# EPPO's activities in the International Year of Plant Health

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## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF **PLANT HEALTH** 2020

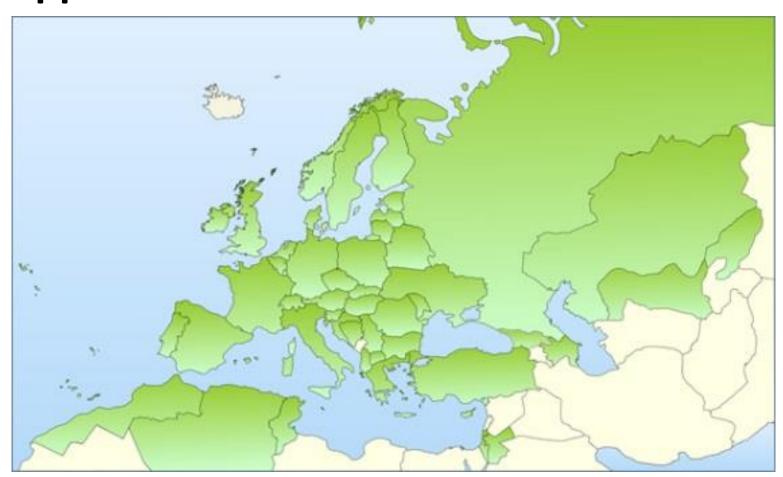
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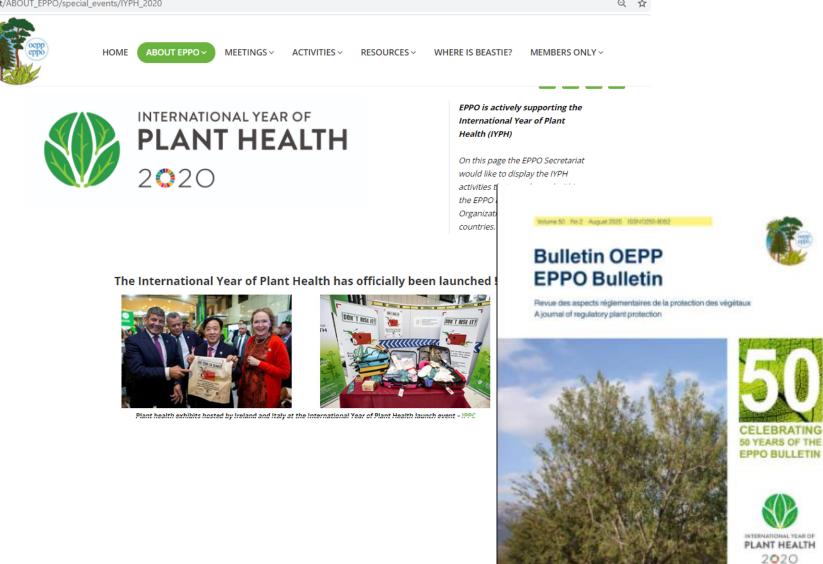


#### About

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2020 as the **International Year of Plant Health** (IYPH). The year is a once in a lifetime opportunity to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect the environment, and boost economic development.

## The European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) 52 member countries Support member countries in Plant Health





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### EPPO 'Don't risk it!' poster, available in many languages



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Ravageurs et maladies se cachent dans les plantes. Ne rapportez pas de vos voyages des plantes, graines, fruits, légumes ou fleurs.

> ANNÉE INTERNATIONALE DE LA SANTÉ DES VÉGÉTAUX



Non portare a casa piante, frutti, semi, fiori e ortaggi. Possono nascondere organismi nocivi ai vegetali e causare notevoli danni alle nostre piante!





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A special IYPH calendar for 2020

## International Year Plant Health (IYPH)

- Conference: organize side sessions International Conference Helsinki, on diagnostics and on remote sensing
- Fellowship: for young people working in Plant Health to gain more international experience, first call in IYPH, will continue for a number of years







Contest - Plant Health TV

www.Euphresco.net/contest/



### **EPPO Beastie the Bug**



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The United Nations have proclaimed 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). In January 2020, the EPPO Secretariat launched the Beastie the Bug communication campaign. We considered that this was a unique opportunity to share opinions, experiences, feelings, as well as nice photos about the importance of plant health, not only among experts within the Euro-Mediterranean region but with everyone around the world.

#### Who is Beastie?

Beastie the Bug is an invasive pest which seriously damages wild and cultivated plants. Several specimens have started to spread from the EPPO headquarters where the first outbreak was detected at the end of 2019.



295183 km travelled around the world

#### Catch Beastie!

