

Annex 3.1

Activity Report of the IBMA Council (Q4 2023 – Q3 2024)

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1. Background

Following IBMA Global's change of statutes in July 2022, a number of specific responsibilities were allocated to the Council, including the Association's strategy, member related matters and establishment of working parties.

In line with this allocation of well-defined responsibilities the articles provide for an activity report by the Council to be presented by the President.

2. Council meetings

Since the General Assembly in Basel on October 23rd, 2023, the Council held in person meetings on 23rd November 2023, 16th April 2024 and June 20th 2024 (strategy meeting) as well as several online meetings (December 8th, 2023 and January 24th, February 21st, March 22nd, April 3rd 2024). Several items were also dealt with via email exchange.

Formal minutes of Council meetings are available in the members only section on our website.

3. Council members

The following changes in the composition of the Council took place:

The mandates of Roma Gwynn as Vice-President of the Board, Lara Ramaekers as PG Head Natural Substances, and Alessandra Moccia as PG Head Semiochemicals ended on 31st December 2023.

Alessandra Moccia began her mandate as Vice-President of the Board and Emmanuelle Bonneris as PG Head Natural Substances on January 1st, 2024.

Tomasz Magacz was elected chair of the PG Semiochemicals as a representative of an Associate Member, following due process according to IBMA rules when no Active member stands for the position. The Council welcomed him as PG representative, recommending that an Active Member representative should be elected to the Vice-Chair role in the PG and would take over the Council representation at a later stage.

In June 2024 Magda Galeano Revert the current Vice-President of IBMA Spain, was elected by the National Associations as Council representative thus becoming the fourth National Group representative, a position which had been vacant since January 2024 with the withdrawal from the role by Adriana Guerra.

See below in the Annex 3.1.1 an overview of all current members of the Council 2024.

4. Member Matters, Membership Model Discussions, New National Associations

The Council approved 10 new members of the Association since the General Assembly at ABIM 2023, of which 6 are Active members and 4 are Associate members. Sylvia Plak, Karine Mouret-Grosbeau and Roma Gwynn were all presented with Honorary membership in 2023.

The Council continued its discussions on the IBMA Membership Model initiated during 2022. These discussions were aimed at defining the key parameters required to ensure cohesion

between and financial health of all IBMA National Associations and IBMA Global. The topic was discussed at several Council meetings. The Council made it a priority to extensively involve the National Associations seeking detailed input and feedback on draft versions of the Membership Model. The Council finalised its conclusions during its meeting of March 22nd 2024.

The Council believes that the Membership model agreed by the Council (attached as Annex 3.1.2) is a sound basis for IBMA Global and its National Associations to maintain and further develop a strong and productive collaboration. Recent discussions on EU legislative proposals have once again demonstrated the need to develop well-coordinated advocacy efforts at both national and EU wide level. The same applies to other international bodies in which IBMA Global is involved e.g. at FAO and OECD level.

The Membership model makes a clear choice to continue to operate as a “company member association” both internationally and nationally. IBMA Global does not intend to become an association of National Associations. The Membership model builds on certain basic common principles (such as proper coverage of biocontrol interests and dual membership of companies qualifying for active membership of IBMA Global) while leaving maximum degrees of freedom to National Associations e.g., to involve other types of stakeholders and to choose their own modus operandi to accommodate their national reality of biocontrol business. The Membership model further provides for a transition period to achieve full alignment of National Associations with all items of the Membership model.

The Council also views this Membership model as an important asset for further expansion of its network of National Associations. Discussions with several associations or initiatives in different countries or regions with regard to the creation of new National Associations of IBMA Global have been conducted or are ongoing. During the Council meeting on September 25th, 2024 the Greek Association BioCrop was accepted as a new IBMA Global association.

5. IBMA Strategy and strategy implementation

The Council scheduled dedicated strategy sessions during its meetings on Nov 23rd 2023, with a follow up on January 26th 2024 as well as full day strategy discussion on June 20th 2024. These sessions utilized feedback from the members feedback gathered through surveys both at ABIM 2023 and during the year.

