Address of the new President

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Some thoughts about IOBC-WPRS

1. Our strengths
2. Our weaknesses
3. What way forward?
1. Our strengths

- Very dynamic and productive organization
- Wide research-based pool of knowledge
- Our collective expertise is useful for society — even more so with the increasing demands on agricultural production — and for industry
- Our collective voice is increasingly heard
- IOBC-WPRS is independent from industry
  appreciated as a source of non-biased scientific expertise
2. Our weaknesses

• Financial fragility
  – money issues have dominated over scientific issues
  – our independence from industry must be kept

• Competition:
  Flurry of late-coming "experts" now that IP-IPM has become fashionable

• Visibility: still needs to be improved

• Organization:
  – run by busy volunteers
  – smooth sailing depends on everyone's good execution of their tasks
3. What way forward?

Safeguard our precious 60-year old heritage

1. Consolidate the financial situation
   – everyone's help is essential

2. Keep the good work going smoothly
   – core activities of WGs: scientific meetings + Bulletins
   – core activities of Commissions

3. Expand our visibility on the international scene
   – EU: expert-service to the decision makers
   – North Africa – Near East

4. Outreach on IPM for advisors, farmers, ordinary citizens
3. What way forward?

5. Collaborations with
   - Industry
   - Other organizations: EPPO, FAO, etc.
   - IOBC-Global and other regional sections (EPRS)
Thank you