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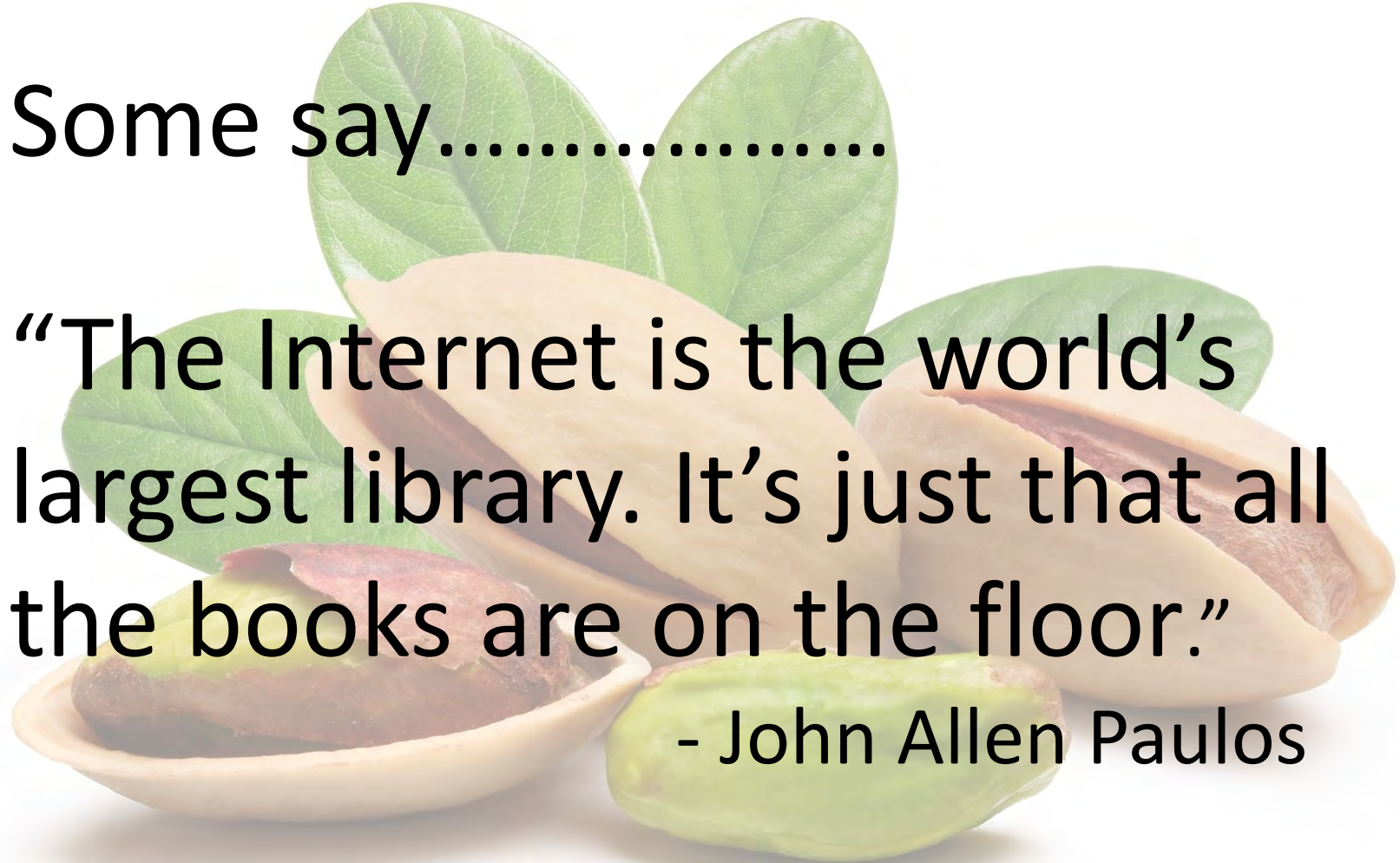
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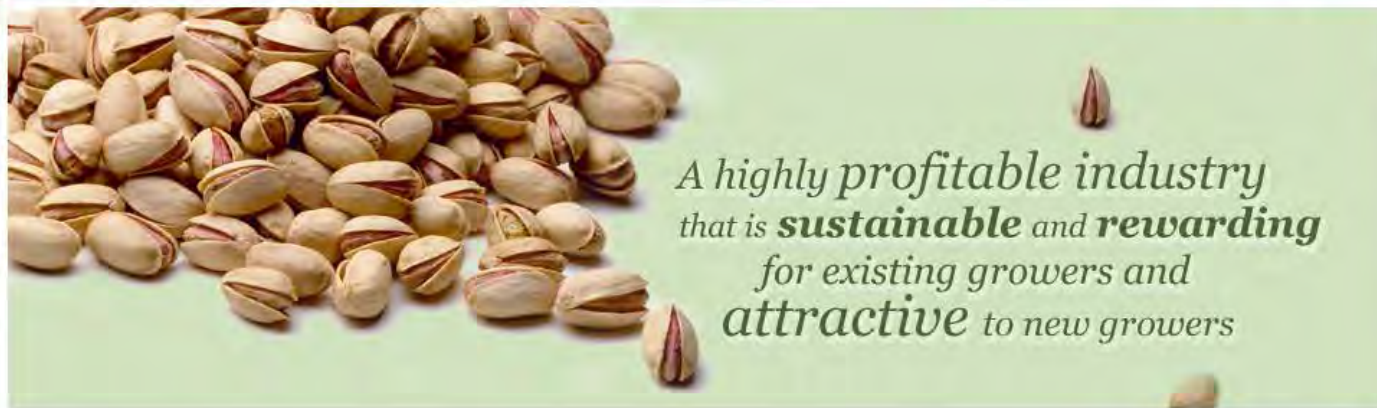
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