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The DPG-BCPC Symposium

The Symposium “Plant protection and plant health in Europe” of the *German Phytomedical Society* (DPG, www.phytomedizin.org) and the *British Crop Production Council* (BCPC, www.bcpc.org) is held every two years in the traditional building of the Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture (Humboldt University) in Berlin, in close partnership with the Section Phytomedicine of the Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture and the Federal Biological Research Center for Agriculture and Forestry (BBA) Braunschweig and Berlin.

The Venue

This three-day symposium will be held at the traditional building of the Faculty for Agriculture and Horticulture, *Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Invalidenstrasse 42, Berlin, Germany.*

Accommodation: Berlin offers a large number of hotels. For special offers please see the Symposium website.

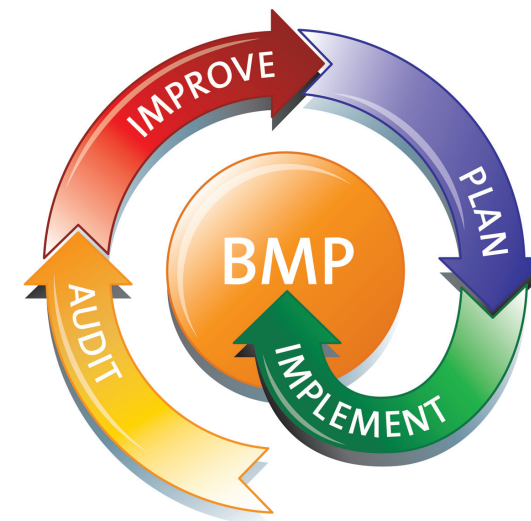
Cultural programme: On our way to the social gathering, Berlin will be introduced to you by a guide (cost free). On Saturday, a number of opportunities will be available for you to explore the German capital on your own (see symposium website)

The conference bureau will be open throughout the symposium. Registration is possible on 9 May, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, and on 10 May, from 7:30 to 9:30 am.



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Plant Protection and Plant Health in Europe



Best Practice in Disease, Pest and Weed Management (BMP) -The State of the Art -

**2nd International Symposium
jointly organised by DPG and BCPC**

10 – 12 May 2007 Berlin, Germany

**Faculty of Agriculture & Horticulture
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Call for Papers

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The Symposium Topic

The production of plants for food or non-food uses requires complex strategies that must balance profitable and efficient farming with production quality (including environmental, product and process quality) and quantity concerns. Several production guidelines called "Best Management Practices," or BMPs, have been developed to benchmark existing processes and to give advice to producers, how to transform their farm operation into a Best Management System for plant production. BMPs provide the comprehensive guidelines to warrant economic, environmental and agronomic efficiency in plant production.



Plant disease, pest and weed management play a central role in plant production systems. The symposium, therefore, will focus on BMPs established in plant protection reflecting the ongoing public and scientific debate about benchmarking of existing practices in integrated plant protection and the development of alternative or innovative approaches.

Indicators for the environmental effects of production systems need to be provided and evaluated. Can new technologies and biotechnologies help to meet the future societal demands for a "safe" or "healthy" crop production?

This symposium provides the stage for experts from various related fields such as extension services, chemical or biotechnological companies, retailers, universities, research institutions non-governmental organisations and public authorities in order to synthesize a critical evaluation of the state of BMPs in crop protection, based on which a projection of future demands and developments should be derived.

We invite you to present oral and poster contributions, and short statements in the workshop.

All contributors are offered to submit papers for a proceedings book which will be published during the symposium.

Papers are invited in the following particular fields:

- **Basic tools of BMPs:**
Evaluation methods, parameters, indicators, thresholds
- **Multivariate tools of BMPs:**
prediction systems, precision farming and specific agronomic practices
- **Practical examples:**
Integrated management of horticultural and field crops and forestry
- **Plant protection product handling:**
application and storage. Role of BMPs in reduction of pesticide use. Management of resistances to pesticides
- **BMPs and landscape ecology:**
Habitat management, including functional biodiversity
- **Legislative approaches:**
Definition, establishment and enforcement of BMPs on the background of the new EU agropolity of cross compliance
- **Socio-economic aspects:**
Certification of BMPs in the food chain and flower production

Please submit offers of papers via the conference website. The latest date for receipt of offers is 15 September 2006.

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Registration fees

Regular participants:

before 15 January 2007	175 Euro
after 15 January 2007	200 Euro

The fee includes the Symposium Proceedings (additional copies will be available for about 60 Euro), free entrance to the reception, social gathering and complementary coffee or tea during the symposium.

Students:	35 Euro
DPG preliminary members	free

The student fee does not include the symposium proceedings and the social gathering.

Field tour to model plantations: 25 Euro

Cultural Excursions:

Book on your own and pay directly or at the information desk.

Payments

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Programme information

Full programme details, will be given on the symposium website starting 15 June 2006.

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We encourage delegates from East European countries to contact DPG via email (service@dp-g-bcpc-symposium.de) immediately after receipt of this invitation in order to be able to apply for financial support timely.