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34rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. August 25-30, 2001

The year 2001 marks the 100th anniversary of the discovery of *Bacillus thuringiensis* by Ishiwata and the 25th anniversary of the discovery of *B. thuringiensis* var. *israelensis* by Margalit. The latter being discovered in Israel, the Israeli Organizing Committee, lead by Meir Broza, takes great pride in organizing the 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology (SIP2001). Due to the uncertain political situation in Israel today the Israeli Organizing Committee sought an alternative venue for Ma'le Hachamisha and accepted the offer of the Dutch colleagues to join the Organizing Committee and have the meeting in The Netherlands. This will, therefore, be the first bi-nationally organized meeting in the history of the SIP. Israel and The Netherlands share a long history of friendship and the change in venue to the Golden Tulip Conference Hotel Leeuwenhorst in Noordwijkerhout was not difficult. The organizers are pleased that this change of venue and dates has the full support of the SIP executives and the SIP council. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend SIP2001.

The Israeli Organizing Committee apologizes that its sincere wish to welcome all SIP colleagues and true friends in Israel could not be fulfilled this time. The Committee feels that, when the situation in the region will return to peace, a better opportunity to host the SIP meeting in Israel will be found. SIP pilgrimage to a peaceful Jerusalem may provide a wonderful opportunity to combine scientific and spiritual values.

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