Regulatory challenges in Asia for European companies and the importance of Asia for IBMA

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What “Non-chemical solutions” are currently available from the Biocontrol industry?

- **Macrobials**
  - Predators, parasites & nematodes
  - Living organisms found to naturally protect crops

- **Microbials**
  - Viruses, Bacteria & Fungal Pathogens
  - Found naturally in soil, used in food, feed & and unregulated uses

- **Semiocchemicals**
  - Pheromones, Plant volatiles
  - Communication tools found in nature with no killing effect

- **Natural & Biochemical Products**
  - Botanicals & Other Natural substances
  - Products derived from nature

Usually regulated as PPPs
Not usually regulated as PPPs
Regulatory challenges
We live in a global world

• We trade with each other
• We live in one environment
• We eat the same food as each other
• We suffer similar health issues as each other

• Where do our IGOs stand?
OECD – A body for global cooperation

- OECD vision from 2010 – 2014
- Greening agriculture
- Reducing risk by reducing pesticide usage
- Increasing use of alternatives and IPM
- A single global data package
- A single global evaluation
FAO – a UN body for agriculture

• Ensure pesticide reduction can be practised in all regions of our world
• Ensure safe and effective biological tools are available in all regions
• New guidance passed for biopesticides in April 2017
• Use existing registrations from e.g. USA, EU, CAN, AUS
• Positive list of a.s. where a lot is already known
For EU companies

- Global developments help utilise existing data packages
- Work by GIZ in South East Asia also helps harmonised evaluations
- One day – our dream may come true!

- For now!
- Check rules regarding companies allowed to hold a registration
- Work with reliable partners
- Engage a consultant
Importance of Asia
Importance of Asia for IBMA

- Europe is a leading user of biocontrol techniques
- Asia has used biocontrol for a long time in traditional control of pests and diseases
- Regulation of biopesticides in Asia is changing
- IGOs are promoting change of agricultural production methods
- Asian market for biopesticides is forecast to expand rapidly
- Asian dietary habits are changing which requires more sustainable agricultural production
IBMA as an organisation

• IBMA is a global organisation with a European focus
• We are interested in issues surrounding proportionate regulation of biocontrol products and promotion of the biocontrol industry and solutions
• IBMA participate in key IGOs, especially OECD EGBP and FAO JMPS and JMPM
• IBMA are founding members of BioProtection Global
• IBMA work closely with Copa and Cogeca: the EU farmers organisation
IBMA as an organisation for Asian companies

• Asian companies wanting access in Europe are encouraged to join particularly for networking and gaining expertise and experience of EU regulatory system

• Asian companies wanting products from Europe are encouraged to join

• Participate in ABIM: the premier global networking event for the biocontrol industry

• Asian companies wanting to ensure proportionate global regulatory harmonisation are encouraged to join

• Asian companies interested in trade issues are encouraged to join
IBMA promote holistic biocontrol based agriculture

- Prevention of pest & disease explosion
- Use of all available tools
- Minimise risk to human health and the environment

A new true green revolution

Only through use of true IPM
IBMA of value to European and Asian companies
Many thanks – any questions?

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