

12th International Working Conference on Stored Product Protection (IWCSPP) in Berlin, Germany, October 7-11, 2018

## Preface

Dear colleagues,

You hold in your hands the Program and book of abstracts of the IWCSPP 2018. To get this far, we needed some luck convincing the Permanent Committee of IWCSPP in 2014, and we learnt that many little challenges come along with organizing such a meeting. Now we hope, everything falls into place and you will have a good time.

This conference intends to cover all aspects of stored product protection. And we are convinced it comes at just the right time. There are new findings available on pest biology, chemotaxis, mycotoxins, there are new results regarding storage engineering, trapping, plant extracts and contact insecticides, on anoxia and fumigation, of course there are new regulations, and new results on physical and biological control. But we are also glad that extension of our research into the field is a topic in this meeting. And the global challenges we face by climate change, increasing unrest and the highest number of displaced people in decades will be discussed. Stored product protection has implications when we need to secure food for refugees, for people struck by severe droughts or other disasters. Are we prepared to take on these challenges? Shouldn't we have more international research, more coordination, more funding, more cooperation across continents?

We are happy that you are here and that you participate in this meeting. Thanks to the many of you who sent their abstracts and prepared their presentations, thus adding value to this event.

We hope you will enjoy the few days of this conference and the chance to exchange thoughts. A number of organizations represent their tasks, many companies show their products and services. All thoughts and ideas are important like little mosaic stones that add up to give a complete picture of how stored product protection looks today or may look like in the future.

We hope you take home some happy memories of Berlin and Germany, about colleagues and new acquaintances, may be some new ideas or perspectives on stored product protection.

Your local IWCSPP organizers and Cornel Adler



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