



Dear colleague,



Serge Duvauchelle



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Topics

A EuroBlight Workshop will be organised in the city of Arras in France from 3-6 May 2010. The local organisers are: Serge Duvauchelle and Ludovic Dubois from the Ministère de l'Alimentation, l'Agriculture et de la Pêche, S D Q P V, Didier Andrivon and Roselyne Corbière from INRA Rennes, Catherine Chatot from Germicopa SAS and Marie-Pascale Latorse from Bayer CropScience.

Participant arrival is in the afternoon or evening on Monday the 3rd May. There will be 2 ½ days of meeting beginning on Tuesday morning and ending after lunch on Thursday 6th May

The main objective of the Workshop is to present and discuss recent results on integrated control of late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) and early blight (*Alternaria*). General themes will be:

1. The implementation of the framework directive, particularly the introduction of IPM, which will be compulsory across the EU by 2014.
2. EuroBlight in a global perspective.

The specific workshop themes are:

1. Host resistance to *P. infestans*
2. Pathogen characteristics and population biology and genetics
3. Epidemiology, Integrated control and Decision Support Systems
4. Fungicides
5. Epidemiology and control of *Alternaria spp.*



Participants are asked to offer a contribution on these topics, which will be presented as an oral presentation or a poster. The number of participants is limited to 80. In the event of over-registration, the organising committee will select participants on the basis of an active contribution.

The Proceedings of the Workshop will be published as a PPO-Special Report. Like all previous reports the Proceedings will also be digitally available (www.euroblight.net). Manuscripts can be submitted after the Workshop, but not later than 15 September 2010.

If you are interested in participating in the Workshop, please fill out the registration and booking form on the EuroBlight website (www.euroblight.net) as soon as possible after 15 December 2009 but not later than 31 January 2010.

Venue



The Workshop will be held at the **Hotel Mercure** in Arras. The city of **Arras** is located 40 km from Lille and 200 km from Paris (50 Minutes by TGV train from Paris).

Companies involved in potato blight will sponsor the organisation of this Workshop and therefore we do not have to charge you a registration fee.

Cost indications are as follows: single room € 85-105 per night, double room approximately € 10 more. This includes breakfast. Please make your hotel booking directly with the hotel after 1st February. All information on accommodation and travel will be available on the EuroBlight website when registration opens on 15 December.

Deadlines

Important deadlines:

1. 15 December 2009. Registration at <http://www.euroblight.net/>
2. 31 January 2010. Registration closes
3. 1 March. Programme published on the web
4. 3-6 May. EuroBlight workshop in Arras

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