



IPRRG 2017

BUSINESS MEETING

Agenda



IPRRG Constitution



Amendments to the IPRRG Constitution

Any IPRRG member can propose an amendment

Submit to the Executive Committee with justification statement

Must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of members, with at least 50% of entire IPRRG membership participation

What if we don't have sufficient participation?



Currently proposed amendment

Online ballot – link e-mailed to members:

<http://fhkoch.polldaddy.com/s/proposed-amendment-to-article-7c-of-iprrg-constitution>

Voting closes this Friday at 9 am Eastern (US/Canada) time



Currently proposed amendment (changes in ALL CAPS)

Article 7c. Business Meeting. The business meeting is open to all meeting attendees, although attendance is optional except for members of the Executive Committee. Because some business items (e.g., propositions) may be linked to an ongoing online vote, the business meeting must happen at some time prior to the last day of the Group meeting. The purpose of the business meeting is to discuss the business of the Group, including elections, financial status, and membership updates. In particular, the current Secretary-Treasurer is required to report on the Group's finances during the preceding calendar year, including presentation of the year's balance sheet to meeting attendees. Another key objective is to select a host country or region for the next Group meeting. Any Group member may nominate their own country or region to host; they should contact A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE in advance OF THE BUSINESS MEETING, ESPECIALLY IF UNABLE TO ATTEND THAT MEETING, SO THAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBER CAN ADVISE THE REST OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The nomination should include a list of suitable candidates to act as Local Arrangements Organizer. THE NAME OF THE HOST INSTITUTION AND THE VENUE SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED WHERE POSSIBLE. The Executive Committee will discuss the nominated host countries (or regions) and select one by the end of the business meeting. The Chair of the Group will then begin the process of identifying and appointing a Local Arrangements Organiser; the Local Arrangements Organiser for the upcoming meeting should be in place within four weeks (28 days) of the end of the current meeting. IF NO LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS ORGANISER CAN BE IDENTIFIED WITHIN THIS TIME PERIOD, OR IF ANY ISSUES ARISE THAT APPEAR LIKELY TO HINDER A SUCCESSFUL MEETING, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY SELECT AN ALTERNATIVE HOST COUNTRY OR REGION FROM THOSE PROPOSED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING.



Currently proposed amendment (cont.)

ADDITIONALLY, ANY GROUP MEMBER MAY NOMINATE THEIR COUNTRY OR REGION AS HOST FOR THE GROUP MEETING TO BE HELD TWO YEARS FROM THE CURRENT MEETING. NOMINATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE A LIST OF SUITABLE CANDIDATES TO ACT AS THE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS ORGANISER. THE NAME OF THE HOST INSTITUTION AND THE VENUE SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED WHERE POSSIBLE. A GROUP MEMBER WHO INTENDS TO MAKE SUCH A NOMINATION SHOULD INFORM THE CHAIR OF THE GROUP IN ADVANCE OF THE BUSINESS MEETING, ESPECIALLY IF UNABLE TO ATTEND THAT MEETING, SO THAT THE CHAIR CAN ADVISE THE REST OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS NOMINATIONS FOR THE HOST COUNTRY (OR REGION) AT THE BUSINESS MEETING, AND MAY EITHER MAKE A SELECTION OR TABLE THE NOMINATIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT GROUP MEETING. IF SELECTED AS HOST, THE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS ORGANISER SHOULD BE IN PLACE NO LATER THAN FOUR WEEKS (28 DAYS) AFTER THE NEXT GROUP MEETING, AND SOONER IF POSSIBLE. AS NOTED ABOVE, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY SELECT AN ALTERNATIVE HOST COUNTRY OR REGION IF ISSUES ARISE THAT APPEAR LIKELY TO HINDER MEETING SUCCESS, INCLUDING AN INABILITY TO IDENTIFY A LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS ORGANISER.



