



# IBMA and Copa-Cogeca Common action for sustainable plant protection

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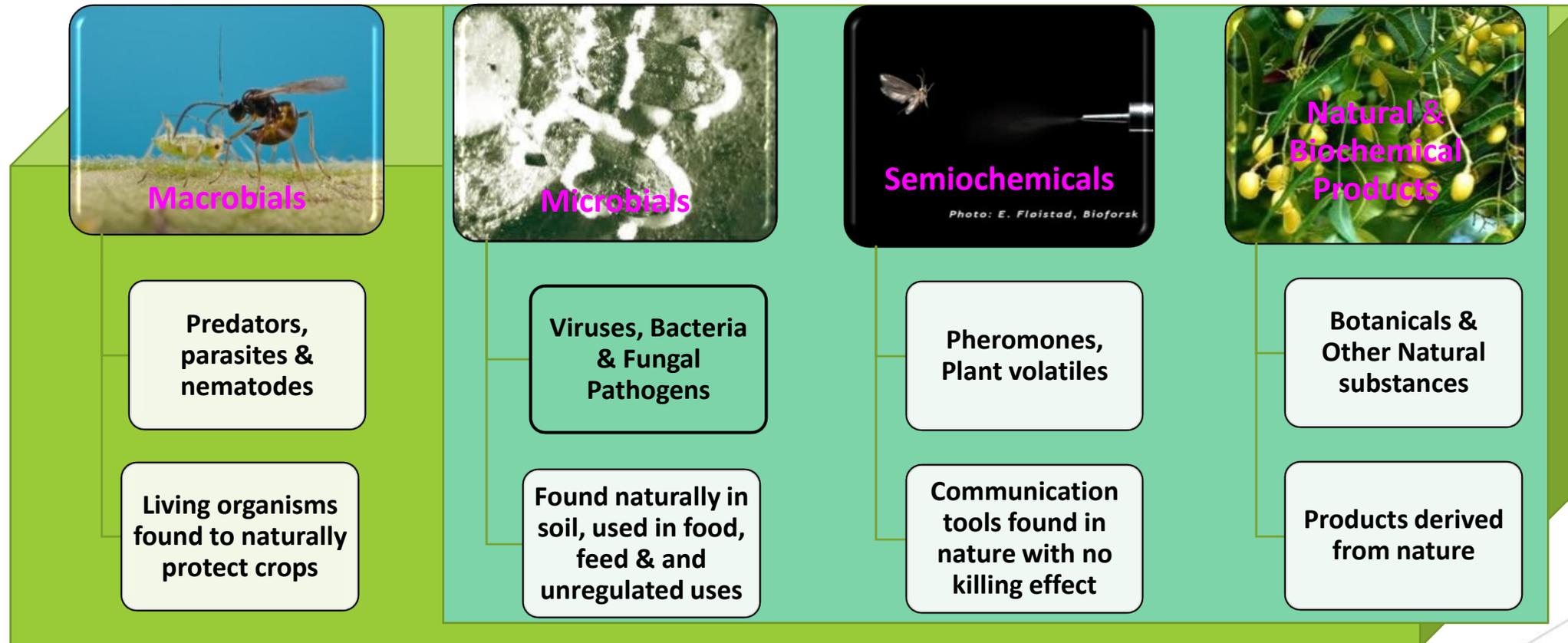
# Biocontrol Products

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- Sourced from nature
- Have a low impact on human health and the environment
- Effective for management of plant pests and diseases



# What “innovative green tools” are currently available from the Biocontrol industry?



# IBMA - Who are we?

## International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association aisbl

- Established in 1995
- Headquarters in Brussel, in rue Trèves 61
- Over 250 members including > 160 companies developing, manufacturing, placing on the market Biocontrol solutions,
- High proportion of SMEs, also large multinational organisations
- → IBMA Members Directory 2019
- Eight National groups: BE, CH, DE/AT, ES, FR, IT, NL, UK



# IBMA - Partner in a wide international network

- Recognised by **EU institutions and authorities:**  
EU Commission, EP, EFSA, ECHA and EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility as well as by EU Member State authorities
  - Active in **intergovernmental organisations:**  
OECD WG on Pesticides and its EGs (e.g. Biopesticides), FAO (Joint Meetings )...
  - Member of **BioProtection Global** ([see more](#))  
a worldwide federation of eight biocontrol and biopesticides industry associations, in Europe, USA/Canada, Brazil, Columbia, India, Japan, South Africa
  - Partnerships with Stakeholder Organisations, in particular **COPA COGECA**
- Common Roadmaps for Collaboration: 2014-2015 and 2018 - 2025**

# Copa-Cogeca – IBMA

## Common Roadmap for collaboration 2018-2025

- EU farmers have been deprived of numerous PP solutions
- Biocontrol manufacturer are facing important obstacles to get their products authorised in the EU

→ Copa-Cogeca and IBMA agreed on

Roadmap for Collaboration and coordinated action to ensure that sustainable and effective biocontrol solutions are made available for the IPM-toolbox of EU farmers → [see text](#)

### Four Platforms

- 1 - Cooperation on EU Minor Uses and Specialty Crops
- 2 - Information exchange and targeted solutions
- 3 - Low-risk active substances and products
- 4 - Regulation of biocontrol solutions proportionate to the risk they pose



