



12th Meeting of the International Pest Risk Research Group

Burgeoning Asian Trade Connectivity: Implications for International Pest Risks

16th- 19th October 2018

Taichung, Taiwan

The International Pest Risk Research Group (IPRRG) will be hosting its 12th annual meeting in association with the Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and National Chung Hsing University (NCHU) from Tuesday 16th October – Friday 19th October 2018 in Taichung, Taiwan.

Throughout Asia, new trade partnerships and rapid expansion of infrastructure will have dramatic effects on the global movement of agricultural products and other goods. For example, China's "Belt and Road" initiative promises to re-establish trade routes connecting central Asia to Europe and the rest of the world. The economic opportunities provided by such developments will, in turn, alter invasive species risk patterns. This year we wish to focus attention on this shifting risk landscape to better understand and prepare for the emerging challenges.

Call for Abstracts: Oral and poster presentations are invited on all aspects of pest risk research. Pests include "any species, strain or biotype of plant, animal, or pathogenic agent, injurious" to plants or animals. Presentations on the meeting theme are particularly welcomed but those describing advances in modelling and mapping risks (e.g. pathway analysis, species distribution modelling, spread modelling, uncertainty analysis, climate change impacts and vector-borne disease risk), impact assessment, and communicating risks to policy makers are also welcome. University students are encouraged to participate fully.

Abstracts (≤250 words) should be submitted by **31 May 2018** at <http://www.pestrisk.org/submit-abstract-iprrg-2018/>. To submit an abstract, you must first join IPRRG (this is free). Members must log in to the IPRRG website to access the submission form.

In addition to technical presentations and discussions, time is allotted for professional networking and collaborative work on group projects, such as the IPRRG global assessment of the risks posed by the brown marmorated stink bug, *Halyomorpha halys*, to plant health. This collaboration, code-named "Project Stinky", is designed to catalyze the development of international training materials that demonstrate procedures for modelling the spatio-temporal variation in pest risk.

A registration fee will be charged to cover expenses such as a group dinner, refreshments during the meeting and a technical excursion. Students will be eligible for a discounted registration.

Joining IPRRG is free and simple, either attend an annual meeting or visit the IPRRG website (www.pestrisk.org/) today to register as a member!

About IPRRG: <http://www.pestrisk.org/who-are-we/>

For more information on our 12th Meeting in Taichung please go to:

- <http://www.pestrisk.org/iprrg-2018/>

Presentations from our last meeting in Ottawa in 2017 are available here:

- <http://www.pestrisk.org/meetings/iprrg-11/>



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