



# **International Organisation for Biological and integrated Control**

**IOBC**

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# IOBC mission and objectives



- IOBC promotes research, development and implementation of **biological control and integrated pest management (IPM)** of pests and diseases in agricultural crops and forests
- IOBC is focussed on **sustainable control methods**
  - environmentally safe
  - economically feasible
  - socially acceptable

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- IOBC is a **non-profit, scientific organization** of individual and institutional members working with biological control, IPM and Integrated Production (IP)
- IOBC provides **independent, professional advice** on biological control, IPM and IP to policy makers, governments, advisory services and farmers
- IOBC raises **public awareness** of the economic and social importance of biological control, IPM and IP

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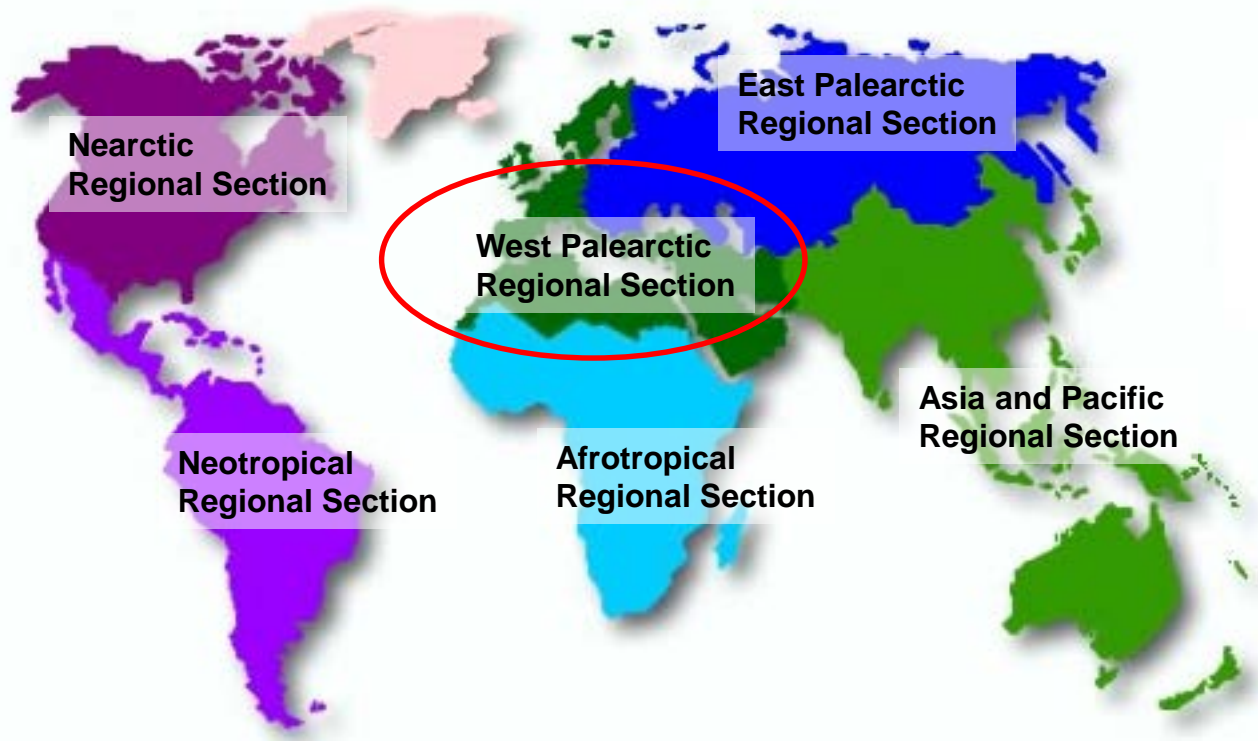
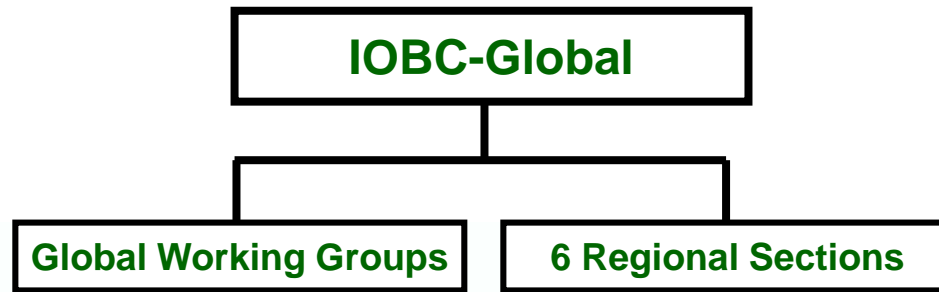
- IOBC promotes **international cooperation** in research and development of biological control and IPM/IP through
  - international **working groups** and commissions on specific biocontrol and IPM topics
  - organisation of conferences, **meetings** and symposia
  - facilitation of **training** in biocontrol and IPM

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- IOBC assists in the communication among biological control and IPM workers through
  - dissemination of IOBC Books, Newsletters and **Bulletins**
  - **online news** (job offers, upcoming meetings, new **Bulletins**) on the website
  - publication of **BioControl**  
International, peer reviewed journal for basic and applied research on biological control of invertebrate, vertebrate and weed pests and plant diseases published by Springer, IF 2014: 1.693

# IOBC organisation





## 20 Working Groups

- **Crop-focused:** Citrus, olives, viticulture, fruit crops, oilseed crops, field vegetables, protected crops, oak forests
- **Pest-focused:** Mite pests, plant pathogens, stored product pests
- **Method-focused:** Plant resistance, GMO's in IPM, landscape management, pheromones and other semiochemicals, pesticides and beneficials, multitrophic interactions in soil, insect pathogens and entomoparasitic nematodes



## 5 Commissions (small expert groups)

- Publications
- Identification of entomophagous insects and insect pathogens
- Guidelines for Integrated Production
- **Harmonized regulation of biocontrol agents (CHIBCA)**
- IP and Biocontrol in North-African countries





- **CHIBCA was established in 2003**
- **Following the end of the EU-funded REBECA project** (with the objective of making recommendations for a balanced regulatory system of invertebrate biological control agents in Europe) **in 2007, CHIBCA was 'reactivated' with a primary role of representing IOBC in a joint panel with EPPO to review and update the 'Positive List' of 'safe' biological control agents, and take on other activities as appropriate**
- **Since then, the joint EPPO-IOBC panel has met every year.**



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