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13th Conference of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group on the Integrated Protection of Stored Products

**Barcelona, Spain
3 – 6 October 2022**

First Announcement

Dear colleague,

We kindly invite you to participate in the next Conference of the IOBC/WPRS Working Group on the “Integrated Protection of Stored Products (IPSP)” that will be held on:

3 – 6 October 2022, organised by IRTA in Barcelona, Spain

The conference was initially scheduled for September 2021. Unfortunately, due to the global coronavirus situation, we have decided to postpone it to 2022. While we hope that the situation will improve in a year's time, there is a danger that some travel restrictions may be maintained, which will make it difficult for the attendees to come. The capacity of the meeting rooms, hotels and restaurants will still be possibly reduced, which can severely restrict the number of attendees. These limitations may limit the development of a profitable meeting, and for these reasons, we have decided to postpone it. This decision has been made to provide the attending community the meeting we all deserve. Hopefully, by 2022 these restrictions should be gone, allowing participants to travel again without restrictions.

The objective of this conference is to report the advances on the new research technologies and strategies in integrated pest management (IPM) of stored products and food-processing commodities, to prevent damage caused by insects, mites, rodents, birds or fungi, stressing the non-toxic tools of pest prevention, detection and control. Within the framework of an advanced sustainable food production system, IPM is the primary response for the agro-food industry facing consumer demands of high-quality products while at the same time addressing environmental, safety and socio-economic issues.

This 13th conference of the IOBC IPSP Working Group will explore the advances in IPSP and discuss new findings regarding the following topics:

- Biology of stored product pests and diseases
- Pest prevention during storage and transportation
- Biological control
- Natural products
- Physical pest control
- Modified atmospheres
- Chemical pest control
- Pest management in food processing

The conference will include oral and poster presentations. Participation of graduate students and researchers from developing countries is highly encouraged. We hope that you will be able to participate and to share the latest results of your research. A forthcoming announcement will include the pre-registration form and information on the congress venue and other practical issues for participants.

With kind regards,



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