

ENDURE News

International Conference 2010

24-25 November 2010

Five themes over two days

Integrated Pest Management in Europe - The ENDURE Network of Excellence shares the fruits of four years' research with the crop protection community will be centred on five themes:

> **Case Studies:** Designing IPM strategies for improving sustainability and reducing pesticide dependency (short-term solutions, longer term innovations, demonstrations of multi-criteria assessment of IPM solutions).

> **Extension:** Interacting with farm advisers and IPM trainers (ENDURE Information Centre, training material, Network of Advisers).

> **ENDURE beyond 2010** (launch of the European Research Group, future services, international links).

> **Research:** Priorities and prospects in IPM research and technology (learning from the Foresight Study, IPM toolbox, panel discussions, demonstration of tools and resources).

> **IPM implementation:** The ingredients for successful IPM implementation in Europe (social and policy factors of success, panel discussions with innovative farmers and government representatives).

Welcome to Paris!

ENDURE is delighted to be welcoming visitors from across the world to Paris for the second International Conference organised by the Network of Excellence. Over the next two days, ENDURE looks forward to sharing the fruits of its four-year research programme under the theme Integrated Pest Management in Europe.

More than 300 researchers from 16 different institutions in 10 European countries have played an active role in EN-

DURE since its launch in 2007. Besides the international cooperation, ENDURE is also multidisciplinary, bringing together researchers from fields such as pest biology, population and community ecology, economy and sociology.

To be able to assemble such a breadth of expertise is unusual and ENDURE looks forward to demonstrating to visitors what has been achieved, not only in the plenary sessions but also in the 'Market Squares' where every visitor will have the opportunity find out more about the tools and services ENDURE has created. This conference will also be seeking input from you, our guests, as we will provide the opportunity for you to analyse, feed into and benefit from our research strategies and outputs.

We hope you thoroughly enjoy the next two days and look forward to interacting with you in the future as ENDURE makes the transition from a Network of Excellence to a permanent European Research Group.



ENDURE members gathered in Berlin to make the final arrangements for this conference. © JKI, Germany.

From Network of Excellence to European Research Group

This evening (November 24) marks a special moment for ENDURE with the official launch of the ENDURE European Research Group (ERG). This is much more than a name change. From 2011, 14 of the original ENDURE partners will be taking responsibility for funding ENDURE and ensuring it has a sustained impact on European agriculture. The ERG will focus on four major activities:

> Research agenda: Joint consultation on research priorities.

> Support to research: Maintenance and sharing of research capacities and tools.

> Scientific support to policy: Providing scientific expertise in support of policy development and implementation.

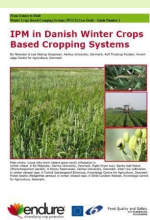
> Extension: providing a portfolio of ENDURE-validated documents and useful information.

Find out more in the main auditorium this evening at 18.30.

Explore the website

If you have not explored ENDURE's website (www.endure-network.eu) recently, you may be surprised at the wealth of information that is now available. In addition to regular updates on the Network's progress, you can find in-depth reports on ENDURE research on field vegetables and biocontrol, for example, and a vast range of leaflets, many of them available in a range of languages. These include more than 30 guides in the From Science to Field series produced by ENDURE's case study and system case study teams.

In addition you can also find a series of three leaflets devoted to biocontrol (Biocontrol in Selected Crops), three covering social science insights into crop protection and five leaflets on training in IPM.



Market Squares: Your chance to interact with the teams and explore the tools

On your conference schedules you will see that considerable time has been set aside for three Market Square sessions. These will provide visitors with the opportunity to interact directly with ENDURE researchers and explore the tools they have developed over the past four years.

Market Squares start at 14.30 today (Wednesday November 24) and run through to 18.30, before we all gather for the launch of the European Research Group in the main auditorium.

In Interactive Workshop Room 1, ENDURE will be presenting the training tools it has developed for agricultural advisers and IPM trainers and hosting interactive discussions with the Network of Advisers. ENDURE researchers will be presenting the ENDURE Information Centre (www.endureinformationcentre.eu), which provides a central point of reference for extending technical information on IPM practices, and the IPM Training Guide, an online collection of informative sheets, leaflets, recommendations and links, which helps trainers to construct their own training sessions (see www.endure-network.eu). Discussions will be structured around the World Café, which will give every guest the chance to interact around key IPM topics.

In Interactive Workshop Room 2, ENDURE's case study and system case study teams will be presenting their work and demonstrating the tools developed. Case studies focused on specific crops - wheat, maize, pomefruit, potato, tomato, field vegetables, grapevine and banana - drawing together international teams focused on identifying short-term solutions for the most pressing pests. The systems case studies, focused on winter crops, maize based systems and orchards, have drawn strength from ENDURE's multidisciplinary research capacity, and have identified longer term innovations. Their proposals for redesigned systems will be presented, along with the DEXiPM multicriteria assessment tool developed to test them.

On Thursday (November 25), ENDURE's resources for IPM research will be presented from 11.30 through to 16.45 in Interactive Workshop Room 2. Visitors will be able to explore the research tools and resources housed by ENDURE's Virtual Laboratory. These include EuResist, Weeds Trait Database, UniSim, QuantiPest and WheatPest. Also on show will be tools developed for extension services, such as EuroWheat.



ENDURE's Information Centre will be presented in Interactive Workshop Room 1 from 14.30. © Jens Erik Jensen, DAAS, Denmark.