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Welcome to the fifth 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 November 2009.

- **[LEAD STORY: Pesticides package clears final hurdle](#)**

The European Union's new pesticides 'package' has cleared its final hurdle and will enter the statute books, despite last minute opposition from some ministers. The package changes both the way pesticides are regulated across Europe and the way they are used.



- **[PEST FOCUS: EuroWheat - online wheat disease management](#)**

Winter wheat may be Europe's largest cereal crop but growing it is not without its problems, with disease epidemics in particular affecting both grain yield and quality. However, these diseases can be managed in a variety of ways, as a new website explains.



- **[CROP FOCUS: Market access is key to apple strategies](#)**

English-speaking people grow up with the knowledge that an apple a day keeps the doctor away, but the healthy image of this popular fruit is tainted in the eyes of some people by the number of pesticide treatments apples can be subject to.



- **[TRAINING: First IPM training leaflet now available](#)**

Judging by the variety of advisory services offered across Europe it could be assumed that there is no right or wrong way to ensure farmers receive the best IPM advice. However, several ENDURE partners have expertise in this area and are pooling their experiences to outline proven techniques.



- **[LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY: The bigger picture](#)**

Rather like the ENDURE Network itself, landscape ecology is an interdisciplinary science, bringing together scientists with different specialities in a way that holds out intriguing possibilities for improving our understanding of how we can progress in Integrated Pest Management (IPM).



- **[FOR POLICY MAKERS: Consult policy documents online](#)**

A range of documents useful for those involved in the policy making process has now been added to ENDURE's pages. The selection currently includes documents relating to National Action Plans and pesticide reduction plans from five European countries.



- **[ENDURE's foresight study: Looking south and east](#)**

ENDURE's foresight team headed to the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania on the Greek island of Crete in September to gather input from researchers based in central and eastern Europe as part of their project to outline the future of European crop protection heading towards the year 2030.



- **[ICPC scientists: Apply now for 2010 grants](#)**

ENDURE has launched its 2010 grant scheme for International Cooperation Partner Country (ICPC) scientists, offering three researchers the possibility of qualifying for travel grants and a monthly living allowance of up to €2,000 per month for a stay at one of ENDURE's universities or research institutes.



- **[ENDURE researchers to address BCPC Congress](#)**

ENDURE scientists Lise Nistrup Jørgensen and Neal Evans will be among more than 70 speakers at the British Crop Production Council's 2009 Congress, which is being held from November 9 until November 11 at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow.



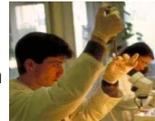
- **[Modelling post-doc: details now online](#)**

An opportunity for a post-doc position at INRIA, the French National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control, has been announced in ENDURE's Job Opportunity pages. The position involves 'Modelling the airborne dispersal of a pathogen over a highly structured and anthropized perennial crop cover' and is based at INRIA's University of Bordeaux 2 department.



- **[November deadline for fourth mobility plan](#)**

ENDURE has launched its fourth mobility plan, giving scientists from ENDURE partner institutions the opportunity to conduct research at other organisations, both within the network and beyond. Applications for the fourth mobility plan have to be made before midnight on November 7 2009.



RECENTLY ADDED CROP PROTECTION EVENTS

- **[IAPB Congress 2010](#)**

06-11 June 2010: St. Louis, Missouri, USA. The 12th World Congress of the International Association for Plant Biotechnology (IAPB) is being held in conjunction with the 2010 In Vitro Biology meeting of the Society for In Vitro Biology (SIVB) in the American city of St. Louis.

- **[ISDA 2010](#)**

28 June-01 July 2010: Montpellier, France. The deadline for submitting abstracts to Innovation and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Food (ISDA) 2010 has now been extended to October 6 2009.

- **[Poster opportunity for French conference](#)**

Poster presentations are being welcomed for the first annual event organised by Le pole de compétitivité Q@LI-MEDiterranée, the group which brings together some 1,200 different organisations working in the fields of agriculture, agricultural research and the food industry in Languedoc-Roussillon, France.

- **[Sustainable management of *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*](#)**

07 December 2009: Delémont, Switzerland. CABI Europe along with Switzerland's University of Fribourg and the European Weed Research Society are staging a one-day workshop on *Ambrosia artemisiifolia* (common ragweed), which they describe as one of the most damaging exotic weeds in Europe, affecting human health, agriculture and biodiversity.

- **[8th ISFFEI](#)**

26 September-01 October, 2010: Valencia, Spain. Valencia in Spain plays host to the 8th International Symposium on Fruit Flies of Economic Importance, the first time the event, held once every four years, has been held in Europe since 1986.

- **[15th EWRS Symposium](#)**

12-15 July, 2010: Kaposvár, Hungary. The European Weed Research Society is staging its 15th Symposium in the Hungarian city of Kaposvár, some 190km south of the capital Budapest.

- **[13th MPU Congress](#)**

13-18 June 2010: Rome, Italy. The 13th Congress of the Mediterranean Phytopathological Union is being held in Rome, Italy, and will cover areas such as the diagnostics of plant pathogens, genetic variability of plant pathogens and disease epidemics and forecasting.

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