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# 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE MOROCCAN ASSOCIATION OF PLANT PROTECTION

The Moroccan Association of Plant Protection held its 10th congress in Rabat Morocco, from 22 to 23 November 2016. The congress was attended by more than 200 association members from various disciplines of plant protection, representing both private and public sectors, from Morocco and outside.

Thirty-five oral presentations were discussed in five sessions, covering emerging phytosanitary problems, biological and integrated pest management, phytosanitary problems in Morocco, pesticides and environment, and finally biology and ecology of crop pests. A poster session was also held on various subjects of plant protection.



Meeting participants gather outside the meeting venue at 'Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire Hassan II' in Rabat

The first session focusing on emerging phytosanitary problems was animated by a panel of eminent scientists from around the world. These scientists talked about various subjects such the national plant protection systems and their importance in preventing new plant protection risks, the *Xylella fastidiosa* methods of surveillance and olive quick decline in Italy, the problems of virus

diseases in Spain, the emerging diseases on citrus crops in Morocco, and also the new invasive cochineal on cactus in Morocco.

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# ENTOMOLOGY 2017: IGNITE. INSPIRE. INNOVATE. REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS

The annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America is scheduled to take place Nov 5-8, 2017, in Denver, CO. The theme for Entomology 2017 is 'ignite, inspire, innovate'.

Program Symposia and Workshop Submissions are now being accepted for Entomology 2017 Be part of the excitement in Denver and ignite and inspire your colleagues by organizing innovative session topics for ESA's Annual Meeting in 2017.

**Program Symposia:** Submissions for Program Symposia should highlight the 2017 theme, cut across multiple ESA Sections, and feature an innovative way to interact with the audience (make it fun and engaging!). Submissions featuring students and early-career professionals will be given extra consideration in our most competitive submission category.

Deadline: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

**Workshops:** *New this year*, ESA is accepting submission for interactive workshops to take place on Sunday, November 5 and Wednesday, November 8 of the conference schedule. Workshops focused on science communication and professional development are strongly encouraged and all should get attendees out of their seats, using their hands to experience an interactive educational experience.

Deadline: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

### **Submissions Opening Later this Year...**

Functions (complimentary fee deadline: June 30, 2017; \$175 late-submission fee starting July 1)

**NEW** Lunch and Learns (deadline: March 1, 2017) Member Symposia (deadline: March 1, 2017)

Poster Presentations (deadline: May 15, 2017)

Section Symposia (deadline: March 1, 2017)

Student Poster Presentation Competition (deadline: May 15, 2017)

**NEW** Student Three-Minute Lightning Bug Talks (deadline: May 15, 2017)

Student Ten-Minute Paper Competition (deadline: May 15, 2017)

Student Virtual Poster Competition (deadline: June 30, 2017)

**NEW** Sunrise Sessions (deadline: March 1, 2017) Ten-Minute Papers (deadline: May 15, 2017)

**NEW** Three-Minute Lightning Bug Talks (deadline: May 15, 2017)

Virtual Posters (deadline: June 30, 2017)

Entomology 2017 presenters are limited to one oral presentation and one poster presentation.

Participation in the new three-minute lightning bug talks will be allowed an additional oral presentation.

For more info: http://www.entsoc.org/entomology-2017-submissions

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## AAIS 22ND MEETING AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The African Association of Insect Scientists (AAIS), in partnership with the Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC), Sudan, and the University of Gezira (U of G), Sudan, is pleased to announce its  $22^{nd}$  Meeting and Scientific Conference to be held at the ARC facilities Wad Medani, Sudan, October 23 - 26, 2017.

The theme of the conference is 'Towards securing human welfare through the management of insect diversity in a changing world'

## The conference will include the following sub-themes:

- Insects bio-ecology, systematics, modeling and sustainable management
- Invasive species
- Indigenous knowledge on insects use and control
- Pollinating insects and other useful insects
- Regional policies for sustainable management of insects under a changing climate
- Building national and sub-regional capacities in insect sciences
- Education and Capacity Reinforcement in Integrated Insect Pest and Vector Management.

#### **Scientific Program**

The scientific program will include an inaugural conference, seven plenary sessions and scientific presentations in relation to the respective sub-themes. Members are encouraged to organize round-tables/symposia, provided subject nominations are sent as early as possible.

#### Second announcement

A second announcement with more details will be sent to those who will have filled the **registration form which can be obtained from the Hon Secretary, see below contacts**. Participants are encouraged to respond as soon as possible.

#### Important dates to remember:

January - February 2017: Reception of the request for participation Early March 2017: Publication of the second announcement March – July 2017: (Closing date): Period of abstract submission

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It seeks to provide a global umbrella for the plant protection sciences to facilitate and promote the application of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to the world's crop and forest ecosystems.

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