

ICP-BR

The International Commission for Plant-Bee Relationships (ICP-BR) was founded in 1950 by the swiss scientist Anna MAURIZIO, whose outstanding work was mainly devoted to bees and their relationships with plants. Since 1980 this Commission – which is affiliated to the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) – has regularly organised in Europe working session on the harmonisation of methods for testing the toxicity of pesticides to bees.

ICP-BR develops the scientific process preceding decisions from European administrative Authorities, EPPO (European and Mediterranean Organisation for Plant Protection) and OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development). ICP-BR Bee Protection Group symposia are thus always expected with great interest since they represent the first step in the evolution of legislation concerning bee protection related to the use of plant protection products.

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