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# Some thoughts about IOBC-WPRS

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1. Our strengths / Opportunities
2. Our weaknesses / Threats
3. What way forward ?

# 1. Our strengths / Opportunities



- Very dynamic and productive organization
- Wide research-based pool of knowledge
- Our collective voice is increasingly heard
- IOBC-WPRS collaborates with but is independent from industry [appreciated as a source of non-biased scientific expertise](#)
- Our collective expertise is useful for society – [even more so with the increasing demands on agricultural production](#) – and for industry
- Funding opportunities continue to arise – [IOBC is a fantastic matchmaker for collaborations](#)

## 2. Our weaknesses / Threats



- Financial fragility
  - our financial independence from industry must be kept
  - income depends essentially on membership
- Visibility: needs constant efforts and could still be improved
- Organization: Busy volunteers & smooth sailing depends on everyone's good execution of their tasks
  - one person's laps can cause lots of hurdle and useless waste of time for many others
  - Convenors / Council collaboration can be improved
- Competition: Surge of various expert groups on biocontrol- or IPM-related issues

# 3. What way forward ?



Safeguard our precious 62-year old heritage

## 1. Consolidate the financial situation

- everyone's continued help is essential

## 2. Keep the good work going smoothly

- core activities of WGs: scientific meetings + Bulletins
- core activities of Commissions

## 3. Consolidate our visibility on the international scene

- website (requires more frequent updates – **collective & personal image**);
- tweets? videos? other "modern ways"?
- consolidate visibility in EU – foster in North Africa – Near East

## 4. Outreach on IPM for advisors, farmers, ordinary citizens

# 3. What way forward ?



## 5. Continue collaborations with

- Industry ... without strings attached (IBMA)
- Other organizations: EPPO, FAO, PAN-Europe?
- IOBC-Global and other regional sections (EPRS)



**Thank you**