

# STATE OF THE IPRRG

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Where we are in 2015

# 2015 has been a year of change...

- New name, new logo
- Substantially upgraded website via WordPress
  - Online membership directory
    - 98 members as of today, including many students
    - Easy group e-mail via MailChimp
  - Online voting via PollDaddy
  - Online forum
    - We've barely tapped the potential of this utility
  - Our own online registration and payment system
    - The latter connecting to our own account
  - Blog posts with latest news
  - Plans for annotated bibliography and library of species distribution models
    - We'll need contributions to both!
  - Still to come: site-based collaboration tools (for writing, sharing, etc.)

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- Finally, a constitution defining group operations and governance!
  - Executive Committee officers
    - Including Student Representative
  - Elections / voting
  - Organization of future meetings
- Constitution is nearly ready for final ratification
  - A few minor amendments, mostly for clarity
  - We'll discuss Thursday
  - Then put before group for final vote
- Speaking of voting, elections for first set of Executive Committee officers closes Wednesday night!
  - Still time to vote via our website
  - Results will be announced Thursday morning

# A key group product came out in 2015...

- “Pest Risk Modelling and Mapping for Invasive Species” book published by CABI earlier this year
- Edited by Rob Venette, with contributions from many group members
- Major undertaking that followed our 2010 “roadmap” paper in BioScience and NeoBiota special issue in 2013
- Where do we go next?
  - This was a question that we hoped to address via small break-out “focus groups” at the last couple of meetings
  - This year we’ve planned something different
    - Related to Dan Bebber’s recent paper: “Range-expanding pests and pathogens in a warming world”
    - More details tomorrow

Quick look at the agenda...