



ENDURE News, Issue 3, May 2009

Welcome to the third edition of ENDURE News, the electronic newsletter from the ENDURE Network of Excellence. Please feel free to share this newsletter with colleagues and encourage them to subscribe for the next edition, which will be published in July 2009.

- **[LEAD STORY: New ENDURE website now online](#)**

ENDURE's new website makes it quicker and easier for users to find the information they need. It offers pages of selected information for scientists, advisers and extension services, policy makers, students, journalists and the general public.



- **[PEST FOCUS: Weed modellers of the world unite](#)**

Even if you have the smallest garden, you will be familiar with the problems posed by weeds. It does not take much imagination to realise the scale of the problem for farmers, which is why ENDURE is taking such an interest.



- **[CROP FOCUS: Bananas - our favourite fruit](#)**

While no one could deny the fact that Europeans love eating bananas, it is easy to overlook the fact that Europe is actually responsible for growing them too. ENDURE's banana case study team is looking at new ways of producing them.



- **[INTERVIEW: Pierre Ricci, ENDURE coordinator](#)**

ENDURE coordinator Pierre Ricci is director of INRA's Institut Sophia Agrobiotech, a French National Institute for Agricultural Research base on the Mediterranean coast. Web editor Andrew Lewer caught up with him. Read the interview or watch the video.



- **[ENDURE TOOLS: Advisers test Information Centre](#)**

ENDURE's Information Centre will be tested by advisers at June's Cereals 2009 event in the UK. As the web-based system for sharing best practice across Europe nears its final form, we talk with the team.



- **[LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY: ENDURE team lead workshop](#)**

ENDURE's landscape ecology experts will be staging a workshop, 'The contribution of landscape ecology to the development of integrated pest management', in Salzburg, Austria, this July as part of the IALE European Conference.



- **[INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: Read the proceedings online](#)**

Proceedings from ENDURE's first International Conference, Diversifying Crop Protection, which was held over three days in La Grande Motte, France, in October 2008 can now be consulted online.



- **[NEWS FROM DENMARK: Comparing pesticide use across countries](#)**

Aarhus University, one of ENDURE's Danish partners, reported recently on comparisons in pesticide use for winter rapeseed and winter wheat in several European countries, revealing that Denmark's use of pesticides remains comparatively low.



- **[MOBILITY: Grants available for ICPC scientists](#)**

ENDURE has launched an international call for applications for grants for two scientists from International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC) who wish to spend a period of up to three months working at one of the network's universities or research institutions.



- **[NEWS FROM ITALY: Apply now for PhD in agrobiodiversity](#)**
The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa (SSSUP), one of ENDURE's two Italian partners, is about to launch the sixth year of its International Doctoral Programme in Agrobiodiversity.
- **[EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: ENDURE team shows foresight](#)**
ENDURE scientists were recently invited by Mrs Erna Hennicot, Member of the European Parliament, to present their study on the future of crop protection in Europe at the European Parliament in Brussels.
- **[FORGING LINKS: Argentina workshop examines twinning](#)**
ENDURE was recently invited by the European Commission to take part in a workshop exploring opportunities for twinning in soil, plant and food research in the Argentinean city of Buenos Aires. Alex Percy-Smith from Aarhus University, Denmark, reports back.
- **[SUMMER SCHOOL: Programme finalised ready for June](#)**
June's ENDURE PhD Summer School, Modelling approaches to support integrated pest management, will play host to 17 students from 15 different countries. The full programme is now online.
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