# 10th Meeting International Pest Risk Research Group

23-26 August 2016

Parma, Italy

**Meeting Announcement:** The International Pest Risk Research Group (IPRRG) will be hosting its 10th annual meeting in association with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) from 23-26 August 2016 at EFSA's headquarters in Parma, Italy.

**Call for Abstracts:** Oral and poster presentations are invited on all aspects of pest risk research. Pests include "any species, strain or biotype of plant, animal, or pathogenic agent, injurious to plants" or animals. Presentations on advances in modelling and mapping risks (e.g. pathway analysis, species distribution modelling, spread modelling, uncertainty analysis, climate change impacts and vector-borne disease risk), impact assessment, and communicating risks to policy makers are particularly welcomed. Graduate students are encouraged to participate fully.

**Abstracts** (≤250 words) should be submitted by **31 May 2016** at http://www.pestrisk.org/?page_id=640.

In addition to technical presentations and discussions, time is allotted during the meeting for professional networking and collaborative work on group projects, such as the IPRRG global assessment of the risks posed by the brown marmorated stink bug, *Halyomorpha halys*, to plant health. This undertaking, code-named "Project Stinky," is designed to catalyze the development of international training materials that demonstrate accepted procedures for modelling the spatio-temporal variation in pest risk. EFSA is covering most of the registration costs, but a registration fee of AUD$200 will be payable to IPRRG in advance (an email will be sent when this option is available) or on arrival at the meeting to cover a group dinner, technical excursion and IPRRG webpage costs. Students are eligible for a discounted rate.

**About the IPRRG:** The IPRRG, first convened in 2007 as the Pest Risk Mapping Workgroup, is a dedicated group of research scientists and pest risk practitioners that aims to develop enhanced pest risk modelling and mapping methods through rigorous and innovative research focused on the key challenges faced by the discipline. We hold regular meetings to present, discuss, and test new developments. We communicate findings of the group and its members regarding these topics via our website (www.pestrisk.org/) and publications[1] to a broad international audience that includes scientists, policymakers, and other end users. We also provide technical training in the methods utilized to generate these outputs, thereby promoting best practice in their application. Joining the IPRRG is free and simple, either attend an annual meeting or send a letter of interest to the Secretary-Treasurer (Dr. Darren Kriticos, darren.kriticos@csiro.au).

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[1] Publications include:


Venette RC, Kriticos DJ, Magarey RD, Koch FH, Baker RHA, Worner SP, Gomez Raboteaux, N. N., McKenney DW, Dobesberger EJ, Yemshanov D, De Barro PJ, Hutchison WD, Fowler G, Kalaris TM, Pedlar J. 2010. Pest risk maps for invasive alien species: a roadmap for improvement. *Bioscience* 60: 349-362. (http://www.treesearch.fs.fed.us/pubs/35034 )

Kriticos DJ, Venette RC (Eds) 2013. Advancing risk assessment models to address climate change, economics and uncertainty. *NeoBiota* 18: http://neobiota.pensoft.net/browse_journal_issue_documents.php?issue_id=48

Venette RC (Ed) 2015. Pest Risk Modelling and Mapping for Invasive Alien Species. CAB International. Wallingford UK. (http://www.cabi.org/bookshop/book/9781780643946 ).