

Rapporteur's notes

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The viability of DSS (Decision Support Systems) in developing countries was questioned. It was suggested that stakeholders be involved in the development and diffusion of these techniques, perhaps partially, by FFS (Farmer Field Schools). There was discussion on how SIM-CAST differs from Blitcast and Tomcast because it includes fungicide loss and does not predict the first spray.

There was full agreement that the relationship between oospore formation, fungicide application and resistant cultivars merits further investigation.

The participants felt that management and forecasting of late blight probably must be site specific due, in part, to the following factors. The number of fungicide applications varies from location to location. *P. infestans* populations are diverse, host specificity for potato, tomato and wild species can vary and long distance spore dispersal may not occur in the dry sub-tropics. Although, some resistant cultivars are grown in Latin America and India, in most countries, the susceptible, popular and commercially acceptable varieties are still cultivated.