

PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR PESTICIDE SAFETY

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SUMMARY

The International Centre for Pesticide Safety (ICPS) is a research unit of the National Health Service created by the Government of the Region of Lombardy at the proposal of the World Health Organization – Regional Office for Europe, in cooperation with the University of Milan, and in agreement with the Italian Ministry of Health.

ICPS operates in the following areas of activity: information and documentation on pesticide toxicity to man and environment; epidemiological, toxicological and clinical research on effects of pesticides in man; training and education of personnel in public health; assessment of environmental and health impact of pesticides by means of Geographical Information Systems; laboratory research for development and standardisation of methods for residue measurement in environmental and biological media. ICPS is also a centre of international meetings and continuing education courses. A number of projects carried out or underway at ICPS are briefly described in this paper.

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