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STEPHY cropping system co-design guide now available The first STEPHY Guide on co-designing cropping systems less reliant on pesticides is now available in English. The Guide introduces a four-step learning process for co-designing alternative low-input cropping systems and can be used with advisers, farmers, R&D engineers, local stakeholders, researchers, trainers and students. http://www.endure-network.eu//about_endure/all_the_news /cropping_system_co_design_guide_now_available

New Advisers: Learning materials online

The New Advisers project held its closing meeting in Budapest in September and leaves behind useful findings and a wealth of learning materials for farm advisers. ENDURE is making sure that the outputs of this interesting two-year project are made widely available. http://www.endure-network.eu//about_endure/all_the_news /new_advisers_learning_materials_online

Using cultivar mixtures to manage diseases

ENDURE researchers have used sophisticated modelling techniques to demonstrate how mixing different cultivars of the same crop species can be a useful tactic in managing multiple diseases, writes Natalia Sapoukhina (pictured right). http://www.endurenetwork.eu//about_endure/all_the_news /using_cultivar_mixtures_to_manage_diseases



Denmark: Load index now guides pesticide tax

With effect from 1 July 2013 a new pesticide strategy has been implemented in Denmark, writes Janne Hansen. The aim is to reduce the use of pesticides, particularly those that have a high impact on the environment and human health. http://www.endure-network.eu //about_endure/all_the_news/denmark_load_index_now_guides_pesticide_tax



Co-innovation workshop: Learning from case studies More than 40 people from 16 different countries, including researchers, advisers and those involved in innovation support for a more sustainable agriculture, attended ENDURE's European workshop on co-innovation. http://www.endure-network.eu

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Co-innovation seminar: Consult the presentations

Some 40 participants from 11 different countries attended a seminar dedicated to the theoretical aspects of co-innovation as ENDURE partners, in collaboration with MTT of Finland, work towards a European workshop on co-innovation being held in Brussels on November 27 and 28. http://www.endure-network.eu//about_endure /all_the_news/co_innovation_seminar_consult_the_presentations

Integrating agronomic, social and economic issues in

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<u>maize</u> An innovative pan-European study on the sustainability of traditional and innovative Integrated Pest Managment (IPM) maize-based cropping systems has recently been completed and selected as the European Journal of Agronomy's 'paper of the month'. http://www.endurenetwork.eu//about_endure/all_the_news

Reaping the benefits of mobility

ENDURE gambled on its Mobility Programme, running from 2007 to 2010, as a key element in strengthening the capacity and competitiveness of crop protection research in Europe as it provided participants with the opportunity for the cross-fertilisation of ideas, experiences and techniques. http://www.endure $network.eu//about_endure/all_the_news/reaping_the_benefits_of_mobility$



IPM website a hit in Denmark

The Danish agricultural advisory service's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) website provides knowledge and inspiration to farmers, advisers and agricultural students. Affiliation with ENDURE has proven of great value, writes Janne Hansen. http://www.endure-network.eu//about_endure/all_the_news /ipm_website_a_hit_in_denmark



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