



International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS)

IAPPS was established in 1999 at the initiative of the Standing Committee of the International Plant Congresses in recognition of the need for improved integration of and greater emphasis on plant protection programs.

A study by Oerke, et al. (Elsevier, 1994, 808 pp.) estimated that pests (organisms that parasitize, feed upon or compete with cultivated plants) limit *potential production* of the world's major food and cash crops by 40+%. With a predicted population increase of two billion by 2025, what better option to provide for their food and fiber needs than through improved plant protection programs?

By representing the breadth of plant protection on a global basis, IAPPS seeks to impact program policy and funding priorities within the agricultural sector by promoting recognition of the urgent need to reduce pest losses through the application of IPM to a greater percentage of the world's production areas. This is critical for an adequate, safe, and stable food supply and for a quality environment.

IAPPS is organized as eight Regional Network Centres each headed by a Regional Coordinator. Country Representatives comprise Regional Network Councils that are advisory to the Regional Coordinators and also who also function as a "Global Surveillance System" in reporting on unusual pest occurrences from their respective countries. The latter will be very important in monitoring "invasive species" events.

IAPPS has four membership classes: INDIVIDUAL (plant protection scientists, consultants, practitioners); AFFILIATE (other plant protection societies, congresses, federations, and associations); ASSOCIATE (research institutes, centres, and organizations) and CORPORATE (corporations/businesses that produce plant protection products and associations that represent the corporate sector). Thus, it is an umbrella organization that will seek consensus views and perspectives on plant protection issues and problems.

Individual memberships (\$50 for scientists from developed and \$35 for scientists from developing countries) include access to the electronic edition of the IAPPS Official Journal (*Crop Protection* published by Elsevier). A subscription to the print edition of the Journal can be added to an individual membership for an additional \$50/year. **The *Crop Protection* journal has no page charges.** Individuals can join and pay for their memberships by credit card through the IAPPS website at <<http://www.plantprotection.org>>.

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