Knowledge sharing activities: past and future

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IPM is a flexible and dynamic process addressing multiple facets

"Careful consideration of all available plant protection methods and subsequent integration of appropriate measures that discourage the development of populations of harmful organisms and keep the use of plant protection products and other forms of intervention to levels that are economically and ecologically justified and reduce or minimise risks to human health and the environment" (EC 128/2009)



Challenges

- Defragmentation is the core challenge
 - Between disciplines:
 - Biology, ecology, agronomy, socio-economy
 - Between scales: the « systems » challenge
 - Between countries
- Genericity of research vs specificity of enduser solutions



The « systems » challenge





Knowledge sharing: a cornerstone

Knowledge sharing was identified as a key component of C-IPM activities to:

- Share existing IPM-related research programmes and priorities;
- Identify gaps and potential synergies between existing National programmes;
- Address the future of IPM in Europe;



Thematic workshops

- Address the future of IPM in Europe
 - Future challenges for IPM in a changing agriculture Berlin, (October 2014)
 - Role of existing and new technologies addressing the challenges of IPM (Paris, June 2015)
- Existing R&D IPM-related programmes (Poznan, January 2015)
- Strategic Research Agenda for IPM (Paris, March 2015)
- Biocontrol: challenges and priorities (Paris, January 2016)
- Networking demonstration farms (Bonn, May 2016)
- Breeding for IPM (Warsaw, July 2016)
- Drosophila suzukii (Thessaloniki, September 2016)



The IPM landscape: main drivers

POLICY

Role of EU policies to influence the adoption of IPM in the EU





Research and extension

- Current IPM research too much crop/pest specific oriented;
- Broaden the scope and put IPM in the context of resilient/sustainable systems;
- IPM should demonstrate that it is efficient, economically profitable and environmentfriendly
 - « Simpler, Cheaper, Easier »

(Berlin workshop, October 2014)



Novel and innovative IPM tools and/or technologies

- Role of robotic technologies to boost IPM;
- Innovative and user friendly technologies for pest detection and monitoring;
- Advanced biotechnologies to breed resistant and/or tolerant plants.

(Paris, June 2015)



Breeding for IPM

- How to account for IPM when breeding resistance
 - Assess ex-ante reaction of pathogens due to deployment of genes
 - Breeding for crops (minor) or mixed cropping
- How can breeding help foster adoption of IPM strategies?
 - Towards a trait-based approach (architecture, competitiveness etc.)
 - Shift from breeding for gene to breeding for ecosystem
- Which breeding strategies for crop diversification?
 - Encourage public breeders to focus on minor crops
- Role of new breeding techniques
 - Genome editing techniques could speed up breeding techniques but would not necessarily increase the resilience
- Co-design breeding and IPM strategies
 - Participatory breeding might help a lot



Future knowledge sharing activities



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RACE MAPPER



Data provided by: Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (France), Julius Kühn-Institut, Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants (Germany and Austria), National Institute of Agricultural Botany (United Kingdom) and Aarhus University (Denmark and Sweden).

Warrior and Warrior(-) races were not differentiated by INRA, France (2011-2015) and IHAR, Poland (2014).



Socio-economic drivers

- Analysis of drivers for IPM implementation among stakeholders (farmers, industry, advisers, consumers, etc)
 - Focus on "lock-in" effects to identify possible levers
 - Impacts other than economic that alternatives to pesticides may provide
- Analysis of public policies (legal framework, incentives, etc) related to implementation of IPM and/or reduction of dependence to pesticides
- Multi-criteria assessment approaches to understand and monitor how changes from conventional to IPM system affect environmental, economic and social criteria including farmers behaviours and constraints;
- Economic aspects of IPM viability, role of risk perception.



Added value of coordination

- Share a common vision of challenges related to IPM
- Anticipate (re-)emerging pests
- Test IPM solutions under diversified receiving environments
 - More robust strategies and economies of scale
- Avoid redundancy and share existing solutions
- Implement co-programming whenever relevant
- Foster transition to IPM in all member states

\rightarrow Involvement of all actors in the long-term is needed









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