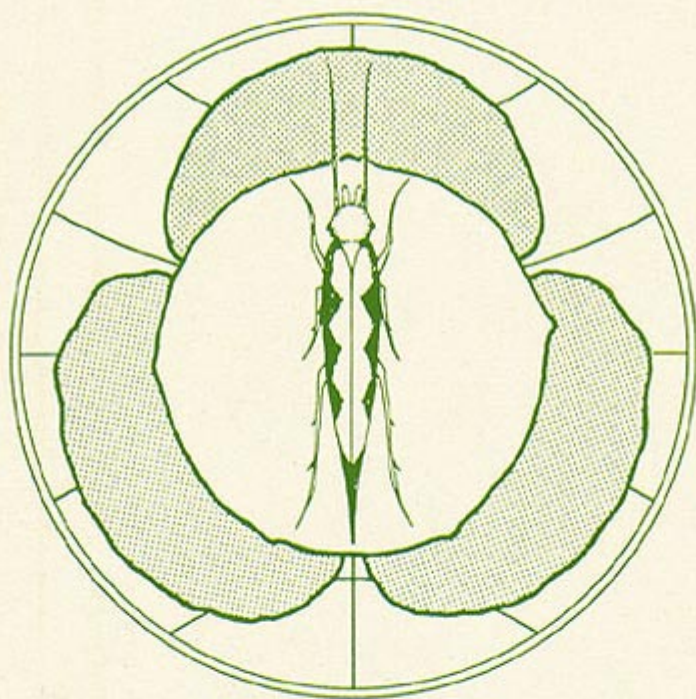


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# Foreword

The global importance of diamondback moth is reflected in estimates that its control could cost approximately US\$1 b annually. This insect attacks crucifers, particularly cabbages, broccoli, and cauliflower. The world production of these crops is over 42.2 million tons.

The resistance of diamondback moth to chemical sprays, and the growing concern about risks to farmers, consumers and the environment prompted AVRDC to initiate this important international meeting.

The conference, which attracted 200 scientists from about 30 countries, concentrated on advances in research to control this insect pest through integrated pest management techniques that rely less on chemicals and more on cultural improvements, host-plant resistance and biological control. This report constitutes a unique collection of material on worldwide efforts to control important insect pests of cruciferous crops.

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