Executive Committee Elections



Executive Committee elections

For 2017-2019 term

Executive Committee has five officers

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Communications Officer
- Student Representative

Nomination process

Voting

- Two elections: one for the “primary” offices, another for Student Representative



Executive Committee elections

There were exactly five candidates for the upcoming term, including a single candidate for Student Represent

So no online voting necessary this time

IPRRG Executive Committee for the 2017-2019 term

- Primary offices: Frank Koch, Darren Kriticos, Senait Senay, Denys Yemshanov
- Student Representative: Ana Samayoa

Parliamentary model for deciding who'll fill which office

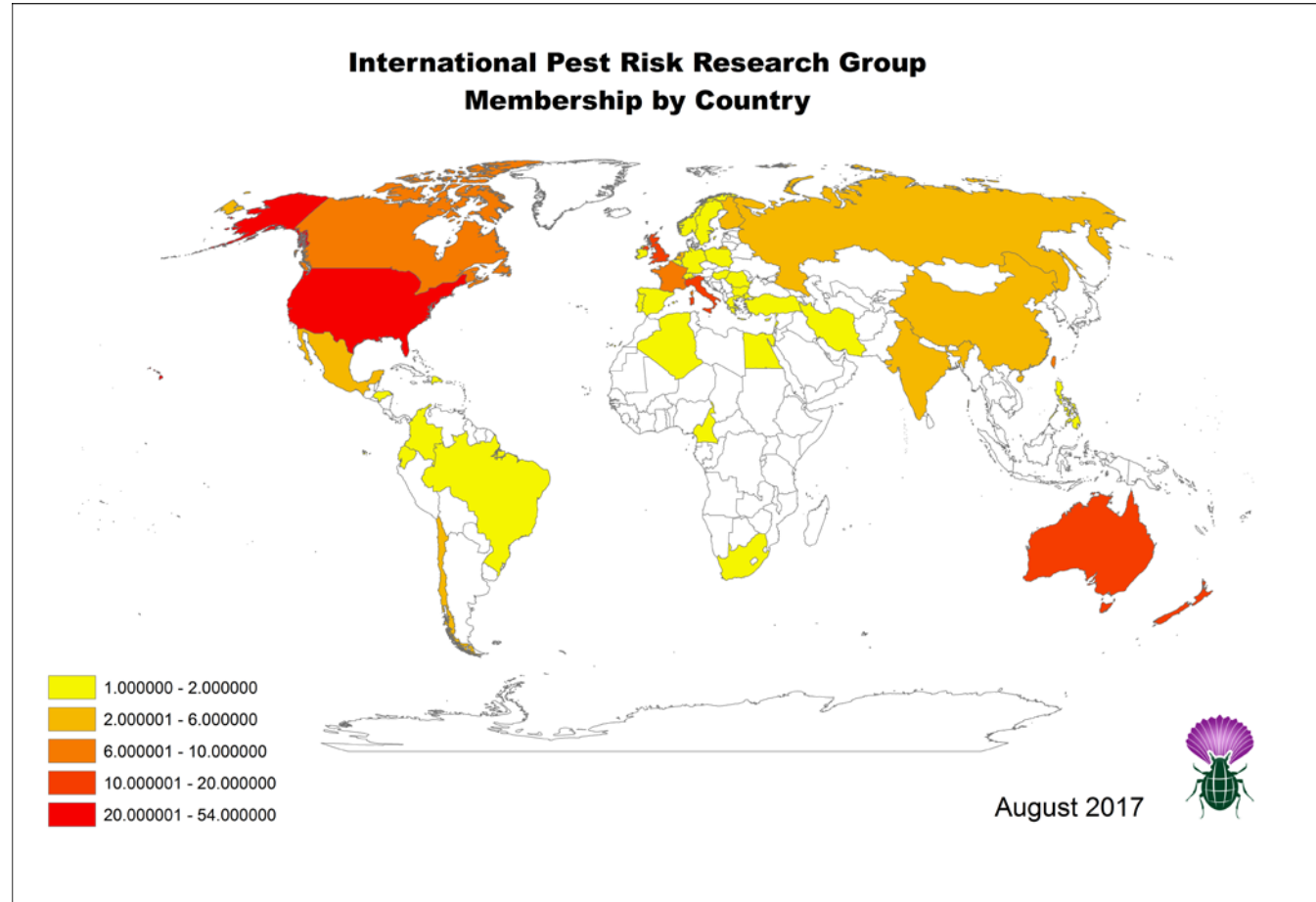


Membership

