IPM Innovation Lab Trip Report

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Country Visited: Germany
Duration of travel: August 21-29, 2015
Sites Visited: Berlin, Germany

Description
August 21:
-Left Blacksburg on August 21 and reached Berlin on August 22.

August 23:
-Attended the International Association for Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS) Governing Board meeting at the Henry Ford Building. There were 25 participants (22 men and three women).

August 24:
-9:00 a.m.: Opening ceremony. IPM Innovation Lab received the Team Award and attended plenary session.
-1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Organized Tuta absoluta session and presented a paper on “Tuta absoluta management programs of the IPM Innovation Lab.” There were about 100 participants.

August 25:
-Attended a session on fruit flies and other sessions, followed by a poster session in the afternoon.
-7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.: Participated in a workshop on “Food Security – The Role of Plant Protection.”

August 26:
-10:00 a.m.-10.30 a.m.: Presented a paper on “IPM Components and Packages for Tropical Vegetable Crops” in the session on “Integrated Pest Management I.” There were 200 participants. In the afternoon, I attended the IAPPS Governing Board meeting and presented four resolutions, one of which was on formation of Working Groups of IAPPS.

August 27:
-Attended Biocontrol of Insects and closing sessions and prepared for the Tuta absoluta workshop.
-7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.: Conducted the workshop “Management of the South American Leafminer, Tuta absoluta.” We came up with a set of recommendations, one of which was on formation of the Working Group on Tuta absoluta, either with IAPPS or the International Organization for Biological Control (IOBC). There were 25 participants (18 men and seven women).

August 28:
-Took a field trip to Julius Kuhn-Institut Dahnsdorf (Long-term trials and IPM).

August 29:
-Left Berlin in the morning and reached Blacksburg at mid-night.