The Council strongly emphasized the importance of communication and enhanced engagement with members. The newly appointed Communication Manager, Niamh Holland-Essoh (since October 2023), a new full-time role in the Secretariat, presented in the September 23rd 2024 meeting a status review and several ideas for discussion which were supported and further developed with input from the Council. The central role of communication and member engagement has been reflected in the position at the centre of the IBMA Strategy Wheel, to underline its impact on each of the strategic priorities.

Following a review of the 2023 goals and achievements to date in the November 23rd 2023 meeting, the Council discussed 2024 objectives and priorities based on input given by the Executive Director. Based on a review in Council break-out groups and a second round of discussion in a January follow-up meeting, the Council agreed the table with 2024 priorities shown in Annex 3.1.3.

The need to accelerate and facilitate biocontrol regulatory approval processes in the EU, with actions detailed under the heading “Proportionate regulation,” remains the top priority. IBMA remains fully committed to advocate for targeted short-term changes in EU legislation and improvements in administrative practices of regulatory authorities. Yet, to deliver the

full potential of biocontrol for EU agriculture, it further calls to develop an entirely new regulatory framework for biocontrol. The Council encouraged internal discussions to develop a clear vision on what such new regulatory framework should deliver and how it should function. The document describing the required framework was prepared under the initiative of IBMA's Advisory Regulatory Working Group (ARWG), which organised a dedicated workshop and collected substantial input from many members in PG's and National Associations throughout the year. The final document was approved by the Council as a technical paper during its September 2024 meeting. The Council requested input from the Advocacy Working Group to prepare, on the basis of this document, a short and forceful advocacy message as well as input on the best timing to seek media attention.

Other important areas of priority, highlighted by the Council, relate to IBMA's role

- in collecting industry statistics;
- in further strengthening the association's activities on a global scale (FAO, OECD and developing our network of National Associations);
- in strengthening the collaboration with farmers organizations;
- in developing our position on various technology interfaces such as evaluating whether new technologies fit under the definition of biocontrol and the interface with digital technologies and biostimulants.

The Council welcomed substantial progress during 2024 on several of these priorities, including:

- the new and simplified member survey achieved an increase in response rate and compelling outputs presented to the May General Assembly;
- FAO and OECD explicitly turn to IBMA for input on biocontrol related topics, e.g. peptides;
- intensive and productive contacts with farmer and landowner organisations have been developed in the post-SUR context (e.g. joint letter with COPA-COGECA to EU COM President);
- based on extensive input prepared by the Natural Substances Professional Group, a Scoping Committee (Council & IBMA Technical Project Manager) decided on which peptides will fit under the biocontrol definition. This has been reflected in a specific reference to peptides in the IBMA definition.

As to the improving of the EU regulatory environment, IBMA had placed substantial emphasis on the SUR as the faster "vehicle" available to deliver real progress for biocontrol. During early 2024 – in spite of continued efforts by the Belgian presidency and following broad support for biocontrol related items, the negative vote on the full SUR package in the European Parliament led EU COM President Von der Leyen to completely withdraw the SUR-proposal. Hence, the SUR as a short-term path to deliver positive change for biocontrol disappeared.

The Council has consistently prioritised, encouraged, and supported IBMA's efforts to ensure that the positive initiatives for biocontrol as foreseen under the SUR would remain high on the EU institutional agenda. It has welcomed, on various occasions, the successes obtained by IBMA in this regard. These include: the joint letter to EU COM President Von der Leyen together with COPA-COGECA, the outcome of the Strategic Dialogue on Agriculture with extensive reference to biocontrol, the Mission letter for the EU Commissioner on Health and Animal Welfare, the EU COM's initiative to move forward with a biocontrol definition under the "Uniform Principles" Regulation and the explicit EU COM intention to include biocontrol improvements including provisional authorization in the framework of the Biotech Act.

