

## IPM IL Trip Report

**Country Visited:** Germany

**Dates of Travel:** 08/21/2015 - 08/29/2015

**Travelers' Names and Affiliations:** E.A. Heinrichs, IPM IL Asia, Program Manager

**Purpose of Trip:** To participate in the XVIII International Plant Protection Congress

**Sites Visited:** Henry Ford Convention Center and Julius Kuhn Institute's long-term agriculture production trials near Potsdam

### Description of Activities/Observations:

I departed from Lincoln, NE on 08/21/2015 and arrived in Berlin on 08/22/2015.

Sunday, 08/23, the first IAPPS GB meeting was held. Total attendance with Elsevier editors and DPG staff consisted of 25 persons.

Monday, 08/24, the opening ceremony was held, and I emceed the International Plant Protection Award of Distinction presentation. Six individuals and one team award plaque was presented. The IPM IL was the recipient of the Team Award. The Award was accepted by John Bowman/UAAID AOR and R. Muniappan, IPM IL Program Director. Also present on the stage, was Brhane Gebrekidan, the first IPM CRSP Program Director and Amer Fayad, IPM IL Assistant Director. The plenary speaker was Per Pinstруп Andersen, former IFPRI DG.

Tuesday, 08/25, I attended four symposia sessions and poster sessions. Attendance at the symposia ranged from 45 to 130 persons. A total of 1,100 posters were presented during the Congress. In the evening, I chaired the Food Security Workshop. Speakers included, John Bowman, USAID, Marlene Diekmann, GIZ, David Bergvinson, ICRISAT DG and Harold Roy-Macauley, Africa Rice Center DG. Attendance consisted of 30 persons.

Wednesday, 08/26, I attended the plenary session and three symposia. Attendance consisted of roughly 900 persons at the plenary session and 60 persons at the symposia. The second IAPPS GB meeting was held with 23 persons present. A key outcome was the decision to develop IAPPS Working Groups. The first Working Group on *Tuta absoluta* will be organized by R. Muniappan, IPM IL Program Director. In the evening, I attended the second poster exhibition. A relevant poster on rice IPM by an IRRI scientist was presented.

Thursday, 08/27, I co-chaired the Scientific Societies networking meeting. Representatives consisting of 35 persons, representing 24 societies were present. It was decided to form a network of the various societies. To start the ball rolling, the participants decided to join IAPPS as affiliate members. I also presented a paper on IAPPS in the Education and Science Networks symposium. Attendance consisted of 55 persons. I participated in the *Tuta absoluta* networking

meeting in the evening (7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.). The outcome was a plan to develop a *Tuta absoluta* working group in IAPPS. Attendance consisted of 25 persons.

Friday, 08/28, I participated in the day long field trip to visit JKI long-term trials and farmers' fields.

Total attendance at the Congress consisted of about 1200 persons from 95 countries.

Saturday, 08/29 (8:00 a.m.), I departed for the airport. I arrived in Lincoln at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday night.

### **Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:**

IPM IL to collaborate with IAPPS in developing a *Tuta absoluta* working group.

### **List of Contacts Made:**

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