



## **International Working Conferences on Stored Product Protection**

Dear Colleagues:

I welcome you to the 13<sup>th</sup> International Working Conference on Stored Product Protection (IWCSPP). This conference, which is held every four years, is the premier international conference for scientists and industry professionals working with stored agricultural commodities. We have had an interruption in the schedule due to the global pandemic, but are excited to be back.

Since the first IWCSPP in 1974, the number of participants and the countries which they represent has increased along with the broad coverage of scientific topics related to storage of agricultural products. This meeting will include sessions on insect and microbial pathogen biology, detection, and management; engineering and technology aspects of quality preservation and food security; quarantine treatments; issues related to gender, policy and governance; and extension and education. The current conference also will have emphasis on protection of stored products in African countries. The oral and poster presentations, along with specialized workshops, will inform participants on the latest advances in stored-product protection, while providing ample time to network with colleagues.

Kampala, the capital and largest city in Uganda, with a population of almost 2 million people, has much to offer as a meeting location and Uganda as a whole offers many options for side trips to experience the amazing landscape, wildlife, and people.

I welcome you to Kampala for what promises to be an exciting and productive conference for advancing the scientific fields involved in stored-product protection.

Sincerely,

James F. Campbell, President  
Permanent Committee of the International Working Conferences on Stored Product Protection