Council strategy discussions in the second half of 2024 envisaged defining a new multi-year strategic plan post 2025 (when the current plan will expire). In order to contribute to this discussion, a member survey was set-up by the IBMA Secretariat. This survey lent further support to prioritising regulatory changes in the EU, both short term and long term in the form of a new regulatory framework, and to keep biocontrol at the centre of the debate. Interfaces with other technology areas (digital, biostimulants) received a relatively low priority score from participating members.

The Council discussed how different stakeholders are currently taking positions on biocontrol in the EU political arena. It noted that IBMA initiatives have been the key driver to bring biocontrol in the centre of the political debate. The Council believes that IBMA is well positioned to remain the leading industry voice while engaging with other stakeholders.

The Council recommended to clearly define and communicate IBMA's unique features ("our USP"). The list of unique IBMA strengths includes its long-established expertise, the wide geographic spread, the diverse range of member companies (from large companies to SMEs ranging from biocontrol pioneers to companies just starting to switch to biocontrol as well as innovative start-ups in the biocontrol space), experienced CROs and the wide network of National Associations. The Council has tasked the Secretariat with considering the USPs of IBMA and how these can be further leveraged to deliver the key goals of delivering proportionate regulation and keeping biocontrol at the centre of the debate. This output will be discussed in the upcoming Council meetings.

The Council also discussed developments in the area of biostimulants. IBMA supports an EU environment favorable to innovation in different types of biosolutions. While biostimulants are within the mandate of several IBMA National Associations, setting up dedicated biostimulant activities at IBMA Global level should not be, currently, a priority. IBMA focus should be on actions ensuring that boundary issues between biocontrol and biostimulants are properly covered, in a way that encourages innovation and duly takes into account biocontrol interests. The Council is in favour of an association-to-association dialogue with EBIC aiming at a common view on current issues with an impact on biocontrol–biostimulant boundary issues and takes note of several initiatives taken by the Board and the Secretariat to reach out to EBIC in this regard. IBMA awaits a response to this invitation for dialogue.

6. Other items, including budget

The Council was kept up to date with regular YTD financials and year-end forecasts. The Council took note of the expectation that 2024 figures will be in line with the budget approved by the General Assembly in 2023. This provides for a limited use of the Association's reserves to fund part of the 2024 expenditure, the deficit is currently expected to be slightly lower than budgeted.

The 2025 budget proposal is within the responsibility of the IBMA Board, but the Council has the right to provide a written statement to the General Assembly. The Council members provided input to the Board with respect to budget preparation during the first half of 2024 and were informed of the budget proposal which the Board intends to present at the October General Assembly. This budget allocates for increased expenditure aimed at taking full advantage of the unique opportunity to drive real change for biocontrol in the EU at this time, as well as to support further international development and enhance IBMA's visibility during its thirtieth anniversary. The budget also targets revenue increases to achieve financial equilibrium for the 2025 fiscal year.

The Council also received an update on the 2025 membership fee structure, which will be presented at the October General Assembly, following its review by the Finance Committee.



This proposal is crucial for achieving a balanced budget, in combination with steps to gradually increase other sources of income.

During its meeting on September 25th, the Council unanimously agreed that a written statement regarding the budget proposal presented on behalf of the Board was not necessary.

Annex 3.1.1 IBMA Council 2024

Role	
President	Herman Van Mellaert
Vice- President	Alessandra Moccia
Treasurer	Alain Querrioux
Executive Director	Jennifer Lewis
Professional Group Chair – Macrobiales	Caroline Reid
Professional Group Chair – Microbiales	José Carvalho
Professional Group Chair - Natural Substances	Emmanuelle Bonneris
Professional Group Chair – Semiochemicals	Tomasz Magacz
National Association Representative	Bart Sosef
National Association Representative	Tilmann Frank
National Association Representative	Flavio Lupato
National Association Representative	Magda Galeano Revert

Biography of the IBMA Council



Herman Van Mellaert, President

Herman is the Director Strategic Alliances at Biobest Group NV, with headquarters in Belgium. Biobest, originally a pioneer in bumblebee pollination and in invertebrate biocontrol agents, is now active worldwide with a complete range of solutions for biological control.

