



# DOTTS – NEWSLETTER

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Dear colleagues,

Following up the issues mentioned in the last Newsletter, this time the focus of this paper will be on the ring test with dung flies. I am glad to announce that Boris Rosenkranz on behalf of IBACON GmbH is inviting all people interested in dung fly ring testing for a one-day training workshop (details see below). This invitation is mainly addressing those members who in the past (e.g. at or after our meetings in Hamburg 2003 and Prague 2004) agreed to take part in this ring test. However, the participation of any further person / institution is greatly appreciated. Please be aware that such participation is firstly focussing on dung fly testing within a period of approximately 6 – 9 months. In other words, participation in other ring tests, in particular with dung beetles, will be handled separately (and for sure not before the end of 2004).

The training workshop will take place on August 20, 2004 at IBACON GmbH in Roßdorf, Germany (for details of location and travel to Roßdorf see the IBACON homepage [www.ibacon.com/locations/index.php](http://www.ibacon.com/locations/index.php)). In order to reserve the whole day for our work (i.e. approximately 08:30 to 17:00), it is recommended to participants travel to Roßdorf on Thursday, August 19. A “get-together” will be organised on Thursday night. In addition, recommendations for accommodation are also attached to this Newsletter. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Boris at +49 6154 697 345 or via e-mail.

On this day, probably at least one fly test (to be started by the end of this month) will be finished. Afterwards, a new test will be started by the participants. In general, a mixture of theoretical information and practical

work will be offered to the participants. In order to keep the group in an efficient size, not more than two colleagues per participating institution should attend the workshop. The tests will be done following the updated version of the Dung Fly Testing Protocol provided by Jackie Hughes. Following up the internal DOTTS discussion, comments by a number of colleagues have been incorporated into this version (see attachment). It is hoped that after this program, there will be some time left to discuss further issues like the use of dried and ground dung etc. In any case please bring any material, information (whatever might be useful for the group) or questions with you to Roßdorf!

PLEASE INFORM BORIS AND MYSELF UNTIL JULY 30, 2004 WHETHER YOU WILL COME TO ROSSDORF!!!

One other issue is worth to be presented here. SETAC asked me a couple of days ago to provide the office with information material to be used on a new SETAC web page presenting the work of advisory groups. Due to a very tight schedule (an answer was expected within two days), I have send them only existing information (e.g. the membership list, the “general” DOTTS poster that was showed in Austin, Buenos Aires and Christchurch) and some key words concerning our actual activities. It seems that this was sufficient for the SETAC webpage (i.e. I have not heard anything else).

However, we should use this opportunity to finally set up our own web page, starting with the same information as described above. Please send me any information you might find useful for DOTTS (e.g. photos, experiences, publications etc.). All members will have the opportunity to comment the web page before it will “officially” launched.

Finally, some comments I got from two OECD member states referring to the draft study protocols are attached. We should discuss these points internally first but have to address them before sending the next version to OECD.

In addition to the information mentioned so far, please find also an up-to-

date list of members.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, questions etc.

Best regards,  
Jörg Römbke

## Appendix

### Hotels in Rossdorf:

There are three hotels around Ibacon:

1. Hotel Bessunger Forst: [www.hotel-bessunger-forst.de](http://www.hotel-bessunger-forst.de) about 1000m away from Ibacon, nice located on the edge of the forest, but expensive.

The other hotels are close to Ibacon in the same industrial area (but please be assure, that here is no heavy industry).

2. Hotel Aron: [www.aronhotel.de](http://www.aronhotel.de), Arheilger Weg 9

3. Appart- Hotels Garni, In den Leppsteinswiesen 8, phone: +49 6154 60240