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XVI Meeting of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group
Biological and Integrated Control of Plant Pathogens

Biocontrol needs and challenges in future cropping systems



6-9 June 2023, Wageningen, the Netherlands

SECOND CIRCULAR

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Welcome note

Wageningen, November 2022

Dear colleagues,

Following the last IOBC-WPRS meeting of the Working Group 'Biological and integrated control of plant pathogen' in Lleida, Spain, in April 2018, we will organize a meeting in Wageningen, the Netherlands. Wageningen University & Research will be the local organizer. An earlier meeting of the Working Group was scheduled for 2020 in Gdansk, Poland. Unfortunately, due to the covid pandemic, this meeting had to be cancelled and postponed until 2022. The current horrible war in Ukraine forced us to also cancel this option for a meeting. **The XVI IOBC-WPRS meeting of the Working Group 'Biological and integrated control of plant pathogens'** will now be hosted in Wageningen, on **6–9 June 2023**.

The theme of the conference will be '**Biocontrol needs and challenges in future cropping systems**'. We will discuss how biological control can contribute to the future transformation of our food production systems in a changing world. How can we utilize the knowledge on the role of microbiomes in disease suppression and biological control solutions to achieve high resilience to plant diseases in our food crops?

All contributions relating to biocontrol of plant diseases are welcome. Specific sessions will focus on developments needed for bioprotection in future food production. This meeting will provide an important opportunity to present your latest biocontrol results, to share and discuss the latest ideas and to network for your future collaborations.

We wish to bring together students, experts, researchers and stakeholders to discuss potential improvements of biological control and its integrated use. We expect approximately 150-200 participants from around the world to attend this meeting and we will stimulate contributions of young scientists.

There will be oral and poster presentations in English with ample time for discussions. Preceedings with full papers or extended abstracts of contributions will be published in the IOBC-WPRS Bulletin before the meeting. This **second circular** informs you about the venue, preliminary program, important dates, registration, travel vouchers and awards, and how to submit the manuscripts. More details and information about transport, accommodation and climate will be found **on the conference webpage: [IOBC WPRS WUR 2023](https://www.wur.nl/en/IOBC-WPRS-WUR-2023)**. More information on the program and keynote speakers will be updated on the webpage during the coming weeks. If you have any other question about the conference you can contact us via email: iobc-wprs-wur2023@wur.nl.

The conference will offer industries and other organizations the opportunity to present themselves. Interested parties are invited to contact the conference organization for a more detailed information.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Wageningen.

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Venue

The XVI IOBC-WPRS meeting of the Working Group “Biological and integrated control of plant pathogens”, will take place at the brand-new Omnia building (opened in May 2022) which is situated on Wageningen Campus, The Netherlands.

Address

Omnia - Wageningen Campus
Hoge Steeg 2
6708 PB Wageningen
The Netherlands



About Omnia

Omnia is gas-free and all electricity of Wageningen University & Research is green and CO2-neutral. Omnia's roof is completely covered with sedum and the surrounding wet nature garden contributes to biodiversity on Wageningen Campus. This makes Omnia a very sustainable location. [Click here for more information about Omnia.](#)

Preliminary program

Tuesday 6 June	15:00-17:00	Registration
	17:00-19:00	Opening keynote and oral session
	19:00-21:00	Welcome reception
Wednesday 7 June	8:30-18:00	Oral and poster sessions
Thursday 8 June	8:30-13:00	Oral and poster sessions
	14:00-19:00	Technical tour and group work/discussion
Friday 9 June	8:30-17:00	Oral and poster sessions
	17:00-18:00	Awards and WG Organisation
	19:30-22:00	Conference walking dinner
Saturday 10 June		Departure

We will address the following main topics:

1. Role of biocontrol in novel resilient cropping systems.
2. Biocontrol in climate change.
3. Harnessing microbial diversity and shaping microbiomes for resilient crop production.
4. Strain evolution and breeding for better biocontrol agents.
5. Microbial ecology and population dynamics of biocontrol agents.
6. Mechanisms behind plant-microbe interactions and microbial connectivity.
7. Product development.
8. Integrated use of biocontrol in disease management.
9. Economics and risk assessment of future biocontrol solutions.
10. Promote acceptance and use of biocontrol products by growers.

Important dates

Deadline for submission of contributions including registration form, title of oral or poster contribution and finally formatted contribution to the conference proceedings: **6th February 2023**.

Deadline for payment of **registration fee at 'early rate'**: **6th January 2023**.

Late registration without option for oral or poster contributions will be possible after 6th February 2023.

Registration

Registration via the conference webpage ([IOBC WPRS WUR 2023 - Registration](#)) is required to attend all scientific sessions and social events. Please note that only fully registered participants will be admitted to the scientific sessions and that presenting authors must be registered participants. A personalized confirmation e-mail will be sent to each participant once the payment of the registration fee has been received. Below there is an overview of the participation fees. Fees are in euros including VAT.

	Early payment (until 6th January 2023)	Late payment (after 6th January 2023)
IOBC member	545€	605€
IOBC Non-member*	665€	725€
Master and PhD student** (IOBC Member or Non-member)	425€	485€

* The fee includes IOBC-WPRS membership for one year.

** A certificate confirming Master or PhD student status must be submitted as a scanned copy during registration.

Registration fee includes welcome reception, official conference program, conference proceedings (pdf format), all lunches and mid-session coffee/refreshment breaks, technical tour and conference walking dinner.

Accompanying people can join the social activities (welcome reception, technical tour and walking dinner) for € 100 .

Travel vouchers and awards

Best paper student's award

The IOBC student's award honours the student(s) of an outstanding paper in the areas of biological control with special grants and a certificate. The best oral and poster presentations will be selected by the participants during the conference.

IOBC students conference voucher

A limited number of travel grants up to 400 EUR will be awarded by IOBC to graduate or PhD students from countries of the WPRS or EPRS region (Europe, Northern Africa and Near East). Students willing to apply for this grant should submit their applications via the [IOBC WPRS WUR 2023 - Voucher](#).

Acceptance of contributions

The Scientific committee will accept contributions for oral or poster presentation based on content and scientific quality.

Your scientific contributions will be published as conference paper in the IOBC-WPRS Bulletin proceedings. The Bulletin will be available on the meeting webpage and will be published by IOBC-WPRS just prior to the conference. There will be no printed book of abstracts. To allow a smooth and uniform submission process, all manuscripts must be submitted in MS Word using the [IOBC-WPRS Bulletin template](#). To avoid unnecessary delays in the production of the Bulletin, authors are kindly requested to respect strictly the [author instructions](#).

Manuscripts have to be uploaded on the conference webpage before **6th February 2023**.

The presenting author must be a registered participant. Please note that the presenting author is not automatically registered by submitting a manuscript. Regular registration is obligatory and binding and implied payment of the registration fee.

The manuscripts should be written in English. The content should be clear, concise and have been revised by an experienced English speaker.

The following types of manuscript are accepted:

- Full paper (maximum 4 pages) (preferred)
- Extended abstract (maximum 2 pages)
- Abstract (maximum 1 page)

General information

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