

A workshop 'Future Plant Disease Epidemiology' was held in Uppsala, Sweden, from the 13-14 September, 2017, with invited guests from the USA, France, and China.

The 12th International Epidemiology Workshop was held in Lillehammer, Norway, from the 10th to the 14th June, 2018. See <https://nibio.pameldingssystem.no/iew12> for additional details.

As a complement to the normal communication channels within the epidemiology subject matter committee, a number of open plant pathology channels have been established to foster the spread of methods, techniques, and possibly data related to epidemiology-related issues. This initiative was started by Nik Grünwald, Emerson Del Ponte, and Adam Sparks, and has the following components:

- Website, <http://openplantpathology.netlify.com> ;
- Slack workgroup to help foster communication, <https://openplantpathology.slack.com> ;
- GitHub organisation to help with sharing of data, code and other information, <https://github.com/openplantpathology> ; and
- Twitter account so that we can connect with others outside of our community, @OpenPlantPath.