

Welcome to the seventh 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 March 2010.

- LEAD STORY: ENDURE to stage conference in November
   ENDURE will this year host its second major international
   conference when it stages 'Integrated Pest Management in Europe
   - The ENDURE Network of Excellence shares the fruits of four
   years' research with the crop protection community' at the Eurosites
   George V centre in Paris, France.
- Advisers invited to explore ENDURE IC

  The ENDURE Information Centre, the central point of reference for extending expert knowledge, recommendations and advice for extension services, advisers and researchers concerning all aspects of Integrated Pest Management, is now accessible to all those in the crop protection community.
- New guides for better banana production
  ENDURE's Banana Case Study has been a truly international effort, bringing together researchers from as far afield as the French West Indies, the Canary Islands and Cameroon, in addition to the expertise based here in mainland Europe. The results of this international effort are now being made available in a series of publications in ENDURE's From Science to Field series.
- DEXIPM: Assessing cropping system sustainability
  When it comes to designing cropping systems less reliant on pesticide use, researchers have a large array of potentially interesting options available. These can include relatively simple measures such as changing sowing dates through to the use of the latest technology for detecting pests.
- Paper puts maize under the spotlight
  With more than 13 million hectares of farmland devoted to maize in Europe, the crop clearly merited the attention of one of ENDURE's case study research teams. And you can now read the results of their research in a paper recently published in the Journal of Applied Entomology.
- New training leaflet: the participatory approach
  When it comes to learning about Integrated Pest Management
  (IPM), participatory training has been a proven success in



encouraging farmers to introduce innovative and sustainable pest control strategies, say ENDURE researchers.

# Social Science Insights examines supermarkets

A new Social Science Insights leaflet has been added to the ENDURE library, shedding light on the role played by supermarket produce schemes in the European food chain and examining their possible role in creating more sustainable crop protection practices.



#### Dutch and German leaflets now online

Whether you know them as Kartoffel, aardappels or pommes de terre, growing potatoes is not a simple business, not least because of the potential threat posed by late blight, the potentially devastating disease caused by the pseudo-fungus *Phytophthora infestans*.

# Statistics regulation completes pesticides package

The final strand of the European Commission's four-part 'pesticides package' reached the statute book last month (December), with the publication of Regulation (EC) No. 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on pesticides.



### Latest ICPC grants announced

Scientists from Russia, Argentina and Trinidad in the West Indies will be spending three months conducting research at ENDURE institutes after being award grants under the Network's external mobility programme for International Co-operation Partner Countries.

# **RECENTLY ADDED CROP PROTECTION EVENTS**

#### • ENDURE: Integrated Pest Management in Europe

24-25 November 2010: Paris, France. ENDURE will this year host its second major international conference when it stages 'Integrated Pest Management in Europe - The ENDURE Network of Excellence shares the fruits of four years' research with the crop protection community' at the Eurosites George V centre in Paris, France.

#### • IXth European Congress of Entomology

22-27 August 2010: Budapest, Hungary. The Hungarian Natural History Museum, the Hungarian Entomological Society and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences are hosting the IXth European Congress of Entomology in the country's capital city in August.

#### 28th International Horticultural Congress

22-27 August 2010: Lisbon, Portugal. The International Society for Horticultural Science's 28th International Horticultural Congress in Lisbon, Portugal, will offer a mix of colloquia, symposia, seminars, workshops and thematic sessions as well as a wide variety of technical tours over the course of five days.

# Climate change: challenge or threat to biocontrol?

07-10 June 2010: Graz, Austria. The IOBC/WPRS working group on biological control of fungal and bacterial plant pathogens is addressing 'Climate change: challenge or threat to biocontrol?' at a three-day conference in the Austrian city of Graz.

## Slugs and Snail Control in the 21st Century

23-25 March 2010: Cardiff, Wales. With some of the chemicals used for slug and snail control facing withdrawal, the slug and snail subgroup of the IOBC/WPRS is staging a three-day meeting at Cardiff University, Wales, with the emphasis on coming up with new, integrated, adaptable and knowledgeled approaches to controlling these pests.

# 62nd International Symposium on Crop Protection

18 May 2010: Ghent, Belgium. Belgium's Ghent University stages its 62nd International Symposium on Crop Protection in May with a plenary session followed by parallel sessions.

## 19th Biennial IPRI Workshop

28-31 March 2010: Charleston, South Carolina, USA. The 19th Biennial International Plant Resistance to Insects Workshop is being held in the American city of Charleston and will include sessions at the nearby United States Vegetable Laboratory.

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