

**Aspects réglementaires**

# **Colloque Européen**

des acteurs et des décideurs de la lutte contre l'ambroisie

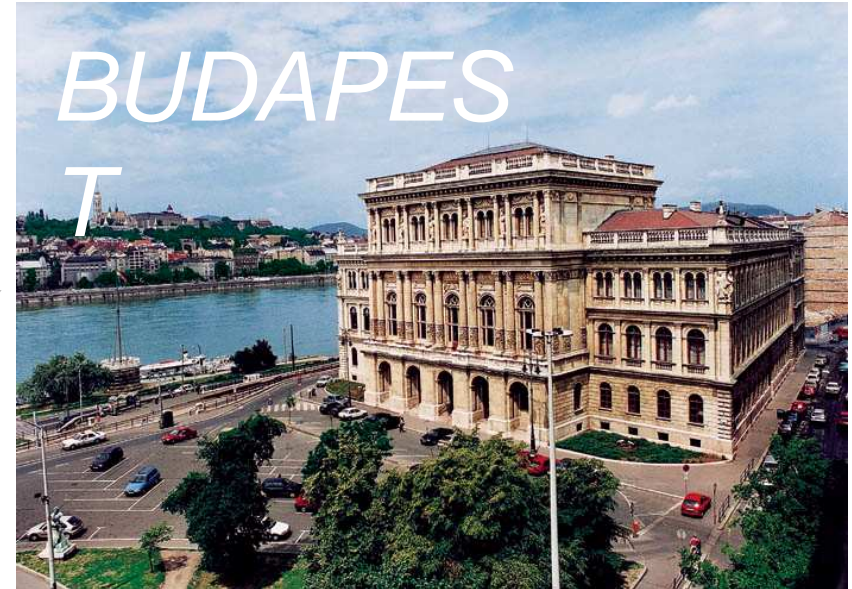
**2008**

**de la connaissance à l'action**

**Aix-les-Bains - 21/11/2008**

# ***1st Intl Ragweed Conference***

***September 10-13, 2008, Budapest, Hungary***



# ***2nd Intl Symposium "Intractable Weeds and Plant Invaders"***

***September 14-18, 2008, Osijek, Croatia***



## **Budapest meeting**

*The reason we began:* we felt it was time, because

1. ragweed became a Europe-wide problem
2. a very complicated one (health, agriculture, economy, biology, ecology, medical, meteorology, etc.)
3. an international effort may be the solution

*Thus the goal was*

1. bring experts together to initiate discussions
2. efforts to develop an international R&D cooperation

## **Budapest meeting – organizing work**

**Launched:** September, 2007

### **Organizers**

- 1) Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2) Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Hungary

**Scope:** international conference

**Location:** Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

**Cooperation:** joint meeting with the Croatian partners

Budapest: plant biology, pollen allergy, regulatory issues

Osijek: weed management

# Budapest meeting - invited speakers

Christian **Bohren**, ACW, Nyon, Switzerland

Lorenzo **Cecchi**, University of Florence, Florence, Italy

Bruno **Chauvel**, INRA, Dijon, France

Anna **Erdei**, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

Chantal **Dechamp**, AFEDA, Lyon, France

Rachel **McFadyen**, CRC, Brisbane, Australia

Sergey Ya. **Reznik**, Zoological Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia

Baruch **Rubin**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rehovot, Israel

Hyeon-Dong **Shin**, Korea University, Seoul, Korea

Jacqui A. **Shykoff**, University of Paris/CNRS, France

Edita **Stefanic**, J.J. Strossmayer University, Osijek, Croatia

Michel **Thibaudon**, RNSA, Lyon, France

Alan K. **Watson**, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Lewis H. **Ziska**, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, USA

Toby **Yaacoby**, PPIS, Bet Dagan, Israel

## **Budapest meeting – program**

**September 10.** Arrivals, registration (122 participants)

**September 11-12.** Scientific program

- 1. Introduction to the ragweed problem*
  - 2. The ragweed pollen: factors influencing its production and spreading*
  - 3. The ragweed pollen allergy: immunological and public health issues*
  - 4. Ragweed problems and regulatory measures in different parts of the world: country reports*
- Presentations: 32, Posters: 11
  - Round table discussion – 2 hrs

**September 13.** Field trip

- Budapest to Osijek with 2 stops for visiting infested fields

# Osijek meeting - program

**September 13-14.** - Arrivals, registration (102 participants)

**September 14-15.** - Scientific program

- 1. Biology and Ecology of Ragweed*
- 2. How to control ragweed: new techniques*

- Presentations - 17
- Posters - 10
- Round table discussion – 2 hrs

## **Conclusions: a Call for action**

*Ragweed is spreading actively throughout Europe at the present time. Results: crop yield losses and ca. 20% of population allergenic to pollen. The invasions should be contained.*

*The participants of the conferences want to inform on the dangers and require measures adapted to prevent further spread.*

*Adequate management will require concerted and continued work over a longer period of time.*

*Participants urge governments to take the issue seriously and respond with appropriate action.*

**Thank you for your attention!**