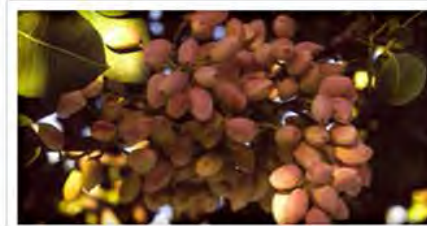
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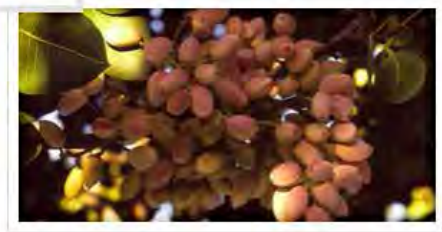
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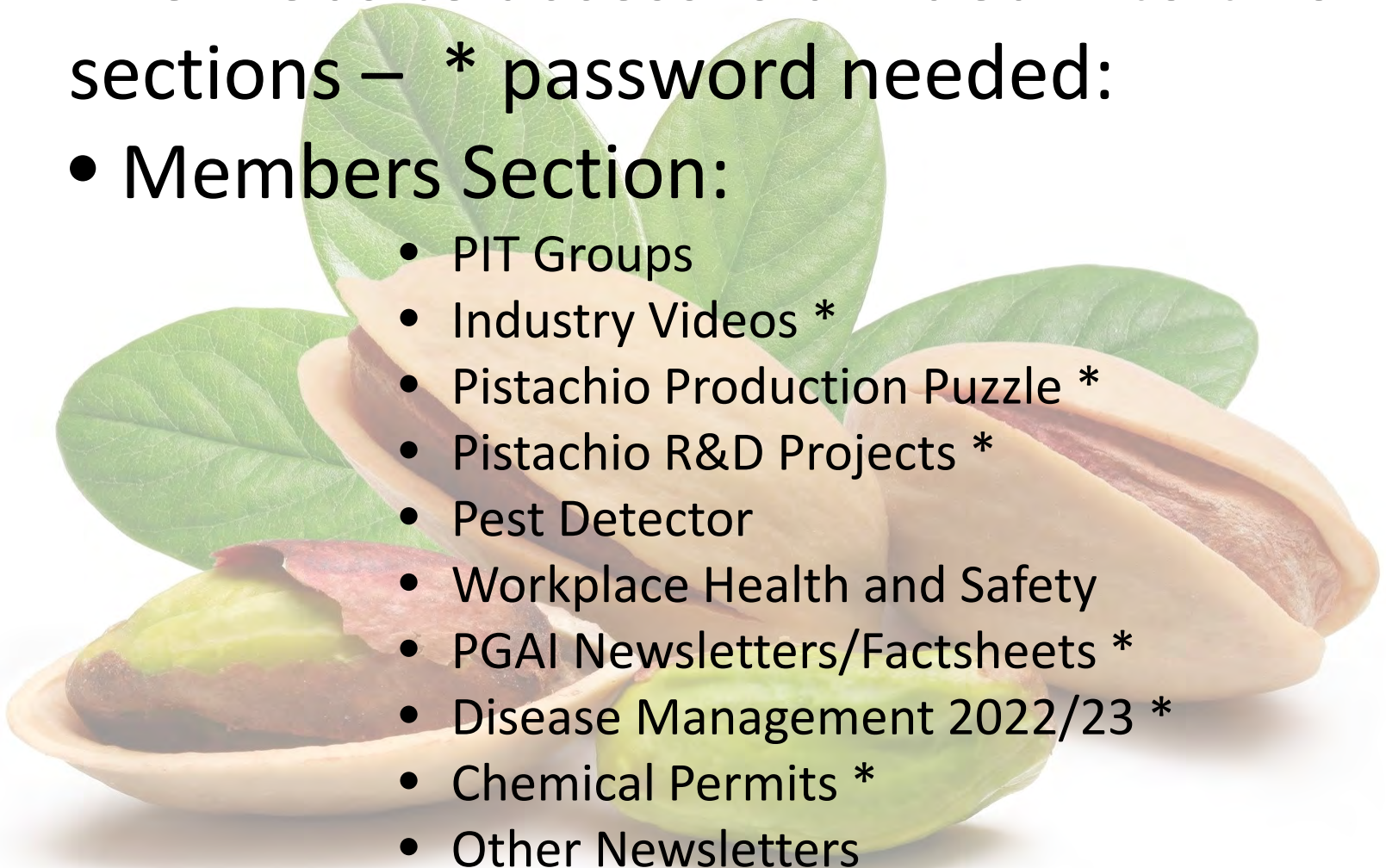




