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## Conference program

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## INOVATIVE “ATTRACT & KILL” STRATEGY FOR CONTROLLING WIREWORMS IN SUNFLOWER

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### Abstract

Recent EU regulations aim at reducing the use of synthetic pesticides in agriculture. In sunflower production systems in Serbia, the use of insecticides as soil and seed treatments was predominant practice of wireworm (Coleoptera: Elateridae) control. However, a number of compounds that were efficiently used as seed treatments are banned (neonicotinoids and carbofuran in 2014, bifenthrin in 2018), which imposes a need for novel approach in wireworm management. One of the promising alternatives is the use of entomopathogenic fungi (EPFs) as environmentally favorable microbiological agents. This work aimed at assessing the potential of an “Attract & Kill” strategy for controlling wireworms in sunflower in comparison with conventional insecticides. This strategy involved the use of the product “ATTRACAP<sup>®</sup>”, capsules containing the EPF *Metarhizium brunneum* and CO<sub>2</sub> as attractant. The experiment was set in 2018, at Rimski šančevi (Novi Sad, Serbia), as a randomized block design with a) soil treatments with ATTRACAP<sup>®</sup> and tefluthrin based insecticide; b) seed treatments with thiacloprid, bifenthrin, tefluthrin and flupyradifurone based insecticides and c) the control (untreated seeds). The efficacy of the treatments was assessed based on the plant stand in the phenophases of one to two, and four pair of leaves. At the phase of the first pair of leaves the highest plant stand was in treatments with ATTRACAP<sup>®</sup> (1001 emerged plant) and seed treatments with tefluthrin (982) and bifenthrin (971). The lowest plant stand was recorded in the control and soil application of tefluthrin (936 and 931 emerged plants, respectively). At the second phase, the differences between the plant stand were statistically significant. The highest was in treatments with thiacloprid (946 emerged plants) or ATTRACAP<sup>®</sup> (921 emerged plants) while the lowest remained as in the previous assessment. As expected, plant stand was reduced between assessments as a result of wireworm activity.

ATTRACAP<sup>®</sup> showed a satisfactory efficacy, being at the same level of significance as commonly used insecticides in sunflower production (a.i. thiacloprid for seed treatment and tefluthrin for soil treatment). Thus, the “Attract & Kill” strategy was efficient in controlling wireworms at conditions of low abundance, like in this experiment.

**Keywords:** ATTRACAP<sup>®</sup>, entomopathogenic fungi, *Metarhizium brunneum*, CO<sub>2</sub> attraction, Elateridae

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