

OFF TO BRIGHTON IN 2002

This year's BCPC Conference will centre on pests and diseases

From Monday 18th November until Thursday 21st November 2002 Brighton will be the focus from crop protection discussions as delegates gather at the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel for another BCPC Conference. In total there will be 19 platform and 9 poster sessions designed to fall loosely into complementary themes:

- New chemical advances
- Food supply and safety
- Practical approaches and advances
- Advances in new technology
- An environmental theme

In addition, there will be two Evening Discussions and a new feature in 2002 is the introduction of two Discussion Fora. Topics have been chosen to reflect current concerns and delegates are invited to voice their own views.

Monday Symposium

This year's Monday symposium is entitled *The Global Challenge – Sustainable Food Production*, and will explore how market expectations of safety, nutrition, quality, price, environmental concerns and social issues can be balanced. The development of future crop protection strategies in the light of the challenges of legislation, population dynamics, climate change, international trade, diminishing resources and, of course, the ever-changing nature of pests and diseases, will be discussed.

Tuesday programme

The conference proper will open as usual with the 29th Bawden Lecture to be presented by Dr Jørgen Schlundt (*Co-ordinator of the Food Safety Programme, World Health Organisation (WHO), Geneva, Switzerland.*) Dr Schlundt will address the issues raised concerning the risks and benefits of various crop protection strategies relating to all aspects of food safety in a world-wide context.

Platform presentations

- New products and uses for pest management
- Is field pathology and diagnosis a dying art? Does it matter? (Discussion Forum)
- Advances in biological control
- Management of fungally-transmitted viruses of arable crops
- Neonicotinoid insecticides – current status and future prospects

Poster session

- Advances in Pest and Disease Management in Tropical and Sub-Tropical Crops
- Pest and Disease Management in Horticultural Crops
- Measuring the Fate and Effects of Pesticides in the Environment
- Advances in Biological Control

Evening discussion

Crop protection research. Who decides? Who benefits?

Wednesday programme

Platform presentations

- New compounds and uses for disease management
- Managed approaches to pest control – barriers and constraints (Discussion Forum)
- Detection and enumeration of plant pathogenic inoculum
- Advances in formulation and application technology
- Integrated crop management in field vegetables
- Optimising the use of seed treatment pesticides
- Pest and disease management in organic farming
- Oilseeds – improving management of pests and diseases

Poster session

- Pest and Disease Management in Arable Crops
- Pest and Disease Management in Organic Farming
- Post-Graduate Student Research
- Resistance of Pests and Pathogens to Pesticides
- Advances in Formulation and Application Technology

Evening discussion

Information technology in practice

Thursday programme

Platform presentations

- Forecasting, modelling and risk assessment as part of decision making processes for disease management
- Interaction between pest and disease control and crop physiology
- Biodiversity in arable ecosystems
- Global aspects for the safe use of crop protection agents
- The potential role of transgenic crops in sustainable and durable pest and disease management

The Marketing Forum

On Tuesday 19th November there will be a Marketing Forum again this year, entitled *Crop Protection under Licence*, to stimulate discussion on the likely measures, voluntary or mandatory, which will impinge on the everyday routine of those engaged in the business of food production. A wide range of views will be aired including those of the UK Government's Voluntary Initiative Steering Group and the National Farmers' Union (NFU), as well as experts from the Environment Agency, BASIS and the advisory sector. To round off the debate there will be a farmer perspective comparing the different attitudes and approaches to change in the UK and Europe.

Exhibition

As usual the conference will be complemented by an exhibition, but this year the Trade Services Exhibition and the Scientific & Educational Exhibition will be completely integrated into a single BCPC Exhibition.

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NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITES

The following websites have been redesigned and are well worth a revisit:

Horticultural Research International (HRI)

<http://www2.hri.ac.uk/>

CropLife International

<http://www.croplife.org/>