Presidential Report 2014-2017

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General Assembly,
Riva del Garda, 16-18 October 2017
1. Consolidate membership and the financial situation

2. Continue to facilitate the activities of the Working Groups and Commissions

3. Expand the visibility of IOBC-WPRS

4. Consolidate the impact of IOBC-WPRS on decision makers at national and European levels
1. Consolidate membership and the financial situation

1. Somewhat stabilized membership

2. Efforts to restrain expenditures
   - no travel for Executive meetings

3. Efforts to secure resources / activities
   - no direct participation in EU-funded research projects
   - COST action submitted + OECD (IP)
   - no "Fund raising Commission" – task force in the Council
   - crowd-funding (GM + RC + PT + AL + PN)
   - new members with each WG meeting (crucial role of Convenors)
2. Facilitate the activities of the Working Groups and Commissions

1. Simplify fund allocation to WGs and Commissions
   - fixed amounts based on WG meeting attendance

2. Reflect on content and edition of Bulletins
   - discussions Convenors + Council
   - small group (IP, NP, YE)

3. Consolidate links between Council (Liaisons) and Convenors
3. Expand the visibility of IOBC-WPRS

1. Continued website improvement

Many thanks to

- the Webmaster (Madeleine Bühler)
- Mauro Jermini + other Council Members
- Convenors
2. Collaboration with IOBC-EPRS and IOBC-Global

EPRS

- joint meeting in Zlatibor, Serbia (Nov. 2014)
- biocontrol book project (FB)
- planned joint meeting in 2019

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IOBC-Global

- solicitations to provide WPRS benefits to members of all other regional sections

- request for news items for Global Newsletter (we need to be better)

- participation in Global meeting in 2018
3. Expand the visibility of IOBC-WPRS
3. Participation as stakeholder in EU programs

members of stakeholder advisory board

Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change

Quantification of Ecological Services for Sustainable Agriculture (2013-2017)
4. Consolidate the impact of IOBC-WPRSA

1. European entities


(small meetings attended and contributions to the drafts by PN, with help from FW, FB, JPJ – IOBC abundantly cited in 612 p document)
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1. European entities


2013-2014: Stearing board of the European Innovation Partnerships (EIP) on agricultural productivity and sustainability (several meetings attended by PN / IP)

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2013: Franz Bigler

2014: Ilaria Pertot, Andrea Lucchi

2015: Claudio Ioriatti, Andrea Dorigoni

2017: Carlo Duso
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+ invitations to events in Brussels 
( eg: WG on low risk substances – DG Santé, 
“Redefining Integrated Pest Management” – EU parliament) 
Appropriate IOBC experts mandated as delegates

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2016-2017: Guidance Development Group for the drafting of sectoral guidance 
documents to support EU Regulation 511/2014 implementing the 
Nagoya Protocol (Biocontrol/Biostimulants sector PN, JK, SB)
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2. EPPO

The European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization

- joint EPPO / IOBC Panel on Biological Control Agents

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- Link with Commission CHIBCA ("Harmonized regulation of biological control agents")
3. EFSA

- IOBC represented in the expert **Panel on Plant Health** (Josep Jaques)
- Exchanges with EFSA's Executive Director – impartiality of IOBC-WPRS experts disputed by militant anti-GMO group
- More expertise could be contributed
  - **Panel on Plant Protection Products and their Residues**
  - **Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms**
4. FAO

- IP guidelines (IP Commission)
- Pesticide database (JP Jansen)
- Eventually, no concrete agreement reached
Thank you