An update on IBMA, its activities in biocontrol in Europe

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2015 – a truly auspicious year indeed!!

Birthday Celebrations:
IBMA 20 years
BPIA 15 years
ABIM 10 years

Birth of GFBBA
What is the focus of IBMA?

• Ensuring proportionate regulation of members’ products
• Promoting the interests and activities of the sector and its’ members
• Promote members main interest – biologically based protection
• Accelerate the strong growth in the use of biocontrol products
• Maintain a strong European focus
• Assist in establishing a global network
• Promote diversification into other areas
What are the current main issues for IBMA?

• Proportionate regulation
• Ill fitting EU regulation
  • Design
  • Grey areas
• Promotion
  • Internal
  • External / Outreach
• Becoming an adult
  • Wide membership
  • Partnerships
  • Issues around friendship and responsibilities
IBMA Personnel / Resources

• Full Time Executive Director
• Administration
  • Full Time Assistant to ED
• Regulatory Affairs Consultant
• Member Representatives
  • Board Officers
  • Executive Committee Officers
  • Professional Groups
  • Members with interest and expertise
EU Biopesticide Expert Working Group

• Co-ordinated by EU COM

• Membership
  • Permanent representatives
    • Member States
    • EFSA
    • Industry
  • Invited experts

• Development of issues
Current tool categories available from the Biocontrol industry and guidance / issue development

- **Microbials**
  - Non-viable microbials hybrid focus

- **Macrobials**
  - ABS Focus

- **Semiochemicals**
  - Semiochemical Guidance

- **Natural and Biochemical Products**
  - Implementation and use of botanicals guidance
Headline issue for IBMA - Low-risk activities

- Give members real incentives to bring BCA products to EU
- Ensure EU is on a track towards harmonisation and level playing ground to other regions
- Provide farmers with a choice of tools that fit objectives of EU policy makers
- Provide consumers with a thriving environment, healthy food and choice
Headline issue for IBMA in 2015/16 – low-risk

Low-risk Procedures
- Encourage BCA products to EU market
- Include existing authorised ai’s
- Provisional authorisations
- Labels & advertising
- Unlimited authorisations

Low-risk Criteria
- Positive criteria
- Groupings
- Easy to assess
- Compatible with key issues of 1107/2009

Both are key to make it work!
IBMA Low-risk Activities

• Consultancy appointment
• Partnerships
  • Other associations
  • Farmers association
• EU Parliament
  • Luncheon Debate
  • Committee & member activities
• EU Commission
  • Escalation of the issue
• Member States
  • EU Presidency
  • Other Member States
Federation Activities

Origin of the concept
What we plan to be
Meetings
Structure
Objectives
Activities
Need to show the attributes of our industry

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Biocontrol a significant part of the future of agriculture

The future is green
The future is efficacious and productive
The future balances responsibilities and opportunities
The future embraces true innovation
Biocontrol aims to be a big part of this future

Prioritise Human health, environmental sustainability & economic prosperity

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