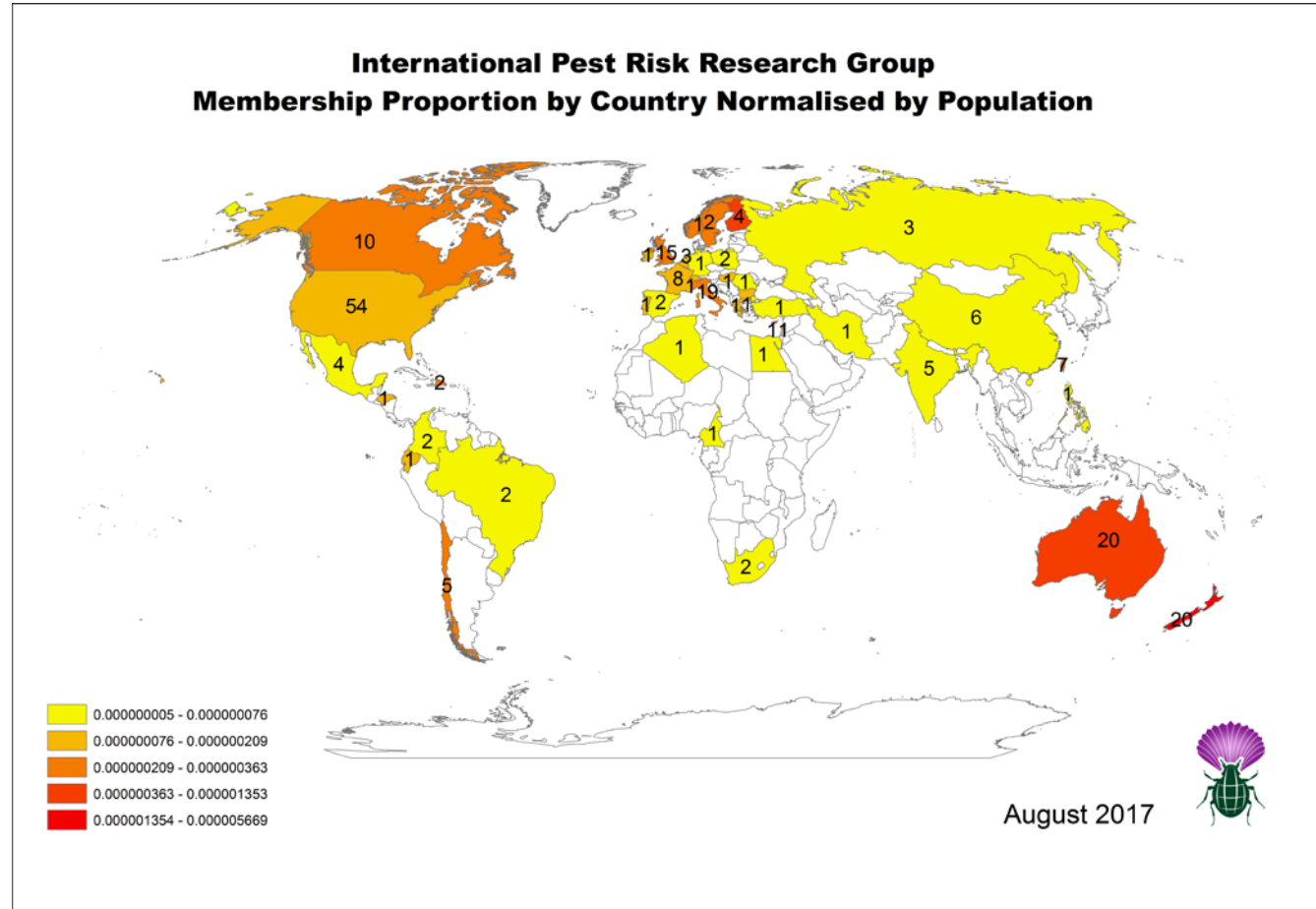


Membership

218 Members



Membership by Population



Finances



Finances

All figures expressed in AUD

2016 Balance \$7,812

Current Balance \$20,725

Commitments ~\$10,000

Likely balance after meeting ~\$10,500



Ebbs and Flows

Meetings

- run approximately finance neutral \$10,000
- Speaker accommodation
- Venue
- Public Address
- Refreshments
- Field trip
- Dinner
- T-shirts
- Prizes

Membership fee income \$2000 p.a.

- Website costs \$200
- Banner \$200



Financial Strategy

We now have a baseline of ~\$10,000 AUD that we can use to cover venue deposits etc.

Our recurrent income net of website maintenance is ~\$1,800 that we can apply to research group activities

- Publication costs?
- Student registration costs?
- Prizes?

