



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

We are thrilled to announce that the meeting of IOBC-WPRS Study Group on Integrated Protection of Date Palms and The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Biological and Integrated Control "CILBIA2" is being jointly organized by the IOBC-WPRS, Scientific and Technical Research Center on Arid Regions (CRSTRA) of Biskra, Algeria and The University of Batna 2, Algeria.

The joint meeting will take place from 09<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (IOBC-WPRS: Integrated Protection of Date Palms) and from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Biological and Integrated Control "CILBIA2"). The participants will be able to attend both meetings at Biskra, Algeria.

The IOBC-WPRS meeting will provide an exceptional platform, to exchange insights and opinions on IPM in date palm with relation to insect pests and diseases. The current status and future strategies for date palm protection will be discussed and interactions will be strengthened between academia and other stakeholders, while enjoying the ancient city Biskra in Algeria.

The prospective sessions include:

- Biology and Management of Date Palm Pests and Diseases
- Biological Control of Date Palm Pests and Diseases
- Modern IPM of Date Palm Pests and Diseases
- Molecular Tools and OMICS Research in Date Palm
- Climate Change and Date Palm Pests and Diseases

Each session will start with introductory presentations of 20 minutes by Invited Speakers. General Oral presentations will be of 15 minutes and Poster sessions will be scheduled daily.

You are warmly invited to submit abstracts for both Oral and Poster presentations till 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The Book of Abstracts will be available before the meeting. The abstract is limited to 300 words without tables, figures and citations. Please submit your abstract Online at <https://forms.gle/dHTCNSAcvqvWj9E79> and also send the same through email to IOBC-WPRS Convener, Prof. Dr Waqas Wakil ([waqaswakeel@hotmail.com](mailto:waqaswakeel@hotmail.com)).

The Proceedings of the meeting will be published in the IOBC-WPRS Bulletin. The length of the contributions to the Bulletin is between 4 and 8 pages, including tables, figures, and references. The selected papers will be published as a Special Issue in peer-reviewed scientific journal.

We cordially welcome academicians, researchers, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, extension specialists, industry, biocontrol companies and growers. Please share this information with colleagues who may be interested.

Beyond the thematic scientific sessions, participants will also enjoy an exciting full-day excursion tour to date palm orchards and processing facility at Biskra, Algeria.

The detail of IOBC-WPRS membership fee and registration fee of joint IOBC-WPRS/CILBIA2 meeting is available at <https://www.crstra.dz/seminaires/2025/cilbia-2/>. We are offering certain number of "Student Awards" for those who will deliver a talk on the topic/s related to the sessions of IOBC-WPRS meeting. Awards will be presented in person at the meeting in Biskra, Algeria.

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Follow link for joint meeting of Integrated Protection of Date Palms and The Second International Conference on Biological and Integrated Control "CILBIA2": <https://www.crstra.dz/seminaires/2025/cilbia-2/>

Follow link for more information on IOBC-WPRS date palm SG: <https://iobc-wprs.org/meeting/cilbia2/> and <https://iobc-wprs.org/expert-group/integrated-protection-of-date-palms/>

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We look forward to welcome you at Biskra (Algeria) for a great event in November 2025.

With kind regards.

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