

Integrated Protection in Field Vegetable Crops

Working Group Report

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- Group meets every two years.
- Most members are European.
- In recent years, colleagues from North America have also attended meetings.
- Last meeting held in Belgium in October 2003
 - host Frans Van de Steene, Ghent University
 - convenor Stefan Vidal, Georg August University, Goettingen, Germany.
- Next meeting is in Slovenia from 2-7 October 2005
 - host Stanislav Trdan, University of Ljubljana.

Participants 2003 & 2005

Country	2003	2005
Austria	1	3
Belgium	4	3
Canada	1	-
Croatia	-	6
Denmark	2	1
Germany	4	2
Greece	-	1
Hungary	-	5
Iran	-	1
Netherlands	6	3
Norway	2	2
Poland	3	0
Portugal	-	3
Serbia	-	4
Slovenia	1	4
Sweden	3	1
Switzerland	1	1
Turkey	-	0
UK	3	5
USA	-	2
Total	33	47

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- Group focuses on pest insects of vegetable crops, particularly brassica, carrot, onion/leek and lettuce.
- Some members have interests outside this area, particularly in disease control.
- The group aims to publish a Bulletin after every meeting
 - Vol 28 (4) 2005 – editor Stefan Vidal.

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- Topics covered in recent meetings include:
 - pest monitoring and forecasting
 - integrated pest management
 - pest ecology and behaviour
 - biological control
 - use of pesticides
 - undersowing and intercropping
 - disease control.

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- Members of the group contributed to development of the IOBC IP guidelines for vegetables at a two day meeting in Wadenswil, Switzerland (organised/chaired by Ernst Boller) in 2004.
- The draft guidelines for all vegetable crops were discussed and revised.