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15th Conference of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group on the Integrated Protection of Stored Products

Berlin, Germany
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First Announcement

Dear colleague,

We are pleased to extend the first invitation to participate in the upcoming IOBC/WPRS Working Group Conference on Integrated Protection of Stored Products (IPSP), which will take place in Berlin, Germany, in September / October 2027. The event will be hosted by the Julius Kühn Institute, specifically the Institute for Ecological Chemistry, Plant Analysis and Stored Product Protection.

The last conference was held in Novi Sad, Serbia, in September 2024. Following the usual biennial rhythm of our Working Group, the next meeting would typically be scheduled for 2026. However, due to the overlap with the next 13th International Working Conference on Stored Product Protection (IWCSPP), which is taking place from 19 to 23 October 2026 in Kampala, Uganda, we have decided to postpone our IOBC Conference until 2027. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, our conferences were traditionally held in odd-numbered years. The pandemic forced a one-year delay, resulting in the last two meetings being held in even-numbered years. With this adjustment, we aim to return to our original schedule, avoiding

conflicts with other major events in our scientific field — namely, the 2026 IWCSPP, and the 2028 International Conference on Controlled Atmosphere and Fumigation in Stored Products (CAF). This decision has been made to ensure that our community can fully benefit from a dedicated and well-organized meeting—one that reflects the high standards we all value and deserve.

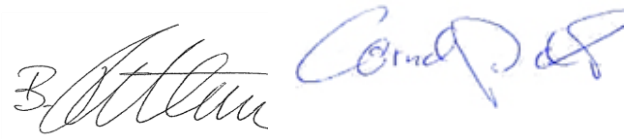
The objective of the upcoming IOBC Conference is to present recent advances in research technologies and strategies for integrated pest management (IPM) of stored products and food-processing facilities. The focus will be on preventing damage caused by insects, mites, rodents, birds, and fungi, with particular emphasis on non-toxic methods for pest prevention, detection, and control.
This 15th Conference of the IOBC IPSP Working Group will highlight current developments in IPSP and provide a platform to discuss new findings related to the following topics:

- Biology and ecology of stored product pests and diseases
- Climate change and its economic impact
- Pest prevention during storage and transportation
- Biological control
- Natural products and plant-based protectants
- Physical pest control
- Modified atmospheres
- Chemical pest control
- Pest management in food processing

The conference will feature both oral and poster presentations. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us and share the latest findings from your research.
We will keep you updated on the progress of the conference organization.

With kind regards,





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