



29th International Working Group of Ostrinia and other maize pest (IWGO) Conference of the International Organization of Biological Control (IOBC)

 28-30 October 2025, Palm Garden Hotel, Putrajaya, nr Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

 Palm Garden Hotel, IOI Resort, 62502 Putrajaya, Selangor, Malaysia

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1. Date and Venue

- 1.1 The 29th IWGO Conference will take place from 28th to 30th October 2025 but there is a Welcome Reception on the evening of 27th October for all participants that arrived early.
- 1.2 For a detailed agenda and schedule of the meeting, please refer to the published scientific programme.

2. Meeting Registration

- 2.1 All participants are requested to register at the Palm Garden Hotel on 27th October 2025 or in the morning of 28th October at the MARDI Auditorium.

3. Accommodation

- 3.1 Participants are to settle their hotel bills themselves at the check-out.**
- 3.2 Participants will need to settle the costs of any personal expenses (i.e. telephone bills, mini-bar, additional meals, and laundry etc.) directly with the hotel.**

4.4. Travel Documents

4.1 All foreign travelers must meet the following requirements before entering Malaysia:

- Have a passport that is valid for more than 6 months upon arrival in Malaysia;
- Obtain a visa if you hold a passport of a country that requires a visa to enter Malaysia;
- Have a valid return ticket or a ticket to a third country and sufficient funds to support your stay in Malaysia.

4.2 In addition to the above, effective 1 January 2024, all foreign citizens travelling to Malaysia must complete the Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC), except:

- Citizens of Singapore
- Diplomatic and Official Passport holders
- Malaysian Permanent Residents and Long Term-Pass holders
- General Certificate of Identity (GCI) Brunei holders
- Brunei Malaysia Frequent Traveler Facility holders
- Thailand Border Pass holders
- Indonesia Cross-Border Travel Document (PLB) holders

4.3 The relevant participants are requested to complete the MDAC:

Step 1: Before Arriving Malaysia:

- 431 Complete and submit MDAC within 3 days before arrival in Malaysia: <https://imigresen-online.imi.gov.my/mdac/main>

Step 2: When Arriving Malaysia:

- 432 Show MDAC registration and verify your passport at the immigration counter
- 433 The completion of this MDAC will be mandatory
- 434 For detailed information on "Entry Requirements Into Malaysia", participants are encouraged to visit <https://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/entry-requirement-into-malaysia-en/>

5. Local Transportation

- 5.1** The estimated traveling time from KL International Airport (Terminal 1 & Terminal 2) to the Palm Garden Hotel by car is 60 minutes depending on traffic conditions.
- 5.2** CABI team members will support arranging transport from KL International Airport (Terminal 1 & Terminal 2) to the Palm Garden Hotel, and vice versa. The available options for pre-booked transportation cost around Malaysian Ringgit 200.00 per trip and car.

6. About Malaysia

6.1 Language

- Bahasa Melayu (Malay Language) is the official language of Malaysia. However, English is widely used and spoken by majority of the population.

6.2 Climate and Weather

- Kuala Lumpur is hot and humid year-round with daily temperatures ranging from 23°C to 33°C.

6.3 Currency and Payment

- The Malaysian Ringgit is the currency of Malaysia. It is indicated as MYR or RM.
- Apart from cash, cashless methods by "DuitNow QR" and debit/credit cards i.e. Visa, Mastercard and/or American Express are widely accepted.
- "DuitNow" is a Malaysian payment service that allows real-time payments and fund transfer between locally registered bank accounts.

6.4 Electricity

Malaysia operates on a 240V/50Hz supply and the associated plug types are C (2 round pins) and G (3 rectangular pins in a triangular pattern).



6.5 Country Code

International Dialing Country Code for Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur and State of Selangor) is: +603.

6.6 Smoking

- Smoking is prohibited in both air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned areas in Malaysia.
- Smoking is banned in specific places, including government buildings, hospitals, recreational and educational centres, and public transport. Offenders could be fined.

6.7 Emergency Contact

- Police: 999
- Fire: 994
- Ambulance: 999

6.8 Nearest Hospital/Clinic

No	Hospital/Clinic	Telephone Number
1	Hospital Putrajaya	+603-8312 4200
2	Hospital Serdang	+603-8947 5555
3	Klinik Mediviron - IOI City Mall	+60123922387

7. CABI Contact Person in Malaysia

For further information and assistance in Malaysia, participants may contact the following persons through email or leave a note/message through WhatsApp:

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8. Disclaimer

The organizers shall not be responsible for medical, accident and travel insurance; compensation for death or disability; loss of or damage to personal property; and any other loss that may be incurred during the period of travel or the actual meeting. In this context, it is strongly recommended that all participants secure, prior to departure, international travel and medical insurances for the period of travel and participation.

CABI Malaysia Team