

FAOPMA STRENGTHENS REGIONAL TIES AHEAD OF AUCKLAND SUMMIT 2026



The Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers Associations (FAOPMA)

has issued its May 2026 regional update, outlining significant progress in membership growth, training delivery, and preparations for the upcoming Pest Summit in New Zealand.

Growing Membership. FAOPMA has welcomed three new country members — Vietnam, Nepal, and APJIPMI from Indonesia — further broadening its regional representation across Asia and Oceania.

Penang Summit 2025 — A Resounding Success

The FAOPMA Pest Summit 2025, hosted by the Malaysia Pest Management Association (MPMA) in Penang, drew over 1,300 delegates from 20 countries, supported by 48 exhibition booths and a strong lineup of local and international speakers. Held under the theme "Evolution of Pest Management," the summit explored innovation, sustainability, technology, and public health approaches shaping the industry's future.

Skilltech Regional Training

FAOPMA's Termite Management Masterclass was attended by more than 500 professionals from 28

countries, focusing on practical termite management strategies, emerging challenges, and best practices. Additional Skilltech training programs are expected to be announced shortly.

Task Force Realignment

FAOPMA has restructured its operations through "Advancing the pest management industry through policy leadership, innovation, sustainable practices, and collaborative growth."

Save the Date: FAOPMA Pest Summit 2026 — Auckland, New Zealand

FAOPMA, in partnership with PMANZ and AEPMA, will host the next Pest Summit from 15–17 July 2026 at the New Zealand International Convention Centre, Auckland. The theme — "FutureProof: Smarter Pest Solutions for a Rapidly Changing World" will drive discussions across technology, climate impacts, sustainability, and regulatory developments.

For registration and program details, visit www.faopma.com

IPM PROFESSIONAL IN PAKISTAN



Muhammad Idrees
Chief Executive Officer,
Pest Western, Lahore.

He is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pest Western, one of Pakistan's established pest management companies with over 20 years of professional experience in the industry.

Under his leadership, Pest Western has successfully provided integrated pest management services across Lahore, Islamabad, Faisalabad, Multan, and Gujranwala, serving commercial, industrial, and institutional clients.

Moreover, his company is registered with renowned associations like NPMA & FAOPMA, establishing as a trusted name in Pakistan's pest management sector.

If you are an IPM professional, please share your biography for the next issue.





Changing Pesticide Habits Through Communication — A Pakistan Success Story

Pesticide misuse is a serious health and environmental challenge in Pakistan, where many farmers apply chemicals without proper guidance on dosage or safety. Women and children are among the most vulnerable — and despite playing a central role in farming and household pesticide management, women often lack access to training and extension services.

To address this, CABI implemented Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) activities under their PlantwisePlus programme, using targeted communication, media engagement and community-level action to influence behaviours, shift social norms, and build capacity from farm level through to agro-dealers and journalists.

The results on the ground were encouraging. Farmers reported abandoning long-standing but dangerous habits such as bringing empty pesticide bottles home while women spoke with growing confidence about safety precautions that were previously unfamiliar to them.



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The keynote speaker is Janet Hemingway, FRS, CBE, Founding Director of the Infection Innovation Consortium at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. An expert with 50 years of experience studying mosquitoes, her talk focuses on insecticide resistance mechanisms. Previously a Gates Foundation advisor, she led major vector control projects exceeding £370 million. Register today at royensoc.co.uk.



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How to Build a Recurring Bed Bug Service Model

Join industry professionals as they discuss easy ways to build a recurring service model with bed bug inspections and treatments.

June 12, 2026 | 9 PM PKT

The Allergen Update: Bed Bugs

Dr. DeVries will cover the latest research concerning bed bug allergens, and what you need to know for your next bed bug call.

June 16–18, 2026

2026 Executive Leadership Forum

The Executive Leadership Forum brings together top leaders from within the structural pest industry to prepare for the coming leadership year and continued success.

July 21– 23, 2026

2026 Academy

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SHOWCASES AT INNOVATIVE PEST SOLUTIONS AT PAKISTAN'S LEADING AGRI EXHIBITION 2026

TPL pest control participated in the 19th International Agri Asia Exhibition & Conference, held from 09–11 May 2026 at the Lahore Expo Centre, Pakistan. Organized by E-commerce Gateway Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd., the event attracted a diverse audience from the agriculture, rice technology, stockists, food processing, grain storage, warehousing, agri-machinery, and pest management sectors.



During the exhibition, The Planters (Pvt.) Limited showcased its integrated pest management (IPM) solutions, fumigation services, pheromone-based insect monitoring technologies, and the stored-product pest control products.

"The company's booth received significant attention from the representatives of rice mills, warehouses, food industries, government organizations, exporters, and pest management professionals seeking the most effective pest management solutions in Pakistan."



The participation of The Planters (Pvt.) Ltd. in Agri Asia 2026 was proudly sponsored by **Fuji Flavor Co., Ltd. (Japan)** and **Detia Degesch Group (Germany)**. Their valuable support contributed significantly to the successful representation of highly needed innovative pest management technologies at exhibition.

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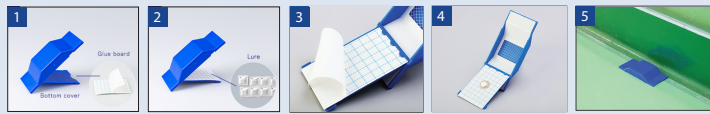
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