



*Through this Update the Pesticide Management Group wishes to inform you on new publications, reports and upcoming events deriving from its work. Any feedback that you may wish to provide on this issue and throughout 2009 as well is welcomed.*

*We look forward to continue the fruitful dialogue with all of you in order to strengthen the information exchange in support of the sound management of pesticides. Please send your comments, input, suggestions and any questions to [Pesticide-Management@fao.org](mailto:Pesticide-Management@fao.org).*

**Please note that the Pesticide Management has changed its website both in shape and address: all information of the pesticide management group can now be accessed at <http://www.fao.org/agriculture/crops/core-themes/theme/pests/en>**

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**Information Now Available On-Line-**

## **1) Pesticide Management**

*Fourth Session of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management and Second Session of the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management – Geneva, Switzerland, 6-8 October 2008*

The Second FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management and 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management took place at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, from 6 to 8 October 2008. The Meeting discussed risk reduction from highly hazardous pesticides, and slightly modified the earlier established criteria for the identification of highly hazardous pesticides. The Meeting further recommended that FAO and WHO develop a programme to strengthen the implementation of the Code of Conduct, in particular in developing countries. Specific suggestions for elements of such a programme were made, among them an increased focus on national implementation. Various draft guidelines were discussed, including ones on pesticide registration, pesticide advertising, and reporting health and environmental incidents resulting from

exposure to pesticides. The meeting also noted the need to explicitly address all pesticides when implementing the Code of Conduct, including agricultural, public health and domestic products.

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- [\*Report of the Second FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Management and 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management\*](#)
- [\*Recommendations of the Second FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Management and 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Management\*](#)

***International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides***

The International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides is now available in all six official languages of FAO, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. Click [here](#) to access the FAO web site on the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides

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- [\*International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides – Russian version\*](#)

***Guidelines in support of the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides***

Click [here](#) to access the FAO web site on Management of Pesticides, where you will be able to download all the guidelines available in support of the Implementation of the Code of Conduct.

Click [here](#) to access the webpage on Highly Hazardous Pesticides

## **2) Pesticide Residues**

***Joint Meeting of the FAO Panel of Experts on Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment and the WHO Core Assessment Group on Pesticide Residues (JMPR) – Rome, Italy, 9-18 September 2008***

The 2008 JMPR was held in Rome, Italy, from 9 to 18 September 2008. The FAO Panel of Experts had met in Preparatory Sessions from 4 to 8 September. Almost 30 pesticides were evaluated. Furthermore, general issues, such as achieving globally harmonized MRLs through Codex, residue combination in the estimation of MRLs and STMRs etc., were addressed. The full report of 2008 JMPR is now available at the FAO website.

Click [here](#) to access the FAO Pesticide Residues in Food and the Environment web site.

Click [here](#) to access the Codex Alimentarius web page

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- [\*\*\*Report of the 2008 JMPR\*\*\*](#)
- [\*\*\*Summary report of the 2008 JMPR\*\*\*](#)
- [\*\*\*List of substances scheduled for evaluation and request for data for JMPR 2009\*\*\*](#)

### ***3) Pesticide Specifications***

#### ***8<sup>th</sup> FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Specifications***

In cooperation with WHO, FAO will hold the 8<sup>th</sup> FAO/WHO JMPS in San Salvador, El Salvador, from 3 to 11 June 2009. The 2009 programme for the development of FAO and WHO specifications for pesticides is now available on the web.

In total, the JMPS will evaluate 16 pesticides, 7 by FAO, 3 by WHO and 6 will be jointly evaluated.

On 8 June 2009, in cooperation with the Collaborative International Pesticide Analytical Council (CIPAC) the Sixth Joint CIPAC/FAO/WHO Open Meeting will take place in San Salvador, open to everybody who wishes to attend.

Click [here](#) to link to the CIPAC website.

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- [\*\*\*2009 Programme for the development of FAO and WHO specifications for pesticides\*\*\*](#)

#### 4) Upcoming events

- Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues, 41 Session, Beijing China, 20-25 April 2009.
- Sixth Joint CIPAC/FAO/WHO Open Meeting (53rd CIPAC Meeting and 8th JMPS Meeting), San Salvador, El Salvador, 3-11 June 2009

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