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**WPRS** *International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control  
West Palaearctic Regional Section*  
**SROP** *Organisation Internationale de Lutte Biologique et Intégrée  
Section Régionale Ouest Palaéarctique*



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleague,

We are very happy to announce that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of IOBC-WPRS Study Group on "Integrated Protection of Date Palms" is being organized in collaboration with The 7<sup>th</sup> International Date Palm Conference by Khalifa International Award for Date Palm and Agricultural Innovation (KIADPAI), Abu Dhabi (UAE). The meeting will take place from 14 to 16 March 2022 at Emirates Palace Hotel, Abu Dhabi (UAE).

The aim of this meeting is high quality talks on all aspects in the area of biological control, semiochemical mediated and molecular-based technologies for the sustainable protection of date palm pests. The current status and future strategies will be discussed and interactions will be strengthened between academia and industry while enjoying Abu Dhabi.

The prospective sessions are:

- Biological-based Control of Date Palm Pests
- Semiochemical mediated Control of Date Palm Pests
- Longhorn Stem borer and the Frond borer: Biology and Management in Date Palm
- Molecular Tools and OMICS Research in Date Palm Management

Each Session will start with introductory presentations of 30 min by Invited Speakers. General Oral presentations will be of 15 minutes and Poster sessions will be scheduled daily.

You are warmly invited to submit Abstracts for both Oral and Poster presentations before 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The abstract text is limited to 300 words without tables and figures. Please submit your abstract and attached forms via e-mail to the Convener, Prof. Dr. Waqas Wakil ([waqaswakeel@hotmail.com](mailto:waqaswakeel@hotmail.com)).

There will be no registration fee to attend the conference, the IOBC-WPRS participants will be offered for hotel accommodation and meals without cost during the conference. We are offering some "Student Awards" for the students who will deliver a talk on the topic/s related to the sessions of IOBC-WPRS meeting. Awards will be presented in person at the meeting in Abu Dhabi. Please express your interest for hotel accommodation simultaneously to the Convener ([waqaswakeel@hotmail.com](mailto:waqaswakeel@hotmail.com)) and local organizer ([sara@kiaai.ae](mailto:sara@kiaai.ae)).

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We would appreciate if you circulate this information amongst your colleagues.

We look forward to welcome you to Abu Dhabi for a great event in March 2022.

With kind regards.

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