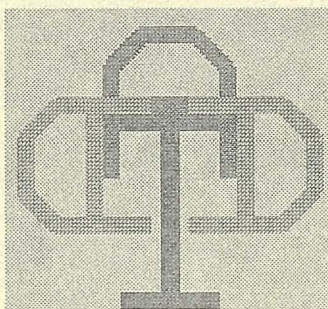


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**Italian Locust Workshop Planned for West Siberia**  
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A special regional workshop will be organized to discuss the Italian locust (*Calliptamus italicus*) problem in West Siberia. This workshop probably will be held in Barnaul or Slavgorod (Altai Region) in March, 2000.

**Locust Monitoring and Control Training in Indonesia: Capacity Building in Action**

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For 2 years, several islands of the Indonesian Archipelago were subject to serious outbreaks of migratory locust, *Locusta migratoria manilensis*. To face the situation, a training seminar was organized from 12 to 17 July, in Kotabumi, southern Sumatra (Lampung Province) by the Ministry of Agriculture with the contribution of three CIRAD-PRIFAS experts. Twenty-nine participants from Food Crop Department and Plantations of 10 Provinces affected by locust infestations, attended the seminar. The purpose of the seminar was to help Indonesian operators to comprehend migratory locust dynamics, survey and application techniques, in order to overcome outbreaks. Lectures, tutorials and practice sessions were undertaken on the main aspects of the biology and ecology of the migratory locust, as well as on spraying methods and techniques. Some relevant insecticides usually recommended in locust and grasshopper control were introduced. The ultra low volume (ULV) spraying technique was presented, along with its potential applications in context of local conditions.

**Training Opportunities in Biocontrol Sharpen the "Cutting Edge" of Pest Management**

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A United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) training workshop on the development of biological pesticides for use against migratory pests was held in Ankara, from 24 May to 3 June 1999 at the Plant Protection Central Research Institute.

For more information, see <http://www.fen.bilkent.edu.tr/~lomer/Sunnpw/Sunnpw.html>

A training course for African insect pathologists was held at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in December 1999, hosted by Dr. R. Humber (CILSS/FAO/VPI/IIT).

A workshop on biopesticide regulation and registration is being planned for April 2000, in Bamako, Mali. Details are pending.