

# Activities of the EUFRIN Working Group

## « Sustainable fruit production to minimize residues »

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“Sustainable fruit production to minimize residues”



# Working group members : no changes

**Austria – Versuchstation für Obst und Weinbau (Haidegg)**

**Belgium – Pcfruit Kerkom**

**Denmark – Aarhus University**

**France - Ctifl**

**Germany – ESTEBURG – Obstbauzentrum Jork**

**Italy – Univ. de Bologna ; Obstbau Versuchszent. Laimburg ; I.Agr. San Michele all'Adige**

**Netherlands – Applied Plant Research (Randwijk, Wageningen UR)**

**Norway – Institut pour la recherche agronomique et envir. (Bioforsk)**

**Poland – Research institute of horticulture (Skieriewice)**

**Romania – Univ. of Agronomic sciences and veterinary medicine (Bucarest)**

**Slovenia – Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences (Maribor)**

**Spain – IRTA (Catalonia)**

**Sweden – Swedish Board of Agriculture Plant Protection Division \***

**Switzerland – Research station Agroscope (Wädenswil)**

**UK – East Malling Research station**



# ANNUAL MEETING (1,5 day)

Year	Place	Nb. of partakers	Nb. of presentations or topics
2009	<b>Paris (Ctifl)</b>	8	5
2009	<b>Bologna (University)</b>	15	12
2010	<b>Maribor (Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences)</b>	12	9
2011	<b>Wädenswil (Research station Agroscope)</b>	12	21
2012	<b>Wageningen (Applied Plant Research –Randwijk)</b>	12	15
2013	<b>Graz (Versuchstation für Obst und Weinbau Haidegg)</b>	11	17
2014	<b>Girona (IRTA)</b>	11	12 + 7 in “open” session

# 2014 : OVERVIEW on

## regional & national initiatives



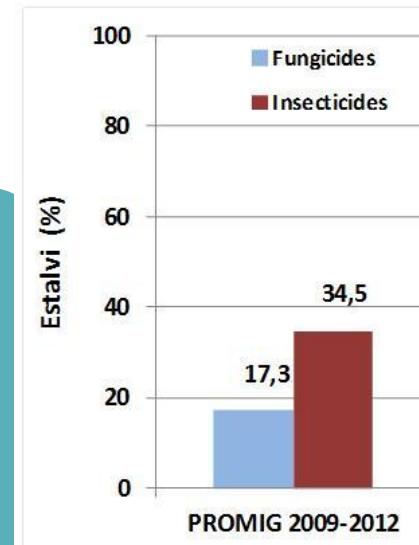
A regional program on apples,  
pears, peaches and citrus

**Aim** : Implement strategies on standard orchards, according to the catalonian integrated production rules to reach :

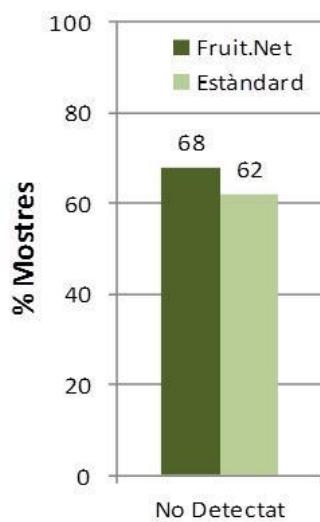
- a chemical sprayings reduction
- to minimize residues on fruits

