

Second Announcement



19th meeting of the IOBC / WPRS Working Group Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate Pests Microbial and Nematode Control Tools for Agroforest Challenges

University of Azores, Ponta Delgada, Azores, Portugal
September 8-11, 2024



Dear colleagues,

Greetings from the Local Organization Committee of **19th Meeting of the IOBC / WPRS Working Group Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate Pests «Advanced Microbial Control Tools for Agroforest Challenges»**.

We cordially invite you to participate in this upcoming IOBC meeting, to be held in Ponta Delgada (Azores, Portugal) from 8 to 11 September 2024. The Meeting will take place in the **UNIVERSIDADE DOS AÇORES, PONTA DELGADA, AÇORES, PORTUGAL**

Registration and abstract submission is now open at <https://iobc2024.uac.pt>

Register before June 30th to benefit from the early registration fees.

The scientific program of the symposium will include oral and poster sessions on all Microbial Control subjects and plenary talks given by keynote speakers on the most updated scientific advances in the field of Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate Pests.

Register and join our meeting. With the hope and desire to meet in person in Azores in September. Please spread this information to colleagues who may be interested.

Important Dates

Event	Date
Early Registration	Until June 30th
Deadline for Abstract Submission	Until May 13th
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	Until June 1st
Late Registration	Until August 15th

Registration

Registration is required to attend all scientific sessions and social events.

Please note that only fully registered participants will be admitted to the scientific sessions and that presenting authors must be registered participants.

The regular registration fee will be charged from until June 30th. After this date, late registration fees will be charged.

	Normal until 30 of June	Late until 15 of August
Student	300,00 €	350,00 €
IOBC Member	400,00 €	450,00 €
Non-Member IOBC	490,00 €	540,00 €

Details about payment and cancellation and refund policy are available on the conference website.

Abstract Submission

The working group Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate Pests covers all aspects of microbial control of insect pests, and we invite participants to submit their abstracts on the following topics:

- Fungi
- Entomoparasitic nematodes
- Viruses
- Soil insect pests
- Slugs and snails
- Bacteria
- IPM-Popillia project special session

If your work on Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate Pests does not fit into any of these topics, we invite you to submit to “Free Session”

Abstract submission is now open until May 13th at <https://iobc2024.uac.pt>. Participants may submit their abstract by clicking on “Register”. Your abstract will be linked to your account. Please note that abstract submission is optional and that you can proceed with the payment at a later stage (e.g. after notification of acceptance).

The type of presentation, **ORAL** or **POSTER**, and preferred topic should be indicated when submitting the abstracts.

The Scientific committee will decide if contributions will be accepted as oral or poster presentation, based on content and scientific quality.

The manuscripts should be written in English with 3000 characters max.

The presenting author must be a registered participant. Please note that the presenting author is not automatically registered by submitting a manuscript. Each registered participant may submit up to **two abstracts**.

The Scientific Committee welcomes the submission of extended abstracts (up to 2 pages) or full manuscripts (up to 6 pages) to be published as a conference paper in the IOBC-WPRS Bulletin proceedings. All papers may be sent by e-mail to info.iobc@uac.pt.

Conference Program

Detailed program will be announced soon!

CONFIRMED PLENARY SPEAKERS

Daniel Peck, PHD, Vestaron, Director of Field Development

Scientific Committee

- **Eustachio Tarasco**, University of Bari “Aldo Moro”
- **Giselher Grabenweger**, Agroscope
- **Enrique Quesada-Moraga**, University of Cordoba

- **Vladimír Puža**, Institute of Entomology, Biology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences
- **Miguel Lopez-Ferber**, LGEI, Laboratory at the Ecole des Mines d'Alès
- **Luca Ruiu**, University of Sassari
- **Nelson José De Oliveira Simões**, University of Azores
- **António Onofre Costa Miranda Soares**, University of Azores
- **Diogo Figueiredo**, University of Évora
- **Maria Luísa Melo Oliveira**, University of Azores
- **Elisabete Tavares Lacerda De Figueiredo Oliveira**, Instituto Superior de Agronomia of Universidade of Lisboa
- **Dietrich Stephan**, Julius Kühn-Institute, Institute for Biological Control
- **Jirka Nermut**, Institute of Entomology, Biology Centre of the Czech Academy of Sciences
- **David João Horta Lopes**, University of Azores

Local Organization

- Nelson Simões
- Duarte Toubarro
- Jorge Frias
- Hugo Monteiro
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- Mário Teixeira

General Information

VENUE

The 19th Meeting of the IOBC Working Group "Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate Pests" is scheduled to occur at the **Aula Magna Auditorium** situated on the **University campus of Ponta Delgada** in the Azores.



The University of the Azores (UAz) is a Portuguese academic institution found in the Azores Archipelago, a Portuguese territory positioned in the North Atlantic, bridging Europe and America.

UAz operates across three separate campuses situated on different islands: the Ponta Delgada campus on São Miguel Island, the Angra do Heroísmo campus on Terceira, and the Horta campus on Faial.

Influenced by the rich natural diversity, stunning landscapes, geographical location, and geological characteristics of the Azores, the UAz is dedicated to fostering and advancing knowledge and technology in various fields, including biodiversity, volcanology, tourism, marine studies, transnational matters, history, and the cultural aspects unique to these islands.

With its global perspective and a historical backdrop of emigration, the University is well-positioned for collaboration with over 500 universities and research institutions worldwide.

The University of the Azores provides a wide array of undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs, along with numerous opportunities for academic mobility, summer courses, and internships.

ACCOMODATION OPTIONS

Bensaude Hotels

Use the code **iohc2024** which grants access to a **10%** discount on reservations through the website (<https://www.bensaudehotels.com/>) at the time of booking;

The hotels covered by the respective code are:

- o Neat Hotel Avenida ***
- o São Miguel Park Hotel ****
- o Hotel Marina Atlântico ****
- o Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico *****

The stay period covered is between **September 4th and 15th, 2024**, and participants can make their reservations until **September 8th, 2024**.

Octant Hotels

Use the code **IOHC2024** which grants access to a **15%** reduction on the FREE rate on reservations through the website (<https://pontadelgada.octanthotels.com/>) on Standard room categories.

The promo code is available for bookings between **March 8th and August 31st, 2024**, for stays between **September 7th and September 15th, 2024**.

ACCOMODATION OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

The University of Azores has the possibility to house 20 students (in 10 double-bed rooms) for 35€ per night per person. This option is available for students from September 7th to September 14th. Any student interested in this option should contact the organization.

Contact information: info.iobc@uac.pt



Information on IOBC/WPRS and the working group:

If you want to find out more about the International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC) - Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate Pests Working group, visit the website <https://iobc-wprs.org/expert-group/microbial-and-nematode-control-of-invertebrate-pests/>.

To become an IOBC member please visit:

<https://iobc-wprs.org/join-us/>