Fantastic opportunities for IPM and Biological Control in Europe! ... but ...

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International Organization for Biological Control

- Mission: to promote the worldwide development of Biological Control and its application in Integrated Pest Management
- 6 regional sections (West and East Europe, Africa, Asia, North and South America) and > 40 working groups
IOBC is the only worldwide organization representing research in biological control in various global, regional and national organizations for more than 50 years.
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Since 1956 IOBC developed practically applied biological control and integrated pest management programmes
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IOBC Europe, with support of the European Commission (EC), was the first to develop IPM guidelines for many crops in Europe and has since continued to contribute to the development of principles of sustainable agriculture, e.g. guidelines on Integrated Production.
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IPM is a systems approach and has been used since the start of agriculture 10,000 years ago, with a short interruption from 1945 - 2014.
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Eliminated by chemical control

Frustrated by chemical control
Years ago IOBC tried to get IPM accepted as the official plant protection philosophy in Europe at the national and international level: is now realized!!

Based on new EU approach: fantastic possibilities
- reduce dependency on use of chemical pesticides
- develop IPM
- compulsory implementation of IPM in 2014 in EC
- but current National Action Plans (e.g. France, Germany) mainly concentrate on reduction of volume of pesticides
How most EC member states see IPM
Biocontrol, IPM and National Action Plans

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- Work with the best and most progressive growers, they are the best advocates of IPM
- Immediately apply available IPM methods and study alternatives for those pesticides that negatively interfere with IPM methods: learn by doing
- Teach IPM at all levels, retrain advisors and farmers
Stimulating factors for IPM

- EU policy promising, but end points unclear
- Global Gap, goes further than EC policy and clear end points
- Retailers and supermarkets, higher demands than EC and Global Gap and very clear end points
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• Our view of IPM in the near future:
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During Endure, you have used a lot of information earlier developed in IOBC Working Groups, great!

During the next phase, do not isolate yourself, but intensively collaborate with other important players in the field of IPM such as IBMA and IOBC.
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