Herman holds a Ph.D. from the University of Leuven in insect physiology. He was Researcher, then Business Development Manager and subsequently founding CEO in the plant biotechnology industry. He also worked at the EU Council Secretariat (Agriculture) and at the European Commission (DG Research and Development). After several years as a consultant and interim Manager in the Life Sciences industry (with assignments in biotechnology, biological control, food ingredients, manufacturing of biomolecules) he became Director Business Development and subsequently Director Strategic Alliances at Biobest Group NV since 2013. Herman can be contacted at Herman.VanMellaert@biobestgroup.com.



Alessandra Moccia, Vice President

Alessandra is Senior Director of Global Regulatory Affairs at Suterra, a global leader in the development and commercialization of semiochemicals products. She strongly believes in a future where our farming practices become more sustainable.

After working in the development of risk assessment frameworks for nanomaterials, in 2012 she joined Suterra where she now directs the regulatory affairs department, ensuring with her team the registration of semiochemicals active substances and products globally.

From 2019-2023 she was the chair of the IBMA semiochemicals professional group, working with the professional group for a more proportionate regulation for semiochemicals plant protection products. In 2024 Alessandra was elected as Vice President of IBMA. Alessandra can be contacted at alessandra.moccia@suterra.com.



Alain Querrioux, Treasurer

Alain is a French-born agronomist, active in the agricultural sector for the past 35 years. He has assumed several technical, commercial and management positions covering a wide spectrum of agricultural and regulatory environments around the globe. In the late 90's, his deep rooted commitment to alternative solutions triggered his decision to fully dedicate his energy to the development of Biocontrol. He joined

pure-players and witnessed the early development of the industry in pioneering times, and now enjoys the excitement of its booming development.

Innovation has always been a key driver in Alain's professional live, together with the aim to let farmers benefit from performing, healthy and cost-effective alternative solutions to protect their crops. Over the years, Alain has developed an excellent knowledge of the biocontrol industry, it's history, markets and main stakeholders. In 2014, Alain co-founded the French branch of the Andermatt group, which he has successfully been running and developing. Alain has been active in IBMA governance, as a Council and Board member of the French association. In January 2023, he was elected to the IBMA Global Board as Treasurer. Alain can be contacted at alain.querrioux@andermatt.fr.



Jennifer Lewis, Executive Director

Jennifer was appointed as IBMA Executive Director in 2019. Jennifer represents IBMA on FAO and OECD and works with members and other stakeholders to advance biocontrol and the implementation of IPM worldwide.

Prior to IBMA, Jennifer was a member of the Certis Europe Management Board leading Innovation, Development and Regulatory Affairs for 10 years. Before this she was General Manager of Biological Crop Protection Ltd, a beneficial insect production company selling beneficial insects for pest control in UK, Europe, and Africa.

Jennifer has worked in crop protection for 35 years in various marketing, regulatory and stewardship roles in the US, Brazil and Europe. Jennifer has always been passionate about IPM and biocontrol and its essential role for sustainable regenerative agriculture. Jennifer is an agronomy graduate with a Masters in Business Administration and a Diploma in Sustainable

Business Development. Her broad background allows her to bring a blend of international business experience, biocontrol knowledge and regulatory know how as well as a shared passion for biocontrol, to our industry. Jennifer can be contacted at jennifer.lewis@ibma-global.org.



Caroline Reid, Professional Group Chair

Caroline is one of the two Senior Technical Specialists at Bioline Agrosciences. Bioline Agrosciences is part of InVivo by Bioline and is a producer and supplier of beneficial insects, IPM and advice. Responsible for giving near market technical advice and managing commercial trials. Caroline has worked in the Horticultural industry for 30 years since gaining her PhD at the University of Lancaster in Plant Biochemistry. She worked at the R&D sites at GCRI Littlehampton and Stockbridge House, followed by a technical/ and commercial role at Bioline Agrosciences for 20 years gaining experience of successfully developing and implementing biocontrol in a commercial environment.

