

Welcome to the sixth 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 January 2010.

- **[BREAKING NEWS: ENDURE to be a perennial structure after 2010](#)**

At a meeting in Paris on November 26, ENDURE's Governing Council (which brings together senior representatives of its 18 institutional members) unanimously decided to create a European Research Group (ERG) that will prolong the Network of Excellence after its European Commission (EC) funding ceases at the end of 2010.



- **[LEAD STORY: EC publishes new pesticides legislation](#)**

The European Commission officially adopted and published two key pieces of legislation that form part of the 'pesticides package' at the end of November, setting in motion major changes in how plant protection products are placed on the market and how they are used in practice.



- **[PEST FOCUS: Non-chemical solutions to beat corn borers](#)**

Wasps are unlikely to win many popularity contests and genetic engineering has plenty of detractors too, but both offer very efficient ways of controlling a major pest affecting maize crops in Europe.



- **[STAKEHOLDERS' CONFERENCE: Italy tackles its first NAP](#)**

The challenge Member States face in implementing the European Union's new Framework Directive on the sustainable use of pesticides was put under the spotlight at an Italian stakeholders' conference jointly organised by ENDURE this month.



- **[CROP FOCUS: Online analysis of late blight DSS](#)**

Late blight is the most serious disease to affect potatoes, and costs the farming industry worldwide a staggering €4 billion per year in crop losses and treatments. However, protecting potatoes is becoming more efficient and sophisticated thanks to the use of Decision Support Systems (DSS).



- **[ENDURE Network of Advisers seeks recruits](#)**

ENDURE is stepping up its recruitment efforts for the ENDURE Network of Advisers (ENA), membership of which is open to any European advisers (state, private and company) who are directly involved in advising farmers on a daily basis.



- **[ENDURE Annual Meeting: Creating lasting achievements](#)**

ENDURE members face the challenge of translating 'very significant advances' into 'visible and lasting achievements' over the coming months, coordinator Pierre Ricci told delegates at the Network of Excellence's Annual Meeting held recently in the Netherlands.



- **[ENDURE provides wheat focus at BCPC Congress](#)**

Wheat production was under the spotlight at the British Crop Production Council's 2009 Congress, held in the Scottish city of Glasgow, thanks to presentations from ENDURE's Lise Nistrup Jørgensen and Neal Evans.



- **[Germany sets out future for PPPs](#)**

Germany's Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection has - after consultation with other ministries - identified a range of measures it will need



to take in order to successfully implement the European Union's Framework Directive on the sustainable use of pesticides.

- **[French report on landscape ecology](#)**

France's Club Adalia, which brings together a wide range of professionals in the agricultural and food sectors, reported recently on the work of ENDURE's team dedicated to landscape ecology and its participation at this year's European International Association of Landscape Ecology Conference.



- **[Biocontrols in the spotlight](#)**

More than 350 delegates representing more than 200 companies and organisations from all over the world attended the Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting (ABIM), which was held over two days in Lucerne, Switzerland, in October.



- **[Aarhus University seeks 10 PhD students](#)**

Aarhus University, one of ENDURE's two Danish partners, is seeking 'bright and enthusiastic' people with excellent MSc degrees in the natural science, agricultural or engineering disciplines to fill 10 PhD positions.



RECENTLY ADDED CROP PROTECTION EVENTS

- **[Premier Colloque IBMA sur la Protection Intégrée](#)**

17 December 2009: Paris, France. ENDURE partner the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA) is staging its first conference on integrated protection for French speakers in Paris in December.

- **[EuroBlight Workshop](#)**

03-06 May 2010: Arras, France. EuroBlight, the European potato late blight network, will stage a workshop in the French city of Arras in May 2010, with the objective of presenting and discussing recent results on integrated control for both late and early blight.

- **[The Dundee Conference](#)**

23-24 February 2010: Dundee, Scotland. Organised by the Association for Crop Protection in Northern Britain, The Dundee Conference will bring together farmers, advisers, the agro-chemical industry and all those concerned with advances in chemical and non-chemical crop protection, including advisory, research and government organisations.

- **[AGRO 2010](#)**

29 August-03 September 2010: Montpellier, France. AGRO 2010, which incorporates the XIth European Society of Agronomy Congress, is the Scientific International Week around Agronomy, which will offer a range of symposiums addressing agronomic research and its contribution to sustainable development.

- **[Climate Change: Implications for Plant Protection](#)**

25-27 May 2010: Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Ontario's University of Guelph is staging a three-day symposium focusing on Climate Change and the Implications for Plant Protection which will explore the science, the impacts and the options regarding global climate change.

- **[LandMod 2010](#)**

03-05 February: Montpellier, France. LandMod 2010, the 2010 Conference on Integrative Landscape Modelling, will bring together scientists working in the main disciplines dealing with ecosystems and landscape simulation and management, complex dynamic modelling and the assessment of vulnerability, resilience and adaptation of agro and ecosystems under human influence.

- **[ICPPB 2010](#)**

7-11 June 2010: Saint Denis, Ile de la Réunion. The French Indian Ocean island of Réunion hosts the 12th International Conference on Plant Pathogenic Bacteria in 2010, where the emphasis will be placed on emerging diseases.

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