# Roadmap Platform 1

## Cooperation on EU Minor Uses and Specialty Crops

### **EU Minor Use Coordination Facility**

- Participation in Commodity EGs, Horizontal EG and Stakeholder Advisory Forum
- Information exchange to be aligned with Copa-Cogeca
- IBMA-internal call for solutions: seed production and seed treatments
- IBMA support of request for sustainable funding of the MUCF

### **Member States**

- Example France: WG on Biocontrol in CTOP of Commission Usages Orphelins

### **OECD**

- Participation in EG Minor Uses

### **International**

- Participation in Global Minor Use Summits



# Roadmap Platform 2

## Information exchange and targeted solutions

- Copa-Cogeca and IBMA must **exchange on needs identified** by farmers and solutions available in biocontrol industry
- WG on Phytosanitary questions can provide **list of key needs** to IBMA
- IBMA can encourage development, **applications for new authorisations or extensions**
- Link to actions in **platform 1** (minor uses and specialty crops)
- Needs a lot of attention at national and European level, to be strengthened

# EP Resolution on low-risk pesticides of biological origin

Resolution voted in European Parliament on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 → [see text](#)

- Stresses that farmers need a **bigger toolbox** at hand to protect their crops and to decide which measure will be best and most sustainably to protect them
- Calls for immediate action and stresses the need to revise current PPP legislation
- Calls on Commission to submit a specific **legislative proposal** [...] establishing a **fast-track** evaluation, authorisation and registration process for low-risk pesticides of biological origin

# Roadmap Platform 3

## Low-risk active substances and products

### In European Parliament

- Resolution of 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 on low-risk pesticides of biological origin
- COPA COGECA – IBMA Luncheon Symposium on Sustainable plant protection co-hosted by MEPs on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 and related joint press release

### With European Commission

- IBMA Board and secretariat meetings with DG SANTE Pesticides Unit

### In Member States

- Actions at national level to gain support in SC PAFF and in the Council for low-risk solutions including biologicals

# Roadmap Platform 4

## Regulation of biocontrol solutions proportionate to the risk they pose

Legislation fit for purpose: protect human health and environment and ensure that efficient tools, especially biological and low-risk tools, are available to all farmers

### In the EU

- **EP Resolution** of 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 on low-risk pesticides of biological origin
- **Revised criteria for low-risk** active substances [Reg. (EU) 2017/1432 → [see text](#)]
- Proportionate data requirements [DRs]: Stressed in **REFIT process**
- IBMA discusses UPs and DRs with DG SANTE and MSs, participates in EU WG on BioPesticides
- **Very recent signals from that DG SANTE: Amendments for DRs possible ...**
- IBMA demand: Microbials first but also specific DRs for semiochemicals and natural substances

### In OECD

- In WG on Pesticides & EGs: action to harmonise regulations & DRs and development of appropriate guidance
- In seminars: contribution to dissemination of information

IBMA is also contributes to FAO work, where possible

**COPA COGECA** can support IBMA in EP, in Council / Member States, with COM





# EP Symposium - Key statements of speakers

- **Pekka Pesonsen** warned that the current system for authorisation is not safeguarding the competitiveness of EU agriculture
- **Jan-Kees Goet** (Min Ag / NL) spoke in favour of the use of LR biological pesticides
- **Dr Werner Christie** (former Min of Health / Norway) highlighted the striking difference between Norway's policy and the **apparent inactivity of the EU** in promoting LR products
- **Luc Peeters**
  - observed that **new tools developed in the EU** are often exported outside the EU because of the lengthy and costly EU authorisation system.
  - deplored that the **EU MUCF** has been left without funding by the EU COM.

# EP Symposium - Key statements of speakers (2)

- **MEP Ivan Jakovcic** stressed the need for a rapid change in ag policy in favour of tools for EU farmers.
- **MEP Annie Shreijer-Pierik** stated that biological LR PPPs are an important part of the farmers tool box.
- In a statement delivered, **MEP Pavel Poc** declared that EU COM should better acknowledge the broadly supported call for action.
- **David Cary** (IBMA) regretted the EP Resolution in favour of fast-track authorisations for LR PPP including biologicals has not been implemented and pointed at proposals in the IBMA White Paper
- **Klaus Berend** (DG SANTE, Head Pesticides Unit)
  - shared the frustration that authorisation procedures take too long.
  - pointed at EU MSs and their responsibility in dysfunctions.
  - disagreed with the need for a separate fast-track procedure for low-risk PPPs including biologicals.

# EP Symposium - Conclusions

- Consensus on the urgent need to expand the EU farmers' IPM toolbox with LR PPPs including those of biological origin: farmers need more safe and efficient solutions and choices
- Current EU legislative framework is not functioning, not properly supporting the development and placing on the market of innovative sustainable tools on the market
- Need for improvement of the current authorisation procedure, by introducing a fast-track for LR PPPs including biologicals

Importance of communication with farmers with regard to their needs

**IBMA pursues partnership with Copa-Cogeca,  
will strengthen collaboration and  
improve communication with farmers**



Thank you  
for your attention!

