protection of Citrus Crops) at 2005, and was local organizer of the meeting held in Agadir at the beginning of 2010.

Moumene Khaled
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- Born in 1963 at Kolea, Algeria
- Baccalaureate June 1983
- Engineer in Agronomy, Plant Protection, June 1989
- "Diplôme d’Etudes Approfondies », November 1997, Faculty of Sciences, Tunis
- PhD (Doctorat d’Etat) January 2002, Faculty of Sciences, Tunisia.
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- 2009 to now: Director, Plant Protection Algeria.

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His research activities are in biological, low input and combined management of plant diseases, diversity of plant diseased agents, integrated pest management and Sustainable crop diseases. He is involved in national and international research projects dealing with such subjects. He teaches at Institute of Environmental Studies & Research of the Ain-Shams University on many courses of ecology and epidemiology of plant diseases.
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The Executive Committee of the IOBC invites you to join IOBC. IOBC is a forum of scientists providing information and policy advice on sustainable plant health management practices. IOBC’s goal is to insure production of sufficient quality of food/feed/fiber for a growing world population and particularly the North African one through sustainable plant production and protection management strategies.

IOBC/WPRS has several types of memberships: Individual Member, Individual Membership with subscription to “BioControl”, Supporting Member and Supporting Membership with subscription to “BioControl” (www.iobc-wprs.org)

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For those who have no international credit card, the membership fees could be paid directly to the local representative in local currency.

We invite you to join IOBC- WPRS as soon as possible

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Memberships, Expert groups, IP/IPM, Publications, Meeting
and activities, statutes etc

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