



## **A short history of the NeoTropical Regional Section (NTRS) of IOBC - 1989**

NTRS was established in 1989. A good source for the history of NTRS in Spanish is a book edited by M.C. Zapater (1996): *El control biológico en America Latina*, page 133-142. The statutes and regulations of NTRS are on page 138-142 and also on the IOBC-Global website under the section NTRS.

NTRS had about 120 members in 1991, and about 300 members in 1996, but after 1999 membership decreased. As of 2005, membership is increasing again.

### **NTRS organized several meetings and produced a number of proceedings:**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting on Biocontrol in Latin America, Santiago, Chile, 1984. Organized by FAO and IOBC Global. FAO report (Proveg-1, RLAC/84/37).
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting on Biocontrol in Latin America, S.M. de Tucuman, Argentina, 1989. Organized by FAO and CIRPON. Meeting involved 114 participants from 14 countries. Reports in Spanish and English as FAO reports (Proveg-26, RLAC/90/18). Proceedings were edited by CIRPON, 379 pp.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting on Biocontrol in Latin America, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1991. Organized by FAO and IOBC-NTRS. Meeting involved 184 participants from 19 countries. Proceedings M.C. Zapater, *El control biológico en America Latina*, 1996, 142 pp.
4. 1<sup>st</sup> International Workshop on Biological Control and Integrated Pest Management on Banana, Costa Rica, November 1997, 24 presentations.
5. 1<sup>st</sup> Latin American Congress on IPM and Biological Control of IOBC-NTRS, 18-22 May 1998, Lima Peru.
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Latin American Congress on IPM and Biological Control of IOBC-NTRS, Varadero, Cuba, 2000.
7. 3<sup>rd</sup> Latin American Congress on IPM and Biological Control of IOBC-NTRS, Havana, Cuba, 2004. The meeting involved 84 participants from 14 countries, 53 papers were presented and 55 posters were displayed.

Recommendations of the 2004 Cuba meeting:

- Apply coordinator for each country; tasks (1) increase biocontrol activities of NTRS, (2) increase membership of IOBC
- Create a directory of biocontrol workers withing NTRS

### **Future meetings:**

4<sup>th</sup> Latin American Congress on IPM and Biological Control of the IOBC-NTRS, Colombia 2006. Contact Colombia meeting 2006: Dra Fulvia Garcia, Cali, Colombia; email: (fulviagarcia@latinmail.com)

An IOBC NTRS symposium may be held during the 21<sup>st</sup> Brazilian Entomological Congress, Recife/Salvador, 7-12 August 2006; information will be provided on the IOBC-Global website

### **Leadership of IOBC-NTRS:**

First Executive Committee of NTRS (1989-1994)

President: M.C. Zapater, Argentina

Secretary General: Peter Baker, Trinidad

Treasurer: E. Botto, Argentina

Vice President 1: J. Parra, Brazil

Vice President 2: P. Liedo, Mexico

Vice President 3: R. Cave, Honduras

Second Executive Committee of NTRS (1994-1998):

President: F. Ferrer, Venezuela

Secretary General: M.C. Zapater, Argentina

Treasurer: V.H.P. Bueno, Brazil

Vice President 1: E.B. Filho, Brazil

Vice President 2: R. Cave, Honduras

Vice President 3: R. Ripa, Chile

Third Executive Committee of NTRS (1998-2003):

President: R. Alatorre, Mexico

Secretary General: H.C.A. Bernal, Mexico

Treasurer: J.F.B. Gaytan, Mexico

Vice President 1: R. R. Vergara, Colombia

Vice President 2: J. Jimenez, Colombia

Vice President 3: E. Botto, Argentina

Fourth, intermediate Executive Committee of NTRS (2003-2005):

President: Orietta Fernandez-Larrea, Cuba

Secretary General: Esperanza Rijo Camacho

Treasurer: Luis Vazquez Moreno

Fifth, temporary Executive Committee of NTRS (2005-2006):  
President: R. Alatorre, Mexico  
Secretary General: H.C.A. Bernal, Mexico (email: hcesar@prodigy.net.mx)  
Treasurer: J.F.B. Gaytan, Mexico

**Election of a new Executive Committee is planned for 2006**

A proposal for candidates needs to be supported by 5 paying IOBC NTRS members, voting by mail by the paying members only (or with a signed and scanned electronic form, or a pdf file), well in time before General Assembly.

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