



## **IOBC-WPRS Joint Meeting of Integrated Protection of Soft and Stone Fruits**

"Harvesting the Future: Embracing the Synergy of Integrated Pest Management, Crop Technology and Organic Solutions in Soft and Stone Fruit Cultivation"

September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Warsaw, Poland

### **First Announcement**

Dear colleagues,

You are cordially invited to the forthcoming Joint Meeting of the subgroups "Soft fruits" and "Stone fruits" organized by the International Organization of Biological Control/ West Palearctic region (IOBC/WPRS) Integrated Protection of Fruit Crops Working Group.

The meeting will be held from **September 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Warsaw** (Poland) at the Mercure Hotel Grand.

Following a substantial pause, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now delighted to announce the revival of our soft- and stone- fruit meeting. To foster greater synergy, we have planned a back-to-back event that combines the "Joint meeting of the Integrated Production of Soft and Stone fruits" with the IV International Organic Fruit Symposium and II International Organic Vegetable Symposium. Both events will feature a shared pest management session and social activities, promoting a deeper understanding and cooperation in our scientific fields.

Integrated Fruit Production (IFP) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), in essence, involves the integration of biological and other control measures in complementary ways, laying the groundwork for understanding the correlation between damage and beneficial insects in agricultural systems. It provides a detailed depiction of the equilibrium position among pest populations and how farmers can leverage this knowledge to their advantage. Therefore, we firmly believe that by fostering an outward focus among our IOBC scientific research groups and promoting collaboration with other scientific groups like ISHS, we will successfully embrace this discipline, and we anticipate seeing the positive impact of this approach in our current events.

English will be the official language of the meeting. Proceedings with all contributions, both oral and poster presentations will be published as full papers or extended abstracts in the IOBC/WPRS Bulletin.

We look forward to seeing you in Warsaw!



## Venue



The meeting will take place in **Mercure Hotel Grand** in Warsaw (<https://all.accor.com/hotel/3384/index.en.shtml>) in very center of city right on main streets of Warsaw and near Old Town. Its advantage is its prestigious location surrounded by ministries and embassies, among the best fashion houses and restaurants.

The hotel has easy access to Train Central Station (1 km) which you can reach by tram. The bus stop for a direct connection to/from Chopin Airport is only 600 m from the hotel. The Parliament and Lazienki Park with close location to the Royal Route in Warsaw make the hotel the best place from which to explore Warsaw's attractions.

The hotel offers a convenient location, comfortable rooms, professional service and excellent cuisine, ideal for conference participants and guests to spend free time in capital.

Mercure Hotel Grand  
Krucza 28 Street  
00-522 Warsaw  
Poland

## Proposed topics

- Integrated control of soft and stone fruit arthropod pests
- Integrated plant protection of diseases in soft and stone crops
- New developments and opportunities in disease and pest warning systems
- Biological control of pests and diseases in fruit production
- Organic fruit production
- Chemical Ecology: application in IFP
- Invasive and exotic fruit pests
- Ecology of pesticides: resistance and side effect on beneficials
- Weed Management
- Application Technology
- Pesticide risk indicators to assess the sustainable use of pesticides in IFP
- Dissemination strategies in Integrated Production



- IPM Guidelines
- Pesticides residues in the fruit food chain

## Preliminary Programme

Time slot	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2024
Morning		Registration Opening Ceremony Sessions	Sessions	All day technical tour
Midday		Lunch	Lunch	All day technical tour
Afternoon		Sessions Poster Session	Sessions*	All day technical tour
Evening	Welcome reception Registration	Free evening	Gala dinner	Social event* (

\*joined with OrgHort2024

## Scientific Committee

- Dr. Carmelo Peter Bonsignore (Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria)
- Dr. Marcos Botton (Embrapa Brazil)
- Dr. Petros Damos (Ministry of Education Religious and Sports, University of Western Macedonia)
- Dr. Michelle Fountain (NIAB East Malling, United Kingdom)
- Dr. Ewa M. Furmanczyk (The National Institute of Horticultural Research)
- Dr. Jürgen Gross (Julius Kühn-Institut)
- Dr. Grzegorz Krawczyk (The Pennsylvania State University)
- Dr. Monika Michalecka The National Institute of Horticultural Research)
- Prof. Fokion Papathanasiou (University of Western Macedonia)
- Dr. Louis Sutter (Agroscope)
- Prof. Thomas Thomidis (International Hellenic University)
- Dr Nina Trandem (NIBIO)
- Dr Barbara Egger (Agroscope)

## Organising Committee

### IOBC Coordination

- Dr. Petros Damos
- Dr. Michelle Fountain
- Dr. Louis Sutter

**Local Organization** (The National Institute of Horticultural Research, Skierniewice, Poland)

- Dr Ewa M. Furmanczyk
- Dr Monika Michalecka



## Registration

Registration is made through the meeting website and is required to attend the scientific sessions and social events. More information will be included in the second announcement. If you have any questions please contact: [info@fruitipm2024.pl](mailto:info@fruitipm2024.pl)

## Important Dates

Deadline for submission of abstracts**:	31 March 2024
Deadline for registration "early bird":	31 March 2024
Deadline for submission of full papers:	30 June 2024

\*\*Submissions will only be accepted online through the meeting website. To present a paper and have it included in the conference proceedings, at least one author must register for the conference.

## Registration Fees

Details of the registration fees will be provided in the next announcement.

## Accommodation

The recommended hotel for accommodation during the Meeting is the [Mercure Hotel Grand](#). However, a lot of different hotels with variable standards are available in the Warsaw city center including [Novotel Warszawa Centrum](#) or [Hotel Gromada](#).