

ACAROLOGY NEWS, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACARINE TAXONOMY IN TURKEY - Dr. Sultan Çobanoğlu (*coban@agri.ankara.edu.tr*; *coban.sultan@gmail.com*), Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ankara, 06110 Diskapi, Ankara, Turkey, has notified IJA that an "International Workshop in Taxonomic Acarology" will take place from 3 to 5 June 2009 at his university. The Organizing and Scientific Committee includes Dr. Çobanoğlu and Dr. Evsel Denizhan (*evsel@yyu.edu.tr*; *evsel_denizhan@hotmail.com*), who may be reached at Van Yüzüncü Yil Üniversitesi, Ziraat Fakültesi, Bitki Koruma Bölümü, 65080 Van, Turkey, as well as Dr. Vikram Prasad (*v.prasad@ix.netcom.com*), founder and current Managing Editor, International Journal of Acarology, P.O. Box 250456, West Bloomfield, MI 48325-0456, USA. To register, please contact Dr. Çobanoğlu or Dr. Denizhan. The first circular was released during November 2008, and the deadline for registration is 15 February 2009 (registration fee is 75 YTL). The scientific program includes: Taxonomy of Different Groups of Mites I (Eriophyoidea) - Experimental Studies, Taxonomy of Different Groups of Mites II (Phytoseiidae) - Experimental Studies, Taxonomy of Different Groups of Mites III (Tetranychoida) - Discussion of Taxonomic Problems, Tick Morphology and Identification, Identification of Parasitic Mites on Honey Bees, Biological Control and Natural Enemies, and Other Mites.

XIIIth INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ACAROLOGY IN BRAZIL - As previously advertised in IJA News, the XIIIth International Congress of Acarology will be held at the Recife Palace Hotel (www.lucsimhoteis.com/br/recifepalace/), in the city of Recife (www.recifeguide.com/), Pernambuco, Brazil, 23-27 August 2010. The first circular was mailed to acarologists in May 2008 by the organizing committee. For further details and registration information, visit the website: ica13@cenargen.embrapa.br or contact Dr. Gilberto J. de Moraes (gjmoraes@esalq.usp.br) or Dr. Denise Navia (navia@cenargen.embrapa.br).

NEXT AFRICAN ACAROLOGY ASSOCIATION MEETING IN BENIN - Dr. Eddie Ueckermann, Pretoria, South Africa, a founding member of the African Acarology Association and the architect of its association with IJA, which has honored Dr. M.K.P. Meyer and several acarologists from the African continent, has informed us that the next AAA meeting will take place in September 2009. Dr. Alexis Onzo (a.onzo@cgiar.org) is the local organizer. All persons interested in attending this important regional event should contact Dr. Onzo as soon as possible. The previous AAA meeting was held in Tunisia.

CHINESE ACAROLOGISTS MEETING IN NANJING, CHINA - Dr. Xiao-Yue Hong (xyhong@njau.edu.cn), Department of Entomology, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, Jiangsu 210095, China, has informed Dr. Vikram Prasad that a meeting of Chinese acarologists, in association with IJA, will be held in November 2009 in Nanjing, under the auspices of the Entomological Society of China. Dr. Hong is the host of this event; anyone interested in attending or in chairing particular sections should contact him promptly. During the meeting, IJA, in association with the Taylor & Francis Group, plans to honor several Chinese acarologists for their achievements.

INTEGRATED CONTROL OF PLANT-FEEDING MITES MEETING IN FLORENCE, ITALY - Dr. Eric Palevsky (palevsky@volcani.agri.gov.il), acarologist, Department of Entomology, Neve Ya'ar Research Center, Agricultural Research Organization, Ministry of Agriculture, P.O. Box 1021, Ramat Yishay 30095, Israel, and Convener, The Organizing and Scientific Committee, has informed IJA that a conference entitled "Integrated Control of Plant-Feeding Mites," organized by the International Organization for Biological Control of Noxious Animals and Plants/WPRS, will be held in Florence, Italy, 9-12 March 2009. This is their second meeting, the previous event having been held in Israel. Interested persons should visit the website <http://www.isza.it/IOBC2009florence2009/index.html> or write to Dr. Palevsky or to Dr. Simoni Sauro (sauro.simoni@isza.it) in Florence.

TWO MORE ACAROLOGY MEETINGS LIKELY IN 2009 - Dr. Beverly S. Gerdeman (mitehunter1@hotmail.com), Mount Vernon Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center, Washington State University, 16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-4768, USA, and Dr. Krishna Karmakar (acarikarmakar@rediffmail.com), B.C. Krishi Vidyalaya, Kalyani (near Calcutta), West Bengal, India, in association with Dr. S. K. Gupta of Calcutta, are currently planning to hold acarology meetings in the Philippines and India, respectively, during 2009. Both meetings will be in association with IJA. Those wishing to attend should contact the organizers or Vikram Prasad (v.prasad@ix.netcom.com). Dates are not yet available but will be announced shortly.