



Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

Insect Resistance Management: Science, Scope, and Solutions

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IRAC History & Mission

Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

- IRAC formed in 1984 to provide a coordinated industry response to the development of resistance in insect and mite pests
- A technical working group (task-force) of CropLife, the trade association of crop protection manufactures, formulators and distributors.
- Promote the development and implementation of resistance management strategies in crop protection and vector control to maintain efficacy and support sustainable agriculture and improved public health
 - Facilitate communication and education on insect and mite IRM



Roles of IRAC International

- Actively promote and support work of IRAC Country groups
- Interact effectively with and support IRAG groups
- Cooperate with CropLife International
- Interact with regulatory authorities responsible for insecticide registration

Liaison and coordination activities



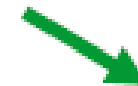
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A comprehensive approach to tackling resistance



Technical outputs

- Help to identify the scope and nature of resistance problems
- Provide methods for detecting and monitoring resistance
- Provide key resources to aid in developing effective IRM e.g. Mode of action scheme



Communication and education

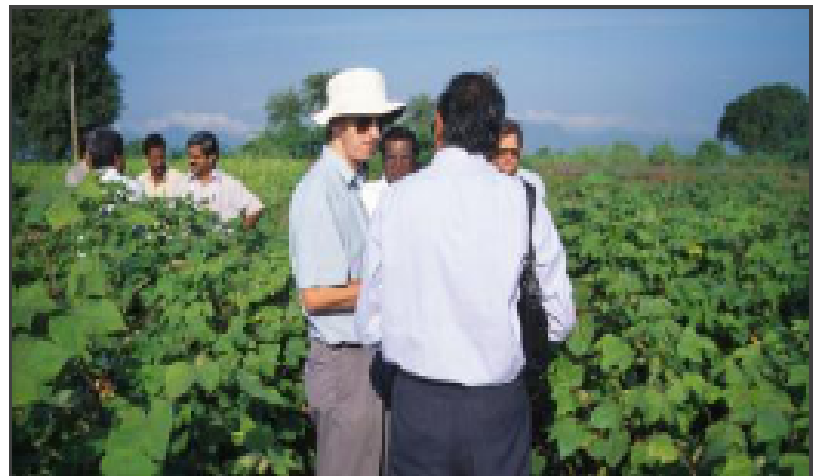
- Develop IRAC website to provide communication and education on resistance to all stakeholders
- Develop educational resources to improve understanding of IRM
- Act as key global communicator on topical resistance issues

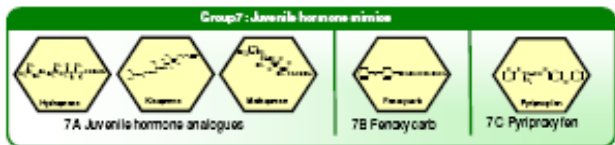
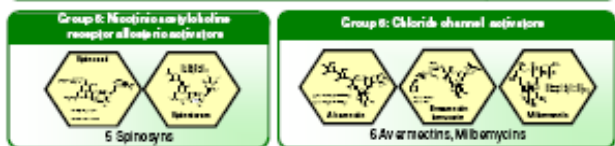
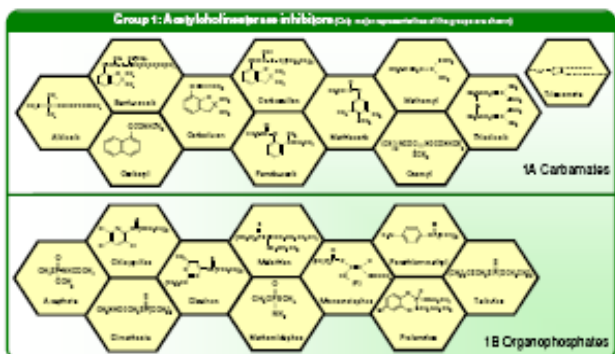
Role of Country Groups

- Deal with key resistance issues at local level – supported by IRAC Intl. (liaison officer affiliated to each country group)
- Develop projects to support local problems –
 - e.g. IRAC-India developing project to tackle resistance in BPH
 - e.g. IRAC-Brazil developed local Mode of Action based IRM schemes
- Often include additional companies not involved in IRAC International
- May involve others from academia, research institutes & regulatory bodies
- Country groups can help with translation of IRAC materials & resources

Current IRAC Country groups:

- IRAC Australia (AIRMG)
- IRAC Brazil
- IRAC India
- IRAC South Africa
- IRAC Spain
- IRAC US





