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Welcome to the eighth 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 May 2010.

Need more info? Check the Two-Track System!

ENDURE's Two-Track System is an information resource open not only to ENDURE researchers but to members of the crop protection community worldwide. It offers easily searched databases providing details of the working groups of various crop protection networks, funding sources for researchers and a listing of international crop protection experts.



Vegetable study reveals PPP situation

More than 7.7 million tonnes of fresh vegetables were traded between European Union countries in 2007, and while fresh vegetables occupy only a small proportion of our farmland, they are particularly valuable to the agricultural sector.



Step-by-step guide to participatory training

Having introduced the participatory approach in the second leaflet in ENDURE's Training in Integrated Pest Mangement (IPM) series, researchers at Hungary's Szent István University have now produced a third leaflet taking an in-depth look at conducting successful participatory training.



Fourth German leaflet completes potato series

The fourth and final leaflet in German from ENDURE's From Science to Field Potato Case Study series is now available. Widerstandsfähige Sorten gegen die Kartoffelkraut- und Knollenfäule (Using Cultivar Resistance to Reduce Inputs Against Late Blight) reveals the significant role that late blight resistance can play in reducing fungicide inputs.



Guide to tackling WCR now available

Western corn rootworm (WCR) has plagued American maize growers for more than a century and become a serious pest in Europe too. A new guide from ENDURE examines ways of tackling the pest using an Integrated Pest Management approach.



• Details of more than 50 papers online

With the details of more than 50 papers and presentations online, ENDURE's newly updated section, Papers in scientific journals, offers the chance for all those involved in crop protection to catch up on the research conducted and published by the Network of Excellence's scientists.



UK reviews options for 'pesticides package'

The United Kingdom has launched a 12-week consultation on how best to introduce the European Union's new 'pesticides package', inviting all interested parties to help the government draw up 'implementing legislation' to bring UK pesticide law into line with the new European legislation.



• ENDURE's response to IPM principles available online

Useful new documents have been added to the pages offering information for policy makers, including ENDURE's response to last year's BiPRO report to the European Commission's Directorate General-Environment examining guidance for establishing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles



EuroWheat: download the guide

ENDURE has produced a new guide to the key features of www.eurowheat.org, the research-based website that supports integrated disease management in wheat. Developed by Denmark's Aarhus University in collaboration with its ENDURE colleagues, EuroWheat now has 13 partners.



Canaries study completes banana series

The fifth and final leaflet from ENDURE's Banana Case Study is now online, offering insights into commercial banana production in Spain's Canary Islands, where growers have more than a century of experience in growing Europe's most popular fruit.



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.

12th International Workshop on Fire Blight

16-20 August 2010: Warsaw, Poland. A deadline of May 15 2010 has been set for abstracts for the International Society for the Horticultural Sciences' 12th International Workshop on Fire Blight in Warsaw, Poland.

• 3rd Conference on Precision Crop Protection

19-21 September 2010: Bonn, Germany. The University of Bonn's Faculty of Agriculture is organising the 3rd Conference on Precision Crop Protection, which takes as its theme the 'Use of Information Technologies for Precision Crop Protection'.

3rd International Symposium on Tomato Diseases

25-30 July 2010: Ischia, İtaly. The Italian island of Ischia plays host to the 3rd International Symposium on Tomato Diseases, organised by the International Society for Horticultural Science.

Cultivating Crisis

04 May 2010: Montpellier, France. The international workshop Cultivating Crisis: Pesticides et 'Suds': des problématiques pour les sciences sociales (Pesticides and developing nations: issues for the social sciences) will feature a variety of expert presentations tackling issues such as the management of chlordecone pollution in the French West Indies, an analysis of the Mexican farmworkers' mobilisation against the use of toxic chemicals in US agriculture and the situation of seasonal farmworkers in relation to pesticides.

• XXXIV CIOSTA CIGR V Conference

29 June-01 July 2011: Vienna, Austria. The XXXIV CIOSTA (Commission Internationale de l'Organization Scientifique du Travail en Agriculture) CIGR V Conference will be held in the Austrian city of Vienna in July 2011 and address the topic of 'Efficient and safe production processes in sustainable agriculture and forestry'.

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