*First announcement and call for papers*

**The First International Congress of Biological Control (ICBC-1)**

May 14-16, 2018

Beijing, China



Organized by:

**Dear Colleagues and Friends**

This is the first circular for the forthcoming First International Congress of Biological Control to be held at Beijing Friendship Hotel and Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, May 14-16, 2018. This congress, hosted jointly by Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Chinese Society of Plant Protection (CSPP) and International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC) will cover a wide range of biological control topics regarding insect pests, invasive weeds and plant diseases.

We have invited many excellent scientists to attend the congress and more excellent investigators are joining the congress. We are confident that you will enjoy the congress in Beijing, China’s beautiful and historic capital city and discuss new developments and future directions of biological control with scientists around the world. It is our great honor to welcome you to the First International Congress of Biological Control.

**Background**

**1.** The purpose of the conference is to strengthen communication and cooperation between researchers investigating biological control techniques of insect pests, invasive weeds and plant diseases, and to promote the global development of biological control technology and industry.

**2.** The theme of this conference is：Biological Control for a Healthy Planet with a sub-theme of Interdisciplinary Biological Control.

**3.** The conference will include three sessions: plenary lectures, invited talks, poster session and the exhibition of new technologies and products. Topics will include, but no limited to, the following:

Integration of the various classes of biological controlBiological control of plant diseases, insect pests and weeds

Biological control as a means of preserving biodiversityThe impact of climate change on biological controlRisk assessment and biosafety for biological control

Industrial policy and market development of biological control

Socio-economic impacts and capacity building for biological control

Current status and uptake of biological control in the Belt and Road countries

**Sponsors**

Chinese Society of Plant Protection

China Academy of Agricultural Sciences

International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC)

**Organizers**

Institute of Plant Protection, CAAS

State Key Laboratory of Plant Diseases and Insect Pests

Strategic Alliance of Biotechnology and Biological Control

**Co-Organizers:**

CAB International

Chinese Ministry of Agriculture -CABI Joint Laboratory for Bio-safety

International Organization for Biological Control Asia and the Pacific Regional Section

Chinese Society of Plant Pathology

Entomological Society of China

China Agricultural University

Beijing Academy of Agriculture and Forestry

Jilin Agricultural University

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Henan University

DaBeiNong Group Company

Beijing Bao Bao Green Agricultural Group

Jiangxi Xinlong Biological Polytron Technologies Inc

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**Anticipated attendees**

The number of participants is expected to be up to 800 people including 300 international scientists.

**Language**

English

**Date and venue**

Date: May 14-16, 2018

Venue: Beijing International Conference Center.

**Program outline**

May 14, 2018:AM AM: registration, opening speech; PM: plenary lectures

May 15, 2018: Session presentations

May 16, 2018: Session presentations and closing speech

**International Advisory Committee**

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**Work schedule**

**June, 2017:** FirstAnnouncement of the conference

**October, 2017:** Second Announcement of the conference

**February 28, 2018:** Deadline for submission of abstracts

**May 14-16, 2018:** Congress

**Outcome of the conference**

* Publish the proceedings of conference abstracts
* Publish selected excellent papers in BioControl
* Issue the Minutes and photos of the congress.
* Provide the address book of participants

**Working Group**

**Group leader:** Dewen Qiu

**Members:** Jianqing Ding(IOBC), Josep Jacas Miret (IOBC), Yulin Gao (IOBC), Julian Chen, Liping Wen, Lixia Wang, Xiliang Jiang, Lisheng Zhang, Xiufen Yang, Wanxue Liu, Li Gao, Hongmei Li, Chenxi Liu, Beibei Ge, Jiale LV, Shengyong Wu, Huisheng Liu, Shihao Wang, Yan Li, Su Wang, Shu Li, Xiaoyu Chen. CCPIT Sub-Council of Chemical Industry.

**Registration**

Please fill in the preliminary registration form and send it to us by the E-mail ([jiangxiliang@caas.cn](mailto:jiangxiliang@caas.cn)). The detailed congress information will be provided at the second circular.

Preliminary Registration Form

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| Gender |  | Address |  | Post/Zip code |  |
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| Poster or booth: Yes [ ] How many [ ], No [ ] | | | | | |
| Sharing the hotel room: Yes [ ], No [ ] | | | | | |

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