
Herbicide News/Meetings: 12th European Weed Research Society Symposium

The European Weed Research Society (EWRS) selected The Netherlands to host the 12th EWRS Symposium. The Symposium provided a forum for scientists to present their work on a broad range of weed-science topics in the form of oral presentations and posters. The Symposium was held in Arnhem/Wageningen, from June 24 to 27, 2002.

At the Symposium, the latest developments with respect to weed biology, integrated weed management (chemical and non-chemical control) and integrated crop management were presented. Special attention was paid to setting the future research agenda for weed science.

Topics covered were:

- New developments in weed management and policy
- Integrated Crop Management: Tillage and cultural measures
- Integrated Crop Management: Community dynamics
- Integrated Weed Management: Herbicides
- Integrated Weed Management: Physical control, biological control, allelopathy
- Weed Biology: Competition, population dynamics, seed biology and ecology, and parasitic weeds.
- Weed Biology: Site specific weed management

In addition, field trips were organized for all participants to visit field demonstrations at the Institute for Applied Plant Research (Lelystad) and the Organic Farm OBS (Nagele).

Several workshops (Weed management systems in vegetables, Site-specific weed management, Crop-weed interaction, Education and training, Aquatic weeds, Optimization of herbicide dose in small grain cereals, Germination and early growth, Weeds and biodiversity, and Biological control of weeds) were scheduled during the Symposium.

Marija Arsenovic and Ray Frank represented the IR-4 Project and gave a poster presentation, co-authored with D. Kunkel, J. Baron, R. Holm, and D. Smith, entitled: "The IR-4 Project - a United States National Agricultural Program for Pest Management Solutions in Minor Crops (Vegetables, Fruits, Ornamentals and Herbs).

Article by Marija Arsenovic and J. Ray Frank

Efficacy Data Mining

The Efficacy Data Mining Project is once again in full swing now that my interim time at the Western Region IR-4 Office is completed. As many of you are aware, the IR-4 Program is searching for performance data, published or unpublished. Finding these data will allow us to proceed with conducting residue trials in some cases and, in others, it will allow for the addition of specific pests to the registered label once a tolerance has been established.

The search of numerous society publications, meeting proceedings and visits with various personnel continues. We are also working toward future possibilities of posting the data found via the Data Mining Project onto the IR-4 web site.

Many thanks to those of you who have been so helpful in the past, providing copies of your studies and/or pointing us to other sources. We know your time is particularly valuable during this busy time of year.

I look forward to working with you as we identify the data needing to be mined. Please take note of my new address (phone/fax/email are the same) below for future reference.

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