



1. The International Pest Risk Research Group (IPRRG) consists of scientists mostly working for, or with, National Plant Protection Organizations in Government agencies or institutions. Members have expertise in plant pest risk analysis (PRA) and related matters. Some of the members of IPRRG were previously in the International Advisory Group for Pest Risk Analysis (IAGPRA). IAGPRA provided expert advice and support to the CPM, its subsidiary bodies, contracting parties and the IPPC Secretariat on PRA related issues, in particular with respect to building capacity for PRA. IPRRG has now taken on this role (Agenda item 14.3 from CPM 14 refers).
2. Text describing IPRRG and its role as an external cooperating organization is available on its IPPC webpage¹.
3. During 2022 IPRRG continued its webinar series on pest risk and delivered four presentations covering pest survey campaigns, modelling the range expansion of fruit flies, integrated risk assessment tools in Abu Dhabi and plant pests in urban forests. Webinars are recorded and available to view at <https://pestrisk.org/iprrg-webinar-series/>
4. The 14th annual IPRRG conference took place in Athens, Greece, 10th to 13th October 2022 in association with the Benaki Phytopathological Institute, the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the University of Thessaly. The annual IPRRG event provides a very useful forum for NPPO staff, PRA workers and plant pest researchers to network and share knowledge of recent pest risk analysis activities, methodological developments and PRA related projects. There were approximately 40 participants from 14 countries and 4 FAO regions (Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America).
5. The conference consisted of 25 technical scientific presentations and discussions spread over 3½ days together with a technical field visit focused on the impacts and management of *Xylotrechus chinensis*, an invasive cerambycid attacking mulberry trees in Athens. Many presentations had a climate change theme. Other themes within the conference concerned emerging pests and the use of modelling to better inform PRA and related decision making. A workshop during the meeting explored various climate change issues in relation to PRA where participants planned a project to produce a special issue in EPPO Bulletin on climate change and PRA. The project was informed by a list of critical climate change topics prepared by EPPO and EFSA. Such publications could inform the IPPC Focus Group on climate change, which seeks to investigate how to incorporate climate change into plant health matters.
6. The IPRRG website provides the detailed meeting agenda and abstracts to all the presentations and posters.
7. You can find out more about IPRRG on its own dedicated web page: <https://pestrisk.org/>

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¹ IPRRG webpage under IPPC site: <https://www.ippc.int/en/external-cooperation/organizations-page-in-ipp/internationalpestriskresearchgroup/>