



VENUE

The conference will be held at the Conference Hall of the Agricultural University of Georgia

located in capital city of Georgia - Tbilisi.

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240 David Aghmashenebeli Alley,
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(10-15 min journey form Tbilisi center).

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Is IPM ready for Microbial Control Agents?



**"Microbial and Nematode Control of
Invertebrate Pests"**
June 11-15, 2017 Tbilisi, Georgia

16th Meeting of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group



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WELCOME

Dear IOBC Members and Colleagues,

We kindly invite you to participate in the **16th meeting of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate Pests**, to be held at the Agricultural University of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia, from 11 to 14 June 2017.

The general topics of this meeting will cover all aspects of biological control of invertebrates, including insects, arachnids, and nematodes, by using biological control agents (BCAs), such as viruses, bacteria, fungi, nematodes and other invertebrate pathogens.

The meeting will have a special focus on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and the use of Microbial Control Agents (MCAs). According to EU policies as well as the world wide endeavor to reduce the risks and application of chemical pesticides, alternatives, such as MCA, play a more and more important role in agricultural, horticultural and forestry practice. Most microbial agents may qualify as low-risk, a new class of plant protection products in the EU legislation, which are favored in the registration process of plant protection product. Thus, MCAs are facing new opportunities and new challenges.

The meeting will include invited and contributed papers, as well as poster, discussion sessions and workshops to encourage communication between entomologists, invertebrate pathologists, and experts of other disciplines on the biocontrol of insects. Following IOBC tradition will offer an exciting scientific and social program.

For further information please refer to the web site www.chemistry.ge/conferences/iobc-2017.

Please forward this circular to colleagues who may be interested attending this meeting.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Tbilisi!

Medea Burjanadze,
Chair Local Organizing
Committee

Johannes Jehle,
Convenor of the WG Microbial
and Nematode Control of
Invertebrate Pests

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Registration will be possible from **November 1, 2016**.

Abstract for the presentation should be submitted by e-mail as a DOC file to organizing committee.

Abstract length is limited up to 1 pages size A4. Instruction is given on the WEB site.

The deadline for abstract submission is **January 30, 2017**.

Accepted presentations are invited to be published as contribution to an IOBC bulletin covering the meeting. Deadline for paper submission is **March 10, 2017**.

For more information see the meeting's web page.

Registration fee includes: participation in all scientific sessions, delegate folder (conference kit), book of papers, welcome cocktail, buffet lunches (12th, 13th, and 14th June), coffee breaks, guided walking tour (12th June), banquet (14th June), excursion to Mtskheta, Jvari (14th June).

Registration fee	Early registration (till 26-th February)	Regular registration (till 17-th April)	Late registration (after 17-th April)
IOBC Members	350 Euro	400 Euro	450 Euro
Non-members	470 Euro	520 Euro	570 Euro
Students	200 Euro	250 Euro	300 Euro
Accompanying Person	200 Euro	250 Euro	300 Euro
Excursion	50 Euro		

Notices:

- All payments in Euro (VAT included). Registrations processed only if full payment received. Student status should be proved.
- Payment of registration fees (in € EURO) should be done by Bank Transfer
- The use of the cost option OUT is obligatory for all payments. To ensure that the payment is credited to your registration, please make sure that "IOBC2016" and the name of the participant will be indicated on the bank transfer information.
- Bank charges are the responsibility of the participant and should be paid at source with registration fees (cost option OUT).
- A regular invoice will be issued for each registration and will be sent by e-mail and original will be delivered during the conference.

Cancellation policy:

- Applications may be cancelled up until April 30, 2016 in which case 80% refund will be made.
- No refund if cancellation is received after this date.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Mtskheta, Jvari and Old Tbilisi

Mtskheta - One of the oldest cities of Georgia, it is located approximately 20 kilometres (12 miles) north of Tbilisi at the confluence of the Aragvi river.

Due to its historical significance and several cultural monuments, the "Historical Monuments of Mtskheta" became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. As the birthplace and one of the most vibrant centers of Christianity in Georgia, Mtskheta was declared as the "Holy City" by the Georgian Orthodox Church in 2014.



Night view of old Tbilisi



Mtskheta - Ancient capital of Georgia



Jvari - a sixth century Georgian Orthodox monastery near Mtskheta