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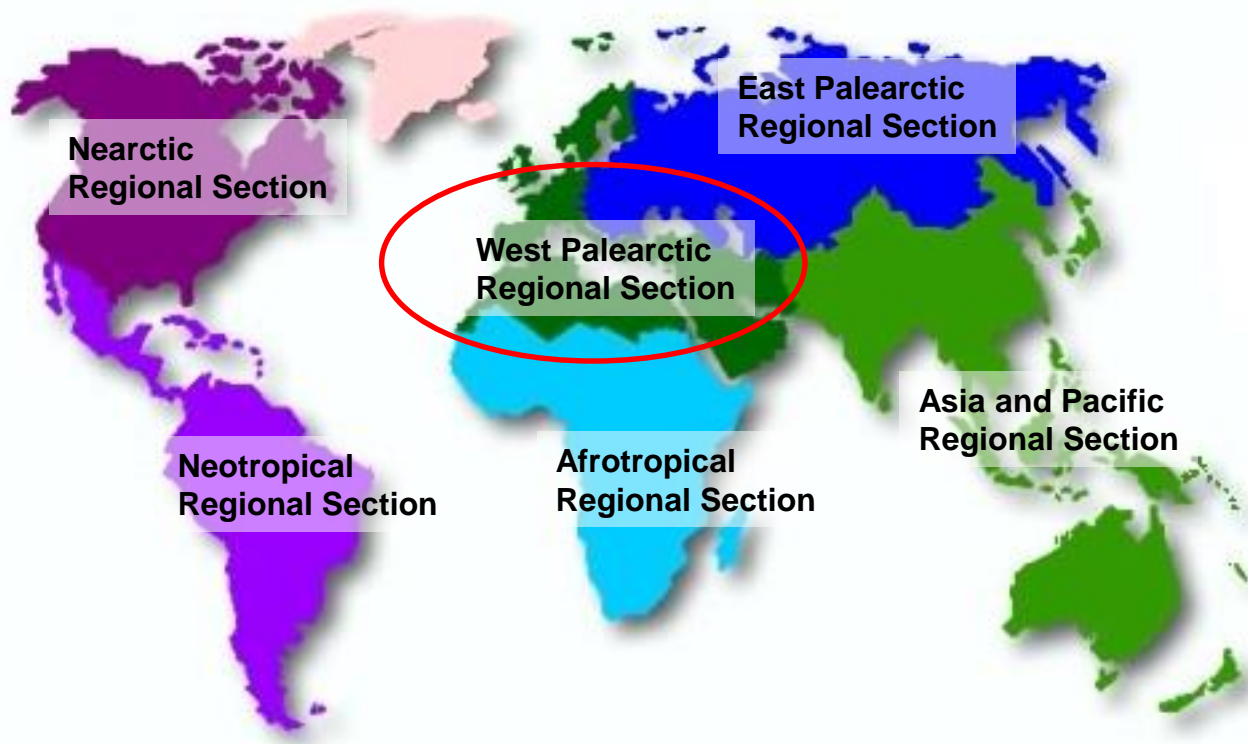
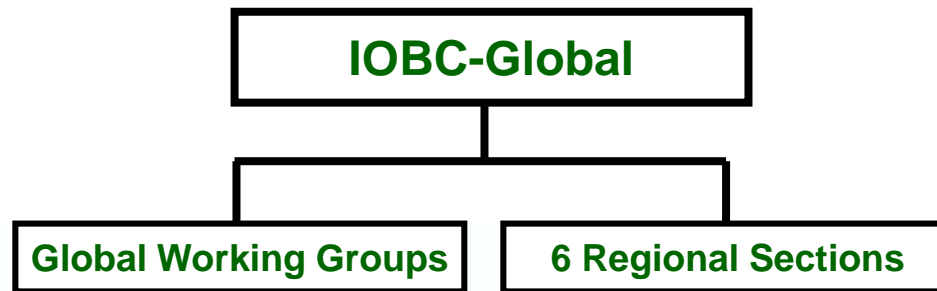
Report of the General Secretary

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General Assembly, Riva del Garda, 15-17 October 2017

IOBC organisation





20 Working Groups

- **Crop-focused:** Citrus, olives, viticulture, fruit crops, oilseed crops, field vegetables, protected crops, oak forests
- **Pest-focused:** Mite pests, plant pathogens, stored product pests
- **Method-focused:** Plant resistance, GMO's in IPM, landscape management, pheromones and other semiochemicals, pesticides and beneficials, multitrophic interactions in soil, microbial and nematode control of invertebrate pests



1 Study Group

- **Crop-focused: Integrated protection of date palm**



5 Commissions (small expert groups)

- **Publications**
- **Identification of entomophagous insects and insect pathogens**
- **Guidelines for Integrated Production**
- **Harmonized regulation of biocontrol agents**
- **IP and Biocontrol in North-African countries**

IOBC-WPRS : a unique non-governmental organization



- Legal status: non-profit organization
- Age: 62 years
- Members: individual (282), supporting (21), institutional (16)
- Run by volunteer actors: Convenors, Council members

There is no "the IOBC",
but it is us who are the IOBC

A large diversity of activities... for a wide array of beneficiaries



- **Main achievements (Oct 2013-Oct 2017):**

- Many scientific conferences organized
- research results and IP guidelines published (26 Bulletins, but 18 less than previous 5 years)
- searchable databases
- Position and review papers
- Special issues BioControl
- direct expertise provided (EU,...)
- communicative network

- **Beneficiaries include:**

research community, students and teachers, farmers, advisors, companies, policy and decision makers

Activities in the Council



- financial issues of IOBC-WPRS
- further improvement of the website and online services
- endorsement of new convenors
- updates of the Convenor's Handbook
- support to Convenors
- increase visibility of IOBC => EU
- Some problems in WGs or commissions
- Interaction with IOBC-Global, IBMA, FAO, EPPO etc.
- organizing council-convenor meetings

What happened since 2013?



- We have 10 new convenors since 2013!
- 5 new convenors since our last council-convenor meeting in Vienna (January 2016)

WG landscape management for functional biodiversity



John Holland



Bärbel Gerowitt

WG Pesticides and beneficial organisms



Jean-Pierre Jansen



Guy Smagghe

WG Integrated control of mite pests



Eric Palevsky



George Broufas

WG Integrated protection of citrus crops



Ferran Garcia-Mari



Maria Teresa Martinez-Ferrer

WG Microbial and nematode control of invertebrate pests



Johannes Jehle



Eustachio Tarasco

An attempt to get some crowd funding



- Movie that is supposed to go “viral” on the internet and social media
 - Increases visibility of IOBC-WPRS
 - Could stimulate people to donate
 - Emphasizes our aim to inspire and support students to work on biocontrol
 - Will be soon online!



Thank you

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General Assembly, Zurich, 23-25 October 2013