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Nuisibles (OILB)**

*Section Régionale Ouest Paléarctique (SROP)*

## **Joint meeting of the IOBC-WPRS Working Groups**

**“Integrated control in protected crops, Temperate climate”  
“Integrated control in protected crops, Mediterranean climate”**

**Brest, France | August 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Dear colleagues,

due to concerns about the spread of Covid-19 worldwide we had to postpone, twice, the meeting on "Integrated Control in Protected Crops, Mediterranean and Temperate climate" originally planned in August 2020. Although it was disappointing to have to postpone this meeting, the health of everyone involved was of prior importance, while being us convinced that an online meeting would have not been totally appropriate for the scopes of the two working groups. The current situation about COVID19 makes us hope now that we can organize this meeting in 2023.

So, we are happy to announce that we will organize the next meeting on "Integrated Control in Protected Crops" in 2023, from the 27<sup>th</sup> until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, in Brest, France. As it was already planned, this meeting will associate Temperate and Mediterranean climate issues, being jointly organized by the two corresponding IOBC-WPRS working groups.

We aim for a meeting with high quality talks on all aspects of integrated pest control in greenhouse and protected crops, from theory to practice. We will have also a Grower Interaction Session and a choice of excursions to some greenhouse in the region. There will be ample room for discussion and interaction with representatives from academia and industry while enjoying everything the Brest region has to offer.

This meeting aims to increase the exchange of knowledge between colleagues from Mediterranean and Temperate climate. It also gives the opportunity to visit horticulture and vegetable greenhouses in one of France's main greenhouse production areas, where biocontrol is the major pest control strategy.



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The prospective themes are:

- New natural enemies
- New pests
- Food supplementation
- Role of the plant in IPM (induced and/or genetic plant resistance, plant nutrition)
- Biocontrol:
  - Research impact: adoption rate (% growers using, why, why not, economic approaches)
  - Microbes (biopesticides, biostimulants)
- IPM and environment (light etc.)
- Microbiotes around roots, plants or parasites which help plants to defend themselves

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**SAVE THE DATE!** Very soon, additional information and the link to a dedicated website will be given with the second circular. We look forward to welcome you in Brest.

Kind regards,

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Gerben Messelink, Temperate climate Working Group Convenor

Carmelo Rapisarda, Mediterranean climate Working Group Convenor



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