

Dear colleagues:

I welcome you to the 12th International Working Conference on Stored Product Protection (IWCSPP). This conference, which is held every four years, is the premier international conference for scientists and industry professionals working with stored agricultural commodities.

Since the first IWCSPP in 1974, the number of participants and the countries which they represent has increased along with the broad coverage of scientific topics related to storage of agricultural products including sessions on insect and pathogen biology, detection, and control, as well as engineering aspects of stored-product protection. The current conference also will have emphasis on protection of stored products in developing countries. The oral and poster presentations, along with specialized workshops, will inform participants on the latest advances in stored-product protection, while providing ample time to network with colleagues.

Berlin, the capital of Germany with a population of almost 4 million people, has much to offer historically (it was founded in the 13th century), culturally, and for outdoor activities. October is an ideal time to visit as the weather is very pleasant.

I welcome you to Berlin for what promises to be an exciting and productive conference for advancing the scientific fields involved in stored-product protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James E. Throne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James E. Throne, President

Permanent Committee of the International Working Conferences on Stored Product Protection