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Having developed the educational and communication material it is obviously important that the WG seeks out appropriate meetings and conferences in good time so that abstracts, presentations and posters can be submitted.

Another key role for IRAC is communication and education on the importance of IRM and how this is best put into practice. This can be done through the development of posters, brochures and various handouts etc.

One of the key roles for IRAC is to develop practical IRM guidelines. These need to be in line with the general IRAC principles but can be specifically tailored to the agronomic situation depending on pests, chemistries, crops and geographies involved.

If there are already groups working in the field of interest it makes sense to establish links and develop cooperation or joint research programs.

Identifying the target pest to the toxicant.

Data available may be based on assumptions or anecdotal reports and therefore it is essential to validate the information by assessing if there are changes in the susceptibility of the target pest to the toxicant.

Many susceptible test methods have been developed and/or validated by IRAC covering a range of pest species, life stages and chemistries. Where methods are not available a key task for the group is to develop these in conjunction with the Global Methods Group.

Using a standardised method comparable monitoring can be carried out by different personnel in different regions and countries to establish the extent of resistance and changes in susceptibilities.

It is clearly beneficial to work with established experts in the area of interest. These can be simple contacts, advisors to the group, ad hoc members or consultants.

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