



International Organisation for Biological Control (IOBC)

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Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to announce the **Second International Congress of Biological Control (ICBC2)**, which will be held in **Davos Switzerland April 26 – 30, 2021**.

So please **save these dates** if you can!

This congress builds upon the first International Congress on Biological Control (held in Beijing in 2018), and the First International Conference of Biological Control (held in Bengaluru, India in 2018). Following the lead of these two meetings, the combined ICBC2 will provide a platform for multi- and inter-disciplinary biological control research and application. This congress is unique in serving as a meeting point for scientists and practitioners that are working on a wide breadth of biological control targets including insect pests, plant and animal diseases, weeds and invasive vertebrates.

Biological control science has experienced transformational advances in various critical areas over the past decades including risk assessment, commercial mass-rearing, and the elucidation of complex interactions. The discipline is therefore more poised than ever to contribute substantially to solving the world's grand environmental and health challenges. A key to harnessing these advances for maximum benefit is to create strong linkages among different sub-disciplines, targets and approaches of biological control.

We hope that you can join us in this effort to broaden linkages in biological control science and increase the reach of biological control solutions worldwide.

Sincerely and with Best Wishes from the Current Organizing Committee:

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