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**2001 ANNUAL MEETING AT
NOORWIJKERHOUT, THE NETHERLANDS
DRAWS OVER 400 PARTICIPANTS**

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology was held August 25-30 in the coastal city of Noordwijkerhout in the western part of the Netherlands. The emergency transfer of the meeting from Israel to the Netherlands worked out very well through the effective collaboration between the Israeli and Dutch Organizing Committees, the support of Leeuwenhorst Conference Hotel and the Wageningen student crew, which helped throughout the conference. As such, this was the first bi-nationally organized meeting of our Society. As an experiment, the meeting began on a Saturday evening with a mixer and finished on Thursday morning at breakfast following the closing banquet on Wednesday evening. This format is now under evaluation to replace the usual format. The meeting attracted more than 425 delegates, including

81 students and 27 companions, from 39 countries. The collegial atmosphere that characterizes SIP meetings persisted in Noordwijkerhout.

Scientific Program. The Israeli committee under the expert guidance of Yechiel Shai took responsibility for the scientific program and scheduled three Plenary Lectures, nineteen Symposia (78 papers), sixteen Contributed Paper Sessions (128 papers) and two well-attended Poster Sessions (133 posters). The bulk of the papers dealt with insect pathogens, such as viruses, bacteria, fungi, nematodes and protozoa, but also a few field-related papers were presented. In addition, six lively divisional meetings were organized on Sunday and Monday evening, collectively finished off with a social..

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