



9th International Working Conference on Stored Product Protection

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Science and Technology on Post-harvest

Preface

The International Working Conference on Stored Product Protection, a conference which is held every four years in different countries in the five continents, is now being held in Brazil, a South American country. The initial steps for the realization of the conference were taken in 1970, and the first conference was held in Savanna (USA) in 1974. Since then, there have been seven other conferences: Nigeria, USA, Israel, France, Australia, China, and Great Britain.

The main objective of the **9th International Working Conference on Stored Product Protection (9thIWCSPP)**, held from 15th to 18th to October 2006, at The Royal Palm Plaza Hotel Resort, Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil, was to promote exchange in science and technology among several global producing countries. The theme of the conference is *Science and Technology on Post-harvest*.

Traditionally, the conference brings together research scientists, consultants, extension workers, and industrialists involved in the safe storage of the world's durable food commodities, such as grain, legumes, pulses, nuts, beverage crops, and animal foodstuffs. The event nurtures the exchange of experiences, technologies, and innovations which stand out in the post-harvest area in the five continents. Such innovations involve scenarios in a scale that ranges from rural properties to large storage facilities, present in several countries. The event also has the objective of showcasing the Brazilian agribusiness strength and quality to participants from countries of the five continents.

The Proceedings, for the first time published in paperback and CDROM versions, has 21 keynote papers from speakers throughout plenary sessions, panels and workshops, and 157 conference papers presented as oral or poster presentations. The keynotes and conference papers were distributed at the conference in 10 Plenary sessions: Stored Grain Losses; Microorganisms, Mycotoxins, and Other Biological Contaminants; New Chemicals and Food Residues; Pest Resistance to Pesticides and Control Measures; Biology, Behavior, and Pest Detection on Stored Grain; Fumigation and Control Atmosphere; Alternative Methods to Chemical Control; Quality in Grain Drying; Psocids, Mites, and Other Contaminants; and a General Session on Stored Grain Protection. It is also structured into two Panels (Stored Grain Procedures and Practices and Modernization on Stored Grain Facilities) and two Workshops (Standards and Sanitary Barriers in the International Market of Grain and Fibers, and Practical Experience on Integrated Pest Management on Stored Grain). Two field trips to South and Center-West regions of Brazil were organized showing a sample of the Brazilian agribusiness, and a trade exhibition showed the best of the industries related to the post-harvested sector worldwide.

Finally, we wish to stress our thanks to all keynotes, coordinators, facilitators, presenters of oral and poster presentation for their contribution to the conference. Also thanks to all members of the Organizing Committee, to the industry exhibitors, participants and our personnel in charge to run the conference. They did the best to make a different conference. Thank you.

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