Now responsible for technical support across Northern Europe and North America Caroline visits customers and growers regularly to maintain contact with the market and any new developments which may be required. Speaking regularly at national and international conferences as well as grower groups and distributor meetings. Caroline is currently President of IBMA UK and the Chair of IBMA Global Invertebrates Professional Group. Caroline can be contacted at CReid@biolineagrosciences.com.



José Carvalho, Professional Group Chair

José is currently the Chair of the MPG and Regulatory Lead for Certis Biologicals in the EMEA Region. Jose holds a PhD in Environmental Chemistry (water) from the Humboldt University in Berlin and a Master in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Porto University, with a focus on microbiology, antibiotics resistance and immunology.

After his MSc degree, he worked in Drinking Water at the Portuguese Water Institute (implementation of the WFD), the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA) and the German Federal Institute for Material Science and Testing (BAM) in analytical methods, where he published 11 peer-reviewed articles and 3 book chapters. Jose started his industry career with Bayer Environmental Sciences in global regulatory and moved on to Knoell Consulting to work in several positions in global regulatory policy, team lead Regulatory European dossiers, and business development. Since 2018, he has been active within IBMA, firstly within the Natural Substance Professional Group and for the past three years as chair of the Microbials Professional Group and Member of the IBMA Council. José can be contacted at jcarvalho@certisbio.com.



Emmanuelle Bonneris, Professional Group Chair

Emmanuelle is an experienced regulatory scientist in plant protection products and biopesticides. She is graduated in chemistry, biological sciences with a specialty in environmental toxicology (PhD). She has been working for Bayer for more than 18 years in the R&D and regulatory arenas with experience at country and global level of the Bayer Crop Protection Organization as ecotoxicologist dealing with

ecotoxicological risk assessments and risk management activities as well biodiversity topics. Emmanuelle is currently regional regulatory manager on biopesticides for Europe, Middle East, and Africa with a portfolio of biocontrol products (plant extracts, semiochemicals, microbials). She is the Chair of the Natural Substances Professional Group and can be contact at emmanuelle.bonneris@bayer.com.



Tomasz Magacz, Professional Group Chair

Tomasz is an experienced professional in Plant Protection Regulatory Affairs with over 10 years of expertise, specializing in low-risk and biosolutions products. He has played a key role in the successful renewal of Annex I inclusion of Straight Chain Lepidopteran Pheromones (SCLP) in the EU, where he advocated on behalf of the SCLP EU Task Force in discussions with major regulatory bodies such as EFSA and the EU Commission. Involved in IBMA Semiochemicals Professional Group since 2021, he actively contributed to shaping regulatory frameworks and joint IBMA-OECD initiatives. Tomasz is currently the Chair of IBMA Global Semiochemicals Professional Group. Tomasz can be contacted at tomasz.magacz@gabconsulting.de.



Bart Sosef, National Association Member

Bart is currently General Manager of Biobest Netherlands where he has worked since 2014. He is also Sales Manager for Benelux and Distribution Project manager for Biobest Group. He also currently holds the position of Chairman of Artemis/ IBMA Netherlands. Bart has an MBA in MBA Food & Finance from the Nyenrode Business University, Breukelen. He has been professionally active in the horticultural business since 1993 and started out in sales, combined with advisory roles in the field, promoting IPM. Subsequently focussing on sales, marketing and executive management for a wholesale company in the horticultural business he joined Biobest Group in 2014. Bart can be contacted at bart.sosef@biobestgroup.com.



Tillmann Frank, National Association Member

Tillmann has been the managing partner of e-nema GmbH since it was founded in 1997. The company's purpose is the biotechnical production of entomopathogenic nematodes and microorganisms for use in the field of biological plant protection. In addition to his work as director of this company, Tillmann has been involved in IBMA global for more than 20 years. Tillmann has been the chairman since the foundation of German/Austrian IBMA in 2008. As such, he has been involved in discussions with political committees and associations about the future development of biological plant protection for many years. Tillmann can be contacted at t.frank@e-nema.de.

**Flavio Lupato, National Association Member**

Flavio is the General Manager of Koppert Italy. He has been working for the