

# Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and food safety

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## Focus of the training programme

In recent decades, consumers have become increasingly concerned about the safety and quality of their food. These concerns, combined with increased environmental awareness, have led to a need for sustainable agricultural production systems. Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) have become essential components of sustainable agriculture. IPM integrates various control measures, where pesticides are used only as a last resort, without having negative side effects on the environment and occupational and public health. The public and private sectors in the North have quickly responded with measures such as product grading and public and private standards to meet requirements for food safety and quality.

Appropriate implementation of Good Agricultural Practices and IPM for food safety and international market access requires supportive and enabling policies and institutions. This can be achieved through multi-stakeholder processes (MSP) with the aim to develop enabling IPM and/or pesticide-related policies and supportive institutional innovations. The above process is addressed in this international training programme.

## Aims and Objectives

The training programme aims to enhance the participants' knowledge and ability to identify and solve problems in IPM and aspects related to sustainable agriculture and food safety. The programme specifically addresses the following aspects:

- The roles of stakeholders in supporting the implementation of GAP, sustainable agriculture and IPM

- Development of IPM policies and institutional innovations by using multi-stakeholder processes
- Participation levels in IPM policies and implementation
- Food chains and the role of primary production in achieving food safety
- The use of pesticides in IPM to support food safety and environmental protection
- Public and private food safety grades and certification.

## Training methods

The training programme incorporates interactive lectures, discussions, group work, case studies, presentations, field visits and excursions. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to learn from the broad international experience represented by our trainers and other participants. The participants develop action plans related to the topic of the course and relevant to their home situations.

## Who can participate?

This training programme is designed for managers, policy makers, specialists and senior technical staff who are professionally involved with one of the listed themes. Most participants are employed in the private and public sectors, where they work for universities, national research or development programmes or governmental and non-government organisations. They hold positions in:

- Policy formulation, planning and decision-making.
- Management and coordination
- Agricultural extension programmes.

Or work as:

- Agricultural specialists or advisors
- Researchers or research managers
- Senior lecturers or professors.



Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have an MSc degree (or at least a BSc)
- Have at least three years' professional experience
- Be actively involved in the course subject matter
- Be proficient in English.

## Programme

The three-week training programme consists of two modules, being "Pesticides and food safety in IPM" and "IPM policy and institutional innovations". The modules will help professionals to acquire in-depth knowledge on the main issues of the modules. Participants can also combine this training course with courses in the field of agricultural chain development and food safety that are offered during the same period. In this way, they can compile an individual learning programme tailored to their own needs and interests.

## Partners

This training courses on IPM and Food Safety is organised by Wageningen International and its partners in Wageningen UR, in cooperation with the public and private sector, including farmers. Our aim is to provide access to knowledge and experience about sustainable agriculture, GAP, IPM and food safety, thereby enabling relevant policies and institutional innovations.

## Certificate

Participants will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance.

## Fees and accommodation

The fee for this course is **€ 3500**. The subjects in this training course are related to the course on Agriculture in transition. The fee for the combination of these two courses is **€ 5150**.

This amount includes administration costs, lecture materials and if part of the programme, excursions. It excludes board and lodging and travel expenses.

Participants will be accommodated at the Hof van Wageningen (formerly Wageningen International Conference Centre) with full board and lodging. Prices are available on request.

## Fellowships

A limited number of fellowships are available from the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP) for nationals of certain countries. NFP-candidates must **FIRST** apply to Wageningen International for admission to the training. The deadline for application with NFP is **1 February 2010**. Acceptable candidates will receive a PROVISIONAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE from Wageningen International. Candidates can then apply for a NFP fellowship through the Netherlands Embassy or Consulate in their own country. More information: [www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/Courses](http://www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/Courses) , [www.nuffic.nl](http://www.nuffic.nl)

*Wageningen International can NOT provide any funds to finance the participants and regrets that is unable to assist applicants in obtaining sponsorship.*

## Application

The admission deadline for application directly to Wageningen International, with funding other than a NFP fellowship, is **30 April 2010**. Early application is recommended. For additional information and online application, go to: [www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/](http://www.cdic.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/) and click on the course of your interest.



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