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# Preface

## **EuroBlight Workshop Arras, France 3-6 May 2010**

A European network of scientists and other specialists working on potato early and late blight meet every 18 months. The network combines two previous networks originating from European Concerted Actions and has 150 members.

- EU.NET.ICP: “European network for development of an integrated control strategy of potato late blight” (1996-2000). Coordinated by Huub Schepers
- EUCABLIGHT: “A potato late blight network for Europe”(2003-2006). Coordinated by Alison Lees.

The Twelfth Workshop was organised by Serge Duvauchelle, Ludovic Dubois (Ministère de l’Alimentation, l’Agriculture et de la Pêche, SDQPV), Didier Andrivon & Roselyne Corbière (INRA Rennes), Catherine Chatot (Germicopa SAS) and Marie-Pascale Latorse (BayerCropScience) in Arras, France from 3-6 May 2010.

Agrovision, BASF, Bayer, Belchim, Dow, DuPont, Germicopa, Gowan, Nordox, Nufarm and Syngenta sponsored the Workshop.

The Workshop was attended by 112 persons from 13 European countries, Russia, Algeria and United States of America. Representatives from all countries presented the late blight epidemic in 2009 and recent research results regarding integrated control, decision support systems, resistance of varieties and population biology of the late blight pathogen in potatoes. Since early blight is an increasing problem in Europe, also reports on this disease are included.

The papers and posters presented at the Workshop and discussions in the subgroups are published in these Proceedings, PPO-Special Report no. 14. The Proceedings are also available on the internet [www.euroblight.net](http://www.euroblight.net).

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