

Guest Speaker

History of the International Working Conferences on Stored-Product Protection

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Purpose and Objectives of the IWCSPP

The purpose and objectives of the IWCSPP are to foster postharvest scientific and technological accomplishments in the professions associated with stored agricultural products, to encourage scientific research, extension and education in stored-product protection, and to promote the general welfare of humanity through: (1) regularly sanctioned and sponsored international working conferences; (2) association and free discussion among all interested stored-product specialists; and (3) the communication and publication of scientific information.

Early History of the IWCSPP

In the 1960's and 1970's, a group of stored-product entomologists felt like stored-product entomology was outside the mainstream of general entomological meetings. In 1972, a group led by Dr. Bob Davis, from the Stored-Product Insects Research and Development Laboratory in Savannah GA USA, met with other stored-product entomologists at the International Congress of Entomology in Canberra, Australia, and found good support for starting a separate stored-product entomology conference.

The first IWCSPP was held in Savannah GA USA in 1974. Topic areas were: Tropical Stored-Product Entomology, Biology, Ecology, and Integrated Control; Pesticides, Toxicity, and Insect Resistance; Radiation and other Physical Means of Insect Control; and Pesticide Residues, Tolerance, and Registration. Each topic area had 4 to 5 invited speakers, and invited talks were followed by a panel discussion of the topic area. Papers were published in a proceedings. (The Early History of the IWCSPP was adapted from: Davis, R. 1994. The International Working Conferences on Stored-Product Protection. In Highley, E., Wright, E.J., Banks, H.J., and Champ, B.R. (Eds.), Stored Product Protection, Proceedings of the 6th International Working Conference on Stored-Product Protection, 17-23 April 1994, Canberra, Australia. CAB International, Wallingford, United Kingdom.)

Permanent Committee of the IWCSPP

At the end of the first IWCSPP, a Permanent Committee was elected for establishing a mechanism for holding future conferences. From the by-laws of the Permanent Committee: The membership of the Permanent Committee shall consist of a President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and not more than 12 other members chosen from as many different countries and continents as possible. One representative per country is ideal with membership rotating among countries as previous members resign. The members shall be distinguished scientists, who regularly attend the Working Conferences and who are recognized by their peers. Dr. Robert Davis served as President of the Permanent Committee until stepping down in 1994. Dr. Larry Zettler served as President until stepping down in 2006. Dr. James Throne

has served as President of the Permanent Committee since 2006. Committee Member are listed on below.

Permanent Committee Members

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*Stepping down from Permanent Committee in 2014

Conferences

IWCSPP	Location	Year	Participants	Countries Represented	Presentations
1	USA	1974	214	27	77
2	Nigeria	1978	69	20	56
3	USA	1983	71	---	---
4	Israel	1986	165	28	---
5	France	1990	401	50	210
6	Australia	1994	400	33	250
7	China	1998	511	48	335
8	UK	2002	400	30	200
9	Brazil	2006	698	46	82 + posters
10	Portugal	2010	300	45	195
11	Thailand	2014	357	35	182

The first three conferences focused on stored-product entomology, but then expanded to include all aspects of stored-product research.

Conference Site Selection

From the Permanent Committee By-Laws: All official invitations to host the next Working Conference will be presented to the Permanent Committee before or at the regular meetings during the Working Conference. The selection of the conference site will be made by vote of the Permanent Committee. The Permanent Committee will assure a well-balanced geographic rotation among countries and regions in order to provide all scientists the opportunity to attend.

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

From the Permanent Committee By-Laws: Stored-product specialists from the country selected as the conference site will make up the Local Organizing Committee to run the Working Conference. The LOC shall decide the exact location within their country and the dates of the Working Conference. The LOC has much leeway in determining the structure of the conference – whether to hold concurrent sessions, workshops, etc.

Publications

From the Permanent Committee By-Laws: Proceedings. In cooperation with the LOC and other sponsors, the Permanent Committee will publish a timely Proceedings of each IWCSPP. The responsibility for the actual publication may be delegated to the LOC. However, the rights to the Proceedings are held by the Permanent Committee. Since 2011, all proceedings are available online for free (except the 8th) at <http://spiru.cgahr.ksu.edu/proj/iwcspp/>.