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## IRAC eConnection Update

- **Introduction**

Welcome to the latest issue of the eConnection, a Newsletter developed in conjunction with the new IRAC website. eConnection is distributed by email but current and past issues are available on the eConnection page of the IRAC website under the menu heading "About IRAC". [More »](#)

- **Feedback**

Positive feedback was received from Issue 1 of eConnection and in fact after a relatively small initial distribution it was re-circulated by request to over 200 individuals. If you have a colleague who would be interested in the IRAC eConnection and website please forward this eConnection on to them so they can subscribe at:

<http://www.irc-online.org/about/econnection.asp>

- **Send us your News**

If you have Resistance Management information that you think should appear in eConnection or on the IRAC website contact us with details. [Email aporter@intraspin.com](mailto:Email.aporter@intraspin.com)

## The Website

- **IRAC-online goes from strength to strength**

The new IRAC website went live in January 2004 and since

then we have had high activity on the site. Site statistics show that for January, February and March, Hit Rate was 10K, 20K, and 17K and User Sessions were 430, 1100, 1300 for each month respectively. This was giving us an average 546 Hits and 42 User Sessions per day last month. Work continues on Search Engine Optimisation to promote the site. Please help generate traffic by encouraging relevant websites to link to our information resource at: <http://www.ircac-online.org>

- **Updated RM Guidelines on the IRAC Web Site**  
Feedback was received that although RM information was available in various areas of the site, this could be difficult to locate. To address this issue, available information has been summarised and added to a new page titled "General Principles of Resistance Management from IRAC". [More »](#)
- **New Grower Resource Area**  
The Grower section of the website has been improved with a large number of links to Agribusiness Associations and Magazines. This will continue to be developed and improved. [More »](#)

## **International News**

- **Teleconferences**  
IRAC International held one of their regular Conference Calls on March 2nd, 2004. Topics discussed and actions identified can be reviewed on the website by IRAC Members. Next Teleconference is scheduled for June 23, 2004. [More »](#)
- **IRAC International Spring Meeting**  
The IRAC International Spring Meeting will be held on April 27-28th, 2004 at CropLife International, Brussels. The latest version of the meeting agenda can be reviewed on the website by IRAC Members. [More »](#)
- **The MSU Resistant Pest Database**  
Michigan State University has been working in conjunction with IRAC over the last two years to develop a Resistant Pest Database that includes mites, spiders and insects that have had one or more documented cases of resistance. A resistance survey tool has recently been added to the site. Further information can be obtained from the MSU Resistant Pest Database website. [More »](#)

## Country Group News

- **Send us your feedback and news**  
IRAC Country Groups and Teams around the world: **please send updates on your activities, meeting minutes etc.** You each have a dedicated section on the website. [Email aporter@intraspin.com](mailto:aporter@intraspin.com).
- **Introduction of Country Group Liaison Officers**  
Country Group Liaison Officers have been appointed within IRAC International to help improve communications between the groups. Further details can be found in the Country Group Areas on the website. [See the site »](#)
- **IRAC Brazil Website**  
IRAC Brazil is one of the Country Groups to have developed and introduced their own website in Portuguese for local Insecticide RM. A link to the site is included in the Brazil section of the main IRAC website. [More »](#)
- **New IRAC S.E. Asia Group**  
Discussions have taken place and member company representatives have been identified for the formation of a new IRAC S.E.Asia Country Group. A new area has been set up on the website and more information will be place here when available. [More »](#)

## Conferences & Symposia

- **15th IPPC Meeting Beijing - 11-16th May 20** [More »](#)
- **XXII ICE, Brisbane, Australia - 15-21 August 2000** [More »](#)
- **2nd EWSN Whitefly Symposium, Croatia - 5-9th October 2004** [More »](#)

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