We are happy to announce you the successful completion of the program **LIFE PISA – Ιnnovative Eco Friendly Traps for the Control of Pine Lepidoptera in Urban and Recreational Places**. Pine Lepidoptera can cause important problems to public health such as asthma, conjunctivitis, dermatitis, etc., especially to children, while they downgrade the recreational character of parks, public places etc. The work was funded by the **European Program LIFE PISA** and carried out by the Laboratory of Entomology and Agricultural Zoology, at the Department of Agriculture, Crop Production and Rural Environment, under the scientific supervision of Prof. Christos Athanassiou.

Α theme from the scientific work titled “Evaluation of pheromone trap devices for the capture of Thaumetopoea pityocampa (Lepidoptera: Thaumetopoeidae) in southern Europe” was chosen by The Journal of Economic Entomology, which is published by the Entomological Society of America, for the front cover of its issue for June 2017. It is a photo capturing a procession (litany) of larvae of the processionary pine moth (Thaumetopoea pityocampa comes from the Greek θαυματοποιός= miracle maker), at the urban environment. It is of great interest that, in the frame of LIFE PISA, the pine larva was studied for the first time simultaneously in three different Mediterranean countries, while scientific research has discovered and named a new pine moth species in science, Thaumetopoea hellenica, which can be found in Greece.

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