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*International Organisation for Biological and Integrated Control
of Noxious Animals and Plants*

Working Group

Integrated Protection in Oak Forests

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The WG "Integrated Protection in Oak Forests"

Was founded in 1993

Its main objectives are:

- *to promote and coordinate the research on the factors involved in oak (*Quercus spp.*) decline in the Palearctic region*
- *to develop and promote methods of biological and integrated control to protect the European and North African oak stands*
- *to promote a "sustainable forest management" in order to maintain the biodiversity, productivity, capacity for renewal, vitality and potential of oak forests*



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**8th Meeting “Integrated Protection in Oak Forests”
23 - 27 October, 2016, Cordova, Spain**

participants: **42**
IOBC members: **25**
countries : **6**

Algeria, Spain, Italy, Croatia, Tunisia, Morocco



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The main research activities of the group

- ***Phytosanitary status of oak forests***
- ***Decaying factors (biotic, abiotic and anthropic) and theirs dynamics***
- ***Bio-ecology of pathogenic fungi***
- ***Bio-ecology of insect pests***
- ***Integrated control***
- ***Oak forest facing climate changes***
- ***Forest management strategies***

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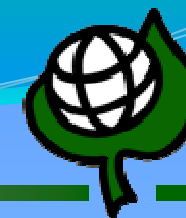
Next meeting will take place in October 2019 in Oeiras (Portugal). During the inter-congress period 2017-2019, collaboration among Group's researchers on the main issues of Quercus genus will be intensified

The Working Group assumes international relevance as it includes researchers dealing with Forest Pathology and Entomology and Silviculture, and consequently approaches to forestry issues are always multidisciplinary. Over the last few years, the contribution of Portuguese and French researchers decreased, and the next conference in Portugal also aims to stimulate greater participation in the group's activities.

It seems also important to include in the working group thematic, subjects such as biodiversity and sustainable management, which are very important elements to better understand and protect oak forests, a major component of the Mediterranean ecosystems

The scientific activities carried out by the Group are unanimously considered of high quality and in this context, it is essential to stimulate and encourage young researchers' involvement.

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Thank you for your attention