

IPM Solutions for a Changing World!

Wrap-up

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General

- 1st IIPM Symposium 1989 (every 3 years)
- 474 Registrations (649 in 2012)
- 28 Countries (30 in 2012)
- 217 Sessions (6 tracks, <2012)
- Presentations online
- Complete evaluation, on-line survey
- Volunteer- planning for 2018 in April!
- Thanks- Army of volunteers
- Special thanks to Elaine Wolff!

What did we learn at the 8th?

- The world is changing fast- hotter, flatter (global), crowded.
- New grand challenges for humanity- food security for 9 billion people, invasive species, resistant pests and diseases, etc.
- Parag Chitnis- Are we meeting these challenges?
- Or, are we essentially doing more of the same and expecting a different outcome?
- Mark Lame encouraged us to be leaders and change agents, with courage!
- Clearly, as important as pesticides have become, pesticide-centric pest management is not sustainable.

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- Alternatively, we must accept the biological complexities of agro-ecosystems and integrate all available technologies into knowledge-based approaches to managing pests (including weeds) and diseases.
- This dynamic approach requires increased investments in agricultural research, Extension and education, including trained pest management professionals.
- To address the “Wicked Problems” described by David Shaw, it is necessary to maintain our agricultural infrastructure and support long-term research and development.

What did we learn at the 8th?

- Mark Robson described the importance of international training in IPM.
- The 2015 IIPM Symposium has been highly motivational and informative- let's return to our important work with renewed enthusiasm!

