



The IOBC WPRS working group

Benefits and Risks of Exotic Biological Control Agents (BREBCA)

would like to invite you to attend the 6th group meeting, which will take place

14-17 September 2026
at the Edmund Mach Foundation
in San Michele all'Adige, Trento, Italy.

The meeting will bring together scientists, practitioners, and policymakers to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and advance the safe and effective use of exotic biological control agents (BCAs).

The BREBCA 2026 meeting will address key topics including:

- **Assessing benefits and risks** of exotic BCAs through ecological, socio-economic, and policy frameworks
- **Rapid deployment** of exotic BCAs against emerging pests, pathogens, and invasive plants
- **Ecological interactions** between exotic agents, native species, and ecosystems
- **Innovative tools** for safety testing, host specificity, and climate-smart agent selection
- **Exotic BCA ecology under global change**, including climate and land-use effects
- **Governance and regulation**, with focus on international coordination and policy harmonization
- **Ethical and societal perspectives**, including stakeholder engagement and communication
- **Long-term monitoring** and adaptive management for sustained ecological outcomes
- **Integration with IPM**, exploring synergies between exotic agents and other pest management strategies

Contributions fitting in with the topics above are most welcome. Although BREBCA is Europe-based, participation is global, reflecting the central role of biological control in sustainable pest, pathogen and weed management.

Please save the date!

Further information will come soon.

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