

Welcome to the 16th edition of ENDURE News, the electronic newsletter from ENDURE. Please feel free to share this newsletter with colleagues.

- **Update from ENDURE task leader Per Kudsk**

European Union Member States were supposed to hand in their National Action Plan (NAP) to the EU Commission by December 14, 2012 as stipulated in Directive 2009/128, writes Per Kudsk, one of ENDURE's task leaders. The NAPs should contain an outline of targets, including quantitative targets if Member States adopt them, measures and timetables to reduce risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment.



- **Country profile: Switzerland**

In the fourth of our country profiles we examine Switzerland, a nation which first turned to Integrated Pest Management more than 40 years ago and has now developed Integrated Production and a system of direct payments to farmers for ecological services. As researchers Benno Graf, Jörg Samietz, Robert Baur and Thomas Steinger from Agroscope report, Swiss policy is focused on reducing the risks associated with pesticide use.



- **Brussels looks at IPM yesterday, today, tomorrow**

Two European-level meetings addressing current challenges in crop protection took place in Brussels on June 19 and 20, 2012, providing the opportunity to take a hard look at pesticide use and Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The diverse audiences delved deep into history, took broad sweeps at the current situation, and had conflicting views on what the future directions ought to be.



- **Summer School: Agroecology and IPM**

Exploring the extent to which agroecology could be used for crop protection on European farms was the task set for the fourth ENDURE Summer School, which brought together 12 PhD students and five expert teachers for a five-day course in Italy.



- **ENDURE foresight study goes global**

The work of ENDURE's foresight study team has been presented to the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) as part of GFAR's effort to produce a global report on foresight for impact.



- **IPM researchers connect in Wageningen**

More than 150 participants from 25 countries discussed the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) during the 10th conference of the European Foundation for Plant Pathology 'IPM 2.0 - Towards future-proof crop protection in Europe'. The conference took place 1-5 October 2012 in Wageningen, the Netherlands. It was the first multidisciplinary research conference on the new European Union (EU) policy to increase IPM in European member states via National Action Plans.



- **New site supports French NAP**

The French Ministry of Agriculture has launched a website dedicated to bringing together references and knowledge on Integrated Pest Management



(IPM) in order to help educate farmers, advisers and trainers.

- **Future IPM in Europe congress takes shape**

A new deadline of December 31 has been set for submissions to the Future Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Europe congress, which is expected to attract around 1,000 delegates to Riva del Garda, Italy, next March.



- **IPM seminar in Estonia**

An international seminar on Integrated Pest Management and National Action Plans is being organised by the Nordic Association of Agricultural Scientists in Tallinn, Estonia, on November 7th and 8th. With the deadline for the completion of National Action Plans set for December 2012, alongside the mainstreaming of IPM principles by 2014, these topics are generating much attention and it is not too late to register.



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