BioProtection Global Update: activities with IGOs and NGOs

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Established October 2014 as a Global Federation of Biocontrol and Biopesticide Associations (GFBBA)

New acronym: BioProtection Global

Members
ABC Bio – Brazilian Association of Biological Control Companies
ANBP – Association of Natural Biocontrol Producers
BPIA – Biopesticide Industry Alliance
IBMA – International Biocontrol Manufacturers
SABO – South African Bioproducts Organisation
Election of 2016 Board Officers:

- The term will be for 1 year from 1\textsuperscript{st} January to 31\textsuperscript{st} December 2016.
- Willem Ravensberg (IBMA) was elected President
- Rick Melnick (BPIA) was elected Vice President
- Andre Fox (SABO) was elected Immediate Past President
- Keith Jones (BPIA) was appointed 2016 Secretariat
BioProtection Global

Current structure:

- Board members of Members Associations form the Board
- Members are Regional or National Associations
- No statutes
- No budget
- In future?
- New members: in contact with 3 candidate members
BioProtection Global 2016 objectives

Three objectives were confirmed for 2016.

- The first is international harmonization of regulatory and trade decisions and authorizations related to biocontrols and biopesticides. This will be achieved by the creation of a high level strategy committee.

- The second is identifying and engaging with key targets to communicate and assist in achieving international harmonization and serving as the global body representing the biocontrol and biopesticide industries.

- The third is to identify topics of common issues that require “standby statements” to be prepared for use by the member associations and their member companies when needed.

- It should be noted that for all objectives the purpose is work sharing and reduction of workload as opposed to increased activities.
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OECD
FAO and WHO
UNEP–CBD
OECD Pesticides Programme Structure and BPG involvement

OECD Working Group on Pesticides

- Network for Fighting Illegal Trade
- Bio-Pesticides Steering Group
  - Various ad hoc groups
- Risk Reduction Steering Group
  - Risk Indicators
  - Spray Drift
  - Integrated Pest Management
- Registration Steering Group
  - Compliance and Enforcement
    - Pollinators
    - Minor Uses
  - Electronic Exchange of Data
  - Residue Chemistry

Programmes of importance to BPG
Present Future
## BPG Representatives in OECD Working Group & Steering Group

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OECD and BioProtection Global

BioPesticide Steering Group – BPSG

Workshops for developing Guidance Documents

- 2008 – Regulation of Biopesticides: Registration and Communication Issues
- 2009 – Seminar on Identity and Characterisation of micro-organisms
- 2010 – Seminar on the fate in the environment of microbial control agents and their effect on non-target organisms
- 2011 – “Characterisation and Analyses of Botanicals for the Use in Plant Protection Products
OECD and BioProtection Global

BioPesticide Steering Group – BPSG

Workshops for developing Guidance Documents

- 2013 – OECD/KemI/EU Workshop on Microbial Pesticides: Assessment and Management of Risks
- 2014 – Application Techniques for Microbial Pest Control Products and Semiochemicals: Use Scenarios and Associated Risks
- 2015 – Hazard and Risk Assessment of Secondary Metabolites
- 2016 – Sensitization potential of microorganisms
UN FAO / WHO Groups dealing with PPPs and BPG involvement

FAO / WHO

- UNEP
  - ABS Nagoya Protocol

- JMPM
  - Code of Conduct
  - Guidance
  - Biocontrol Integrated Pest Management

- JMPS
  - Regional and Global Harmonisation
  - Training
  - Minor Uses
  - Adherence

Programmes of importance to BPG

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JMPM - Joint Meetings on Pesticide Management

- The **FAO/WHO JMPM** advises on matters pertaining to pesticide regulation, management and use, and alerts to new developments, problems or issues that otherwise merit attention.
- BPG – to include biopesticides in general
FAO/WHO and BioProtection Global

JMPS – "Joint Meeting on Pesticide Specifications"

- JMPS is an expert ad hoc body administered jointly by FAO and WHO, composed of scientists collectively possessing expert knowledge of the development of specifications.

- FAO is publishing specifications for pesticides and their related formulations, as well the accompanying manual on the development and use of these specifications:
  - a normal standard of quality for the buying and selling of pesticides
  - assistance in the official approval and acceptance of pesticides
  - protection for responsible vendors against inferior products
  - a link between biological efficacy and specification requirements
  - an international point of reference;

- BPG – to include (different) specifications for biopesticides
# BPG Representatives in Expert Groups

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The IBMA and ABS

- Involved since 2008
- IBCA initiated
- **CBD**: working groups, side events (together with ICC)
- **IOBC** working group: Preparation of Background Study paper 47 FAO
- **EU**: meetings on draft regulation (together with ESA)
- EU development of general guidance and sector specific
  - On implementation
  - On access and benefit sharing
- Best Practice Document (EU, FAO)?
- Working group ABS: all professional groups
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PAN
Greenpeace
WWF
IFOAM
Others
NGOs of interest to BPG

- PAN International
  - Regions incl. Europe, North America, Pacific
  - 4 symposia on SUD with European Parliament

- Greenpeace
  - Regions, and on global basis
  - 2 symposia on SUD with European Parliament

- WWF
  - Regions, and on global basis

- IFOAM
  - Regions, and on global basis
  - Use of biocontrols in organic agriculture
  - Harmonize certification

- Others?
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why we all need harmonization

- For producers of (bio)pesticides
- For regulators
- For farmers and other users
60,000,000

crop/pest/product/country combinations

> 10,000 crops
> 10 pests per crop
> 3 products per crop/pest combination
> 200 countries doing the same regulatory work

Dr. Imme Gerke and Dr. Jacques Drolet
Who wants change?

Who wants to change?
Global Cooperation across Political Borders among and between growers, industry and governments
First Global Minor Use Priority Setting Workshop: Seeking pest management solutions for growers around the world, September 20 – 22, 2015 in Chicago, IL, USA.
Most countries have not yet developed a format for data packages of biopesticides to be submitted.

However, they all know that they need one.

If companies now begin to develop a single data package for the world in OECD format, all countries receive a standard data package and it is identical to that in other countries.

If that happens, countries will stop to push ahead with the development of a national format.

If it does not happen, countries will develop national formats and companies will be stuck with the requirement for differently formatted data packages for different countries.

As of today, companies can move the regulatory system into harmonization

Or allow it to drift further apart.

Right now is not the time to argue but to implement and to get regulators to keep their word.

That is possible. Let us change!!!
The future of biocontrol and harmonized regulations and trade has started
BPG needs to be part of this
And all of you as well

Thank you

Questions ??

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