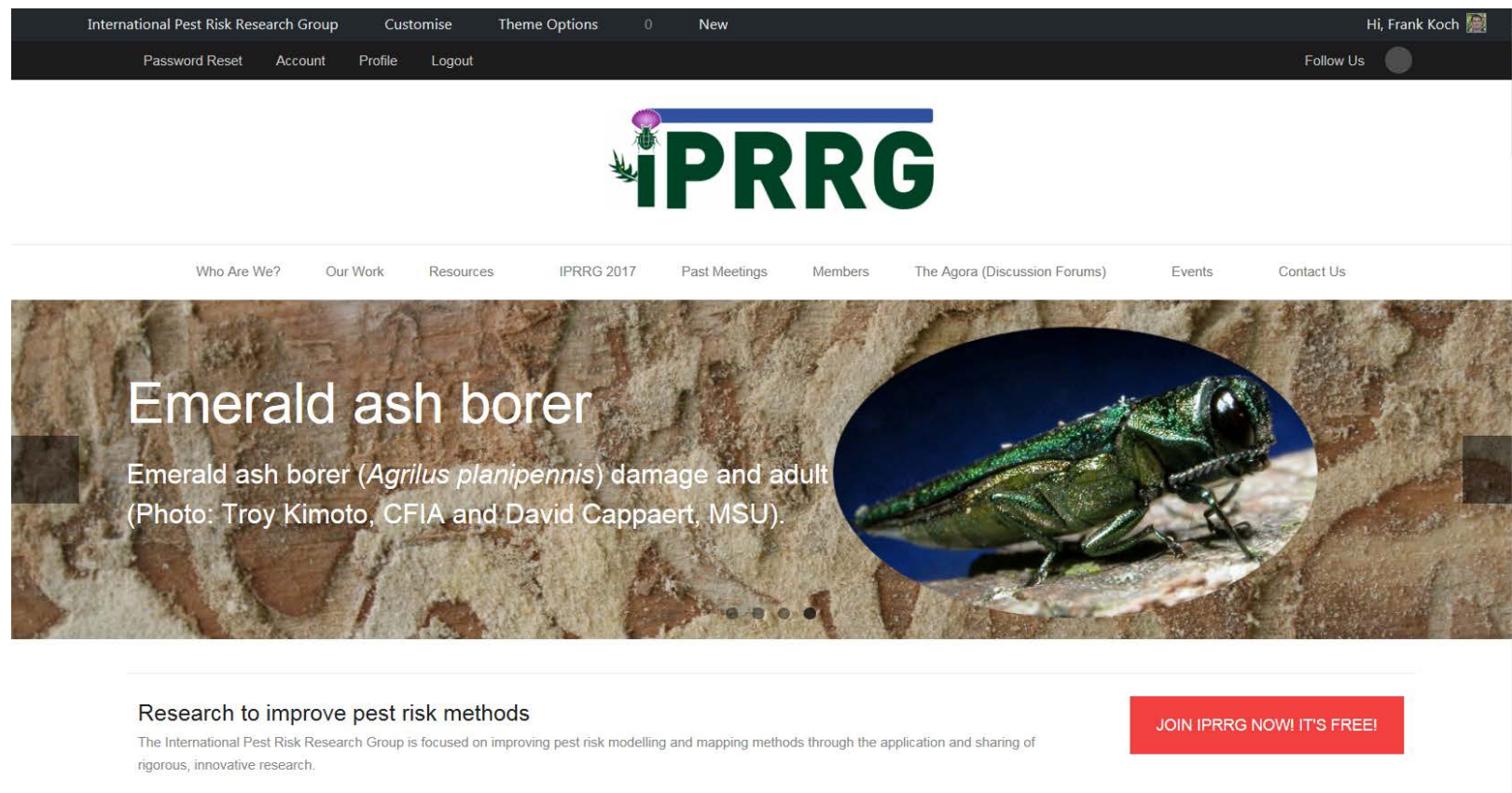


Communications



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Our website – <http://www.pestrisk.org>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the International Pest Risk Research Group (IPRRG) website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'International Pest Risk Research Group', 'Customise', 'Theme Options', '0', and 'New'. A user profile section on the right says 'Hi, Frank Koch' with a 'Follow Us' button. Below the navigation is the IPRRG logo, which features a stylized green beetle with a purple fan-like structure on its back. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'Who Are We?', 'Our Work', 'Resources', 'IPRRG 2017', 'Past Meetings', 'Members', 'The Agora (Discussion Forums)', 'Events', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area features a large banner for 'Emerald ash borer' with a background image of a tree trunk. The banner text reads: 'Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) damage and adult (Photo: Troy Kimoto, CFIA and David Cappaert, MSU)'. To the right of the text is a circular inset image of a green emerald ash borer. Below the banner is a section titled 'Research to improve pest risk methods' with a sub-headline: 'The International Pest Risk Research Group is focused on improving pest risk modelling and mapping methods through the application and sharing of rigorous, innovative research.' A red button on the right of this section says 'JOIN IPRRG NOW! IT'S FREE!'. In the bottom right corner of the screenshot, there is a small version of the IPRRG logo.



