

IPM Innovation Lab Trip Report

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Country Visited: Germany

Duration of travel: August 21-29, 2015

Sites Visited: Berlin, Germany

Description

August 21:

-Left Blacksburg on August 21 and reached Berlin on August 22.

August 23:

-Attended the International Association for Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS) Governing Board meeting at the Henry Ford Building. There were 25 participants (22 men and three women).

August 24:

-9:00 a.m.: Opening ceremony. IPM Innovation Lab received the Team Award and attended plenary session.

-1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Organized *Tuta absoluta* session and presented a paper on “*Tuta absoluta* management programs of the IPM Innovation Lab.” There were about 100 participants.

August 25:

-Attended a session on fruit flies and other sessions, followed by a poster session in the afternoon.

-7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.: Participated in a workshop on “Food Security – The Role of Plant Protection.”

August 26:

-10:00 a.m.-10.30 a.m.: Presented a paper on “IPM Components and Packages for Tropical Vegetable Crops” in the session on “Integrated Pest Management I.” There were 200 participants. In the afternoon, I attended the IAPPS Governing Board meeting and presented four resolutions, one of which was on formation of Working Groups of IAPPS.

August 27:

-Attended Biocontrol of Insects and closing sessions and prepared for the *Tuta absoluta* workshop.

-7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.: Conducted the workshop “Management of the South American Leafminer, *Tuta absoluta*.” We came up with a set of recommendations, one of which was on formation of the Working Group on *Tuta absoluta*, either with IAPPS or the International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC). There were 25 participants (18 men and seven women).

August 28:

-Took a field trip to Julius Kuhn-Institut Dahnsdorf (Long-term trials and IPM).

August 29:

-Left Berlin in the morning and reached Blacksburg at mid-night.