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Welcome to the fourth 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 September 2009.

- **[LEAD STORY: Expert group seeks to speed IPM in Europe](#)**
ENDURE assistant coordinator Marco Barzman (INRA, France), pictured right, and Silke Dachbrodt-Saaydeh (Julius Kuehn Institute (JKI), Germany) took part in the first meeting of the European Commission's expert group on the Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides in June.
- **[PEST FOCUS: Learning IPM lessons from WCR in Hungary](#)**
Researchers from ENDURE's Hungarian partner, Szent István University, have gained valuable experience in participatory Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training for farmers after the arrival in the country of the destructive western corn rootworm (WCR).
- **[CROP FOCUS: Tackling pesticide use in grapes](#)**
Large swathes of Europe are devoted to vineyards. Indeed the International Organisation of Vine and Wine estimates that in 2008 the 27 European Union member states accounted for more than half the world's vineyards, with around 3.8 million hectares of land dedicated to growing grapes.
- **[STRATEGIES: Easing the way for biological controls](#)**
For a pest control technique that is currently enjoying strong growth, biological control of pests has a long history. In fact, as far back as the late 1800s it proved a success when citrus growers in California, USA, introduced a predatory insect and a parasitoid fly to control cottony cushion scale.
- **[STRATEGIES: DSS - helping farmers make smart decisions](#)**
Everyone knows farming can be a difficult and complex job. Farmers have to juggle so many factors in their decision making including fluctuations in the price of inputs, in crop prices and in the weather conditions. Decision support systems (DSS) are designed to alleviate some of the stress, and hold out the prospect of significantly reducing pesticide use.
- **[EDUCATION: Summer School draws international crowd](#)**
Seventeen PhD students from five continents gathered in the Italian town of Volterra for the second ENDURE Summer School, which was dedicated to 'Modelling approaches to support Integrated Pest Management (IPM)'.
- **[ENDURE's Virtual Lab: Platform for successful research](#)**
An important feature of the ENDURE Network of Excellence is the creation of the Virtual Laboratory. It is a major undertaking and is set for its first public appearance in 2010. We caught up with team leader Neal Evans (pictured right), from Rothamsted Research in the UK, to find out more.
- **[Three ICPC scientists awarded ENDURE grants](#)**
Two scientists from Africa and a third from Ukraine will be spending up to three months at ENDURE partner organisations over the coming year thanks to the network's crop protection grant scheme for researchers from International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC).



- [Style and substance at Cereals 2009](#)

ENDURE's Information Centre team had lots to reveal at the giant Cereals 2009 exhibition, not least the new ENDURE 'uniform', which helped them stand out from the 26,000-strong crowd at June's event in Cambridgeshire, England!



- [ENDURE tells advisers: come and join us!](#)

Come and join us, is the clear message being delivered to agricultural advisers and other specialists across Europe as ENDURE launches the ENDURE Network of Advisers (ENA). Registration is quick and simple.



- [New: consult scientific papers online](#)

A selection of scientific papers written by researchers from the ENDURE Network of Excellence can now be accessed online through the website. The selection currently includes topics such as modelling and long-term field experiments analysing the effects of crop rotation.



- [WUR to host ENDURE Annual Meeting](#)

Wageningen University and Research Centre (WUR), ENDURE's Netherlands partner, is to host the Network of Excellence's Annual Meeting which is being held from October 20 to 23 this year and will include a mix of workshops and plenary sessions.



- [New contact for ENDURE mobility programmes](#)

ENDURE's team responsible for mobility has a new member with the arrival of Federica Piccolo (pictured right). She will be assisting the mobility programme team leader, Maurizio Sattin, of Italy's Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (National Research Council).



RECENTLY ADDED CROP PROTECTION EVENTS

- [6th Mediterranean Group on Pesticide Research](#)

27-29 October 2009: Cairo, Egypt. The 6th International Symposium of the Mediterranean Group on Pesticide Research (MGPR) will be held in the Egyptian capital of Cairo in October.

- [Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting](#)

20-21 October 2009: Lucerne, Switzerland. The International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association, the ENDURE partner representing the biocontrol industry, is joint organiser of the fourth Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting, ABIM-Lucerne 2009, which will run in conjunction with the IBMA's annual general assembly and group meetings in the Swiss town.

- [GCARD 2010](#)

28-31 March 2010: Montpellier, France. The first Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD) is being held in the French city of Montpellier.

- [IAALD XIIIth World Congress](#)

26-29 April 2010: Montpellier, France. The XIIIth World Congress of the International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists is being jointly organised by Agropolis International and will be held in the latter's home city of Montpellier, France.

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