Communications

Agora (discussion forums) – <http://www.pestrisk.org/forums/>

DISCUSSION FORUMS – THE AGORA

Welcome to the Agora, the place to discuss issues of interest to pest risk researchers.

These are moderated forums. Please be respectful and courteous to other members.

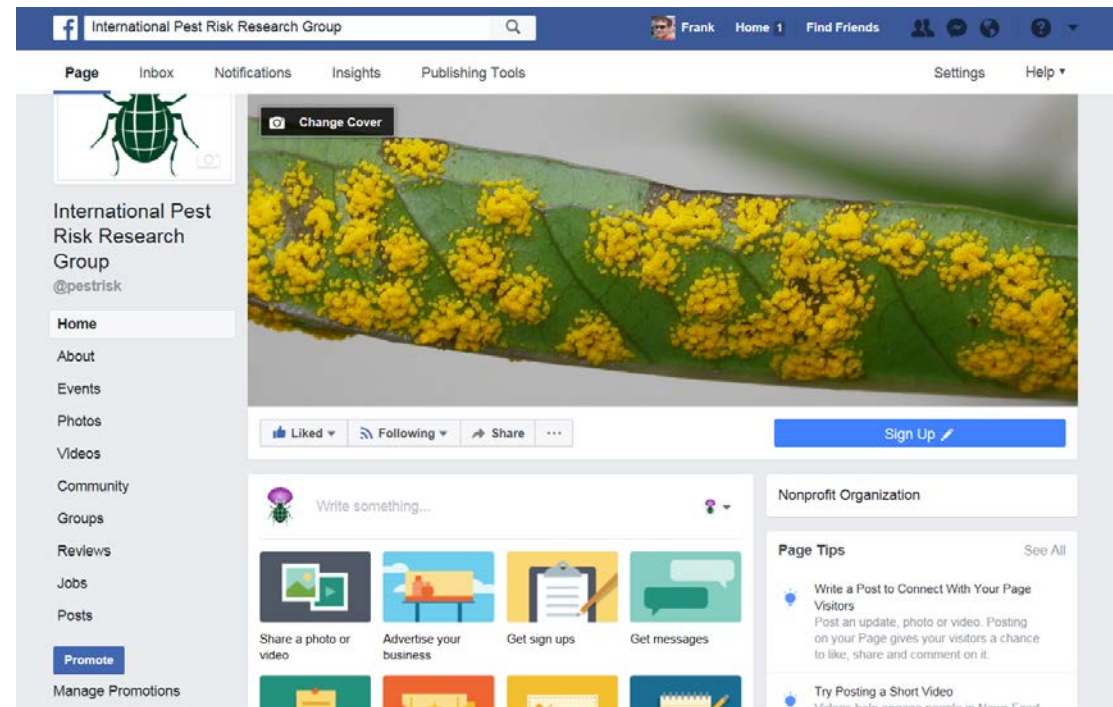
[Home](#) > Discussion Forums – the Agora

Forum	Topics	Posts
CLIMEX A forum for discussing CLIMEX issues. As always, please keep it respectful.	1	1



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Our Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/pestrisk/>



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Twitter

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Communications: possible research outlet



<http://www.reabic.net/journals/mbi/>

Published by REABIC - Regional Euro-Asian Biological Invasions Centre (REABIC) – legal body registered in Finland

Open access

First issue in 2010

IPRRG member Catherine Jarnevich is co-Editor-in-Chief



Communications: Discussion

What sort of communications would you like to see?

What's the best means of delivery?

How do we better communicate and collaborate with each other?

How do we better communicate outside the group?

Group-wide survey of communication needs/wants



Student Membership



Students in IPRRG

“Students dying...

...to learn and be involved!”

2012

N=1

2017

N= ~6

~600%
increase



Students in IPRRG

~24 registered students

What affects student participation?

- Cost
- Ability to present research

Why do students participate?

- Encouragement from advisor/supervisor
- Training in pest risk assessment and modelling methods

Congrats and welcome to Ana Samayoa!



Next Meetings



Confirm venues

- Taichung 2018
- Poznan 2019

Timing considerations?



Other Business?

