



Welcome to the first 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 2009.

- **LEAD STORY: [Action needed to speed IPM development](#)**  
 ENDURE is calling for sustained and determined action to promote the design and introduction of new solutions to help develop integrated pest management (IPM) schemes that contribute to sustainable development while keeping European agriculture competitive.


- **NEWS: [Pesticide regulations get the green light](#)**  
 The European Parliament has approved new European Union pesticides legislation introducing new regulations on the production and licensing of plant production products and introducing new rules on their use. The implications for all European Member States will be profound.


- **STRATEGIES: [Integrated weed management for maize](#)**  
 A range of techniques can be used to produce maize using less herbicides, as one of ENDURE's From Science to Field guides explains. These techniques include preparing a stale seedbed, pre-emergence cultivation, inter-row cultivation, band-spraying and broad-spraying with reduced herbicide doses where appropriate.


- **CROP FOCUS: [Potato late blight - a €4 billion problem](#)**  
 ENDURE's potato case study team has been examining ways to reduce the use of fungicides against the potentially devastating disease late blight, caused by the pseudo-fungus *Phytophthora infestans*, on one of the world's most important food crops.


- **CROP FOCUS: [Shedding light on pomefruit research](#)**  
 Nobody likes wormy apples and, according to the supermarkets at least, blemished apples and pears simply do not sell, which means some of our favourite fruits are subject to significant doses of pesticides.


- **PEST FOCUS: [Whiteflies - a worldwide problem](#)**  
 ENDURE's tomato case study group has been studying the distribution of key pests affecting Europe's tomato growers, with a special focus on whiteflies, ranked as one of the world's 100 worst invasive species.


- **TRAINING: [Putting IPM into practice](#)**  
 Integrated pest management (IPM) will become a legal obligation for European Union countries over the next six years, but ensuring theoretical knowledge is put into practical use is a complicated issue.


- **NOW ONLINE: [Summer School 2009: apply here!](#)**  
 ENDURE's second PhD summer school, Modelling approaches to support integrated pest management (IPM), will be held in June at SIAF in Volterra, Italy.
- **NOW ONLINE: [Tomato guide for advisers and extension services](#)**  
 A guide devoted to dealing with whiteflies in tomato crops has joined ENDURE's From Science to Field range of leaflets aimed at agricultural advisers and extension services.
- **NOW ONLINE: [Successful science writing tips](#)**  
 Two members of ENDURE's Communications Team have written a short guide to writing successful science stories for agricultural scientists. Download your copy.
- **NOW ONLINE: [Crop protection events calendar](#)**  
 To make it easier to plan your visits to conferences, workshops and seminars dealing with crop protection, we have grouped them into an easy to use calendar format.

**RECENTLY ADDED CROP PROTECTION EVENTS**

- [Advances in Plant Virology](#)  
Harrogate International Centre, UK. The programme for this international conference is open to any topics or areas within basic or applied plant virology, including all current areas of interest to plant virologists.
- [Integrated Agricultural Systems](#)  
Edinburgh, UK. The aim of the conference is to explore and identify effective methodologies, modelling and measuring techniques to analyse integrated systems. These systems are, by their very nature, complex and many interacting factors determine their development, notes the Association of Applied Biologists, which is co-organising the event with the British Society for Animal Science and the Agricultural Economics Society.
- [IOBC/WPRS Integrated Protection in Viticulture](#)  
Staufen im Breisgau, Germany. The International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control of Noxious Animals and Plants working group on Integrated Protection and Production in Viticulture will be meeting in Staufen im Breisgau, Germany.
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