### COMPARED DATA OF Fruit.Net versus Standard orchards FROM 2009 TO 2012

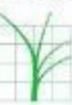
#### Saved sprayings



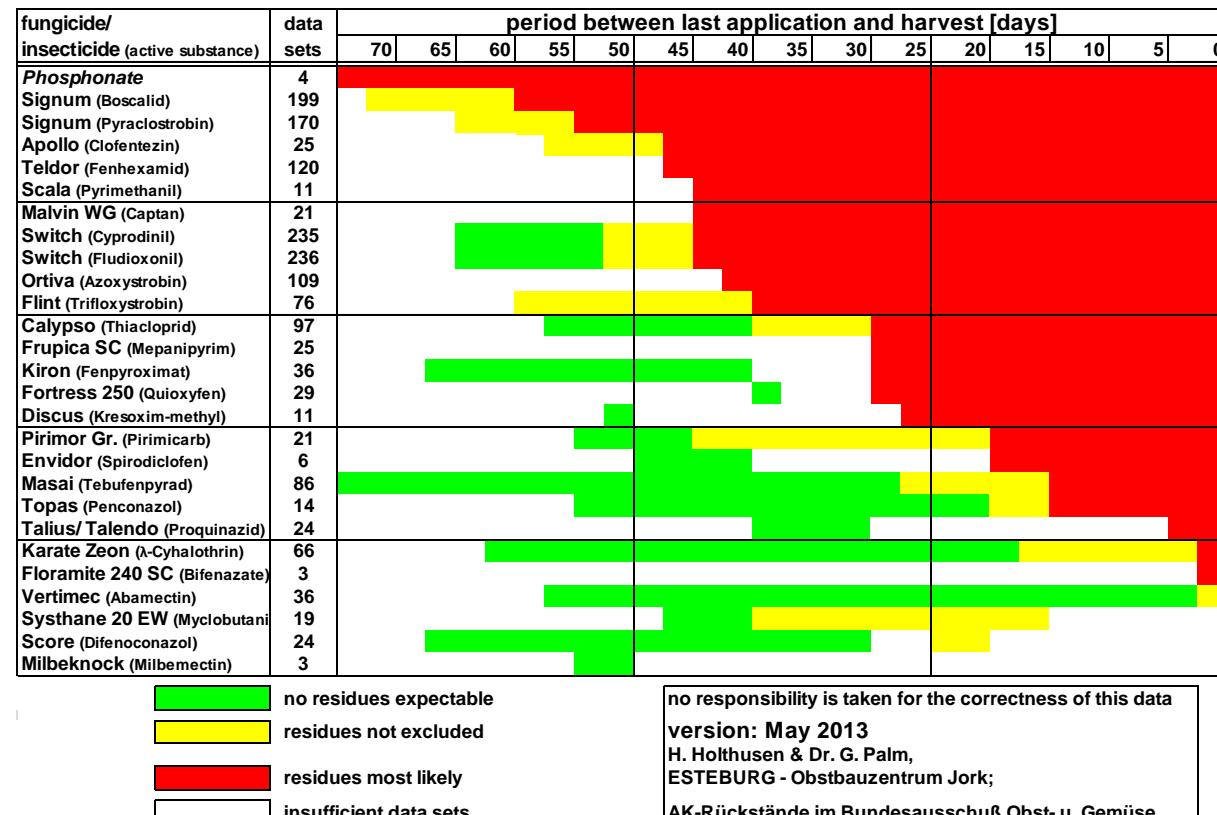
#### Residues



**Apple exemple** : 2009 - 2012



# Traffic light table – a key tool to prevent pesticides residues



National initiative : Database from 2005 – 2013 with more than 7700 samples for apples & pears.



# The Swiss Agreement

**SwissGAP** defined requirements on  
multiple pesticide residues  
Since 2007, a consensus between  
producers, traders and retailers.

Product	Number of Residues, active substances $\geq 0.01 \text{ mg/kg}$		
	up to here ok	alert level	product no more ok
Pome fruits	4	5	$\geq 6$
Stone fruits	4	5	$\geq 6$
Cherries	5	6	$\geq 7$
Strawberries, raspberries, black berries	5	6 - 7	$\geq 8$
Grapes	5	6	$\geq 7$
Other berries	4	5	$\geq 6$

# National plan : reduce 50 % use of pesticides in ten years, if possible

**Six years project (2012 – 2018) : National Apple Network**  
**“Evaluation of innovative multi-site apple production systems, with the aim to reduce the use of pesticides”**

- **Six partners coordinated by Ctifl**



- **28 systems studied**

Type of the system	number	Varieties
Base = reference	9	Gala, Fuji, Golden, Granny, Ariane
ECOPHYTO 1 = reduced use	7	Gala, Fuji, Golden, Granny
ECOPHYTO 2 = reduced use	5	Ariane, Crimson Crisp
AB = organic production	7	Ariane, Akane, Crimson Crisp, Opal

# Examples of trials done by the EUFRIN WG members (2014)

Country	Members	Topics
Italy	Fundazione Edmund Mach (San Michel all'Adige)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Codling moth mating disruption</li> <li>- Pesticides screening to determine residues level</li> <li>- Citric acid solution to wash apples in post-harvest</li> <li>- Incidence of nozzle types and residues on fruits</li> <li>- Adapting dose rate to limit residues</li> </ul>
Germany	ESTEBURG – Obstbauzentrum Jork	<p>Long term strategy trial. 8 options. 1 variety. 5 years.</p> <p>Indicators : Efficacy, costs, number of residues.</p>
Switzerland	Agroscope (Wädenswil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low-Input trial. 3 programs. 4 varieties. 5 years.</li> <li>Indicators : Efficacy, costs, number of residues.</li> <li>- Exclusion nets against cherry fruit fly and <i>Drosophila suzukii</i></li> </ul>

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Austria	Versuchsstation Obst- und Weinbau Haidegg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incidence of exclusion nets on fire blight</li> <li>- Exclusion nets to regulate fruit production</li> </ul>
France	Ctifl (Centre Lanzade)	Plastic rain cover to protect trees against apple scab. 5 years experiences.
Spain	IRTA (Girona)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field trials related to the pre-harvest interval requirements</li> <li>- Epidemiologic model for <i>Monilinia</i></li> <li>- Physical technics against <i>Monilinia</i> (radio frequency heat system ; microwaves)</li> </ul>

# Facts & Trends

- Reduce chemical treatments
- Minimize residues

- Fruit quality
- Competitiveness

- Increase consumption

- ✓ Chemicals use has decrease, but it is more and more difficult to continue lowering the sprayings.
- ✓ The main problem is to manage storage diseases and avoid residues on fruits.
- ✓ To reduce treatments can develop other pests and diseases.
- ✓ Are resistant varieties the solution ? Will they find their place on the market ?
- ✓ Be aware of the costs to reduce chemicals and residues and the final fruit sale price.

**Still more research has to be done :  
proposal for EU call.**