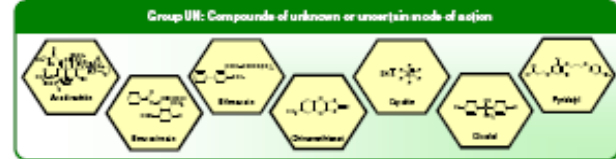
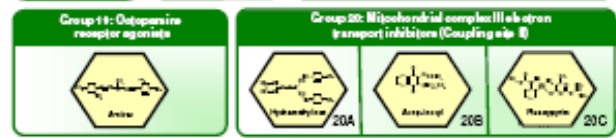
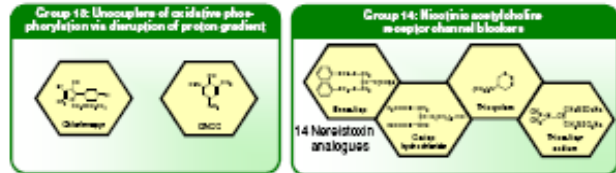
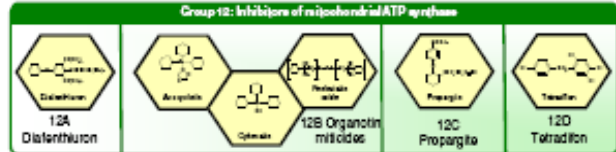
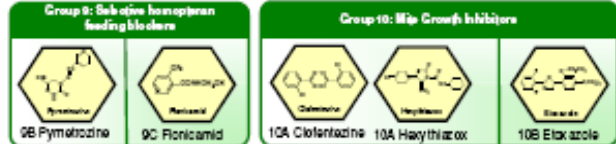
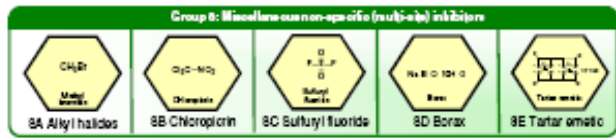
Mode of Action Classification

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The Key to Resistance Management

More information on IRAC and the Mode of Action Classification is available from: www.irc-online.org or enquiries@irc-online.org



Guidance on the use of Sub-Groups:

- Represent distinct structural classes believed to have the same mode of action
- Provide differentiation between compounds that may bind at the same target site
- Are likely to be metabolized by different enzymes - may bind differently enough within the target site that the chance of selection for metabolic/target site resistance is reduced compared to other analogs

- In the absence of other alternatives, it may be possible to rotate compounds between sub-groups if it is clear that cross-resistance mechanisms do not exist in the target populations.
- Not all of the current groupings are based on knowledge of a shared target protein. For further information please refer to the IRAC Mode of Action Classification document.
- 1A & 1B - If there are no other alternatives, compounds may be rotated in situations where cross-resistance mechanisms are known to be absent in the insect populations to be treated.

- 2A & 2B - If there are no other alternatives, compounds may be rotated in situations where cross-resistance mechanisms (e.g. GST) are known to be absent in the insect populations to be treated. GST is no longer used in registration and therefore this is only applicable for the control of human disease vectors such as mosquitoes, because of a lack of alternatives.
- 18A - Chlorantraniliprole & Halythiazox are grouped because they commonly inhibit cross-resistance even though they are structurally distinct, and the target site for neither compound is known.
- 22A & 22B - Although these compounds are believed to have the same target site, they have been sub-grouped because they are chemically distinct, and current evidence indicates that the risk of metabolic cross-resistance is low.



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MSU Database & New IRAC Survey

- One of the original roles of IRAC was to track the status of resistance situations and provide recommendations
- In the late 80's and early 90's this done with an internal survey of experts but was phased out when we began supporting the MSU Database
- The MSU Database played a valuable role by collecting all of the published reports of resistance cases.
- However, as resistance is dynamic it is not a good indicator of the current situations
- To augment the MSU Database, IRAC has reestablished an expert survey of the recent status of resistance situations and is making it available on the MSU website



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IRAC Survey Guidelines

- The IRAC survey represents the current working knowledge of a wide range of experts from academia, government and industry, with IRAC making the final decision on status. IRAC makes no claims as to completeness or accuracy as situations can change quickly.
- Insect resistance is a local phenomenon therefore the data should not be used to project what is happening in other areas or in the future.
- IRAC makes no suggestions as to which products should or should not be used where resistance is present. Furthermore the report of resistance to a product should not be taken as an indicator of that products performance on that pest and resistance to one pest does not predict resistance to another pest.
- The data reported represents the working knowledge of that year but may represent resistance that was developed earlier and continues to persist.



IRAC Survey Guidelines

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■ Resistance Status

- None = none known, default no need to list
- Low = a few (<10) isolated areas
- Medium = consistent issues in more than 10 areas/counties but product still useful
- High = most areas with some issues and product only used occasionally
- Severe = widespread and little remaining usefulness

■ Resistance Impact

- None
- Low = occasional reduction in use, increase in rate, or rotation to similar priced chemistry or control tactic
- Medium = common reduction in performance with crop loss or significant increase in rate or rotation to alternates that are 2X more expensive
- High = Significant economic consequence to growers
- Severe = crop goes or is going out of production due to loss



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Value of the Survey

- **Should give us better near real time data which will be highly useful in setting research and management priorities**
- **Overtime it should illustrate the history of resistance development which will be highly useful in evaluation the loss of products and hopefully the successful impact of IRM programs**



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Invitation to Improve the Quality

- You can email IRAC or the MSU database if you know of additional situations or disagree with the current ranking
- You can agree to becoming one of the annual experts for your geography
- www.irac-online.org
- www.pesticideresistance.org