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## PIT Group reports:

Click on the link below to take you to the PIT Group meeting in the series. To return to the menu click on the 'Top' button at the bottom right of each report. From July 2022 each PIT Group meeting has a dedicated page with all presentations, photographs and videos.

- [June 2023 PIT Group Winter Sessions – Lake Powell Victoria and Renmark, South Australia – opens a new page](#)
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# PIT Group page navigation

The background of the slide features a cluster of pistachios and green leaves. Some pistachios are in their light brown, papery shells, while others are shelled, showing their green, slightly wrinkled nuts. The leaves are vibrant green with visible veins.

- Prior to July 22 PIT Group reports resided in two locations:
  1. PIT Groups – reports and PDFs of presentations for each session.
  2. Industry Videos
- From July 2022 all reports and videos in one location. Linked from the main PIT Group page, the report and videos for each session open in a new page.

# Special Thanks!



James Simpfendorfer (*the guy in the centre with the camera*) videos, edits and provides the finished product from each PIT Group and Symposium for PGAI to put up on the website.

This fantastic resource has about 10 years of industry meetings recorded.

# Pistachio Production Puzzle



**Let's take a Tour**



# Next PIT Group Sessions

The background of the slide features several pecans and green leaves. Some pecans are whole, while others are cracked open to reveal the light-colored nutmeat. The leaves are vibrant green and have a smooth texture.

Late October/Early November

- Tour of the new hulling facility?
- Drones (Rob Haynes)

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