



2023 Annual Meeting of the International Pest Risk Research Group
in Association with the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service, CABI and Cervantes Agritech
Collaboration and capacity building in pest risk analysis
21-24 September 2023, Nairobi, Kenya



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We are delighted to announce the inaugural meeting of the International Pest Risk Research Group (IPRRG) in Africa, in partnership with the Kenya Health Inspectorate Service, CABI and Cervantes Agritech. The meeting will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 21st to 24th September 2023.

Reflecting on the road map set by IPRRG over a decade ago, which highlighted the importance of international collaboration, comprehensive training programs, and the study of human and biological interactions, IPRRG 2023 presents a unique opportunity to make significant advancements towards these goals in a region of immense significance.

Call for Abstracts: We extend a warm invitation to researchers, scientists, practitioners, policymakers, and all stakeholders with an interest in pest risk modelling and mapping to submit abstracts for oral presentations or posters. The conference will cover a broad range of topics, including but not limited to:

1. Collaborative approaches in pest risk modelling and mapping
2. Capacity building initiatives and training programs
3. Advances in data collection and integration for more accurate risk assessments
4. Socio-economic factors and their impact on pest risk management
5. Innovative methodologies for pest risk analysis and prediction
6. Case studies highlighting successful collaborations and capacity building efforts
7. Policy implications and regulatory frameworks for pest risk management
8. Emerging pests and their potential impacts on global agriculture
9. Climate change and its influence on pest dynamics and spread
10. Novel technologies and tools for pest surveillance and early detection
11. Risk communication and stakeholder engagement in pest management
12. Ecological impacts of invasive pests and their management strategies
13. Genetic approaches in pest control and resistance management

14. Economic evaluation of pest control interventions and their cost-effectiveness
15. Remote sensing and geospatial analysis in pest risk assessment
16. Biosecurity measures and quarantine protocols for preventing pest introductions
17. Cross-disciplinary collaborations in pest risk research and modelling

We encourage abstract submissions that reflect both theoretical and practical aspects of pest risk modelling and mapping, drawing from diverse disciplines and perspectives.

Abstracts (max 250 words) should be submitted by **15 July 2023** at <https://pestrisk.org/submit-abstract-iprrg-2023/>. To submit an abstract, you must first join IPRRG (this is free) and log in to the IPRRG website. Members can present one oral presentation but are welcome to submit multiple poster presentation abstracts.

Join IPRRG today! Simply visit the IPRRG website (<https://pestrisk.org/>) to register as a member.

About IPRRG: <https://pestrisk.org/who-are-we/>

For more information on our 2023 Meeting in Nairobi please go to <https://pestrisk.org/iprrg-2023/>

A registration fee will be charged to cover expenses such as venue hire, a group dinner, refreshments during the meeting and a technical excursion. Students will be eligible for a discounted registration. Rates will be announced within the next few weeks.

** IPRRG 2023 is being organised alongside the **4th International Phytosanitary Conference**, hosted by KEPHIS, scheduled for 18th to 21st September 2023. The combination of these two events promises an enriching and engaging experience for anyone interested in pest risk methodologies and related research. For more information, please visit <https://www.kephis.org/index.php/the-4th-international-phytosanitary-conference-2023>. **

We hope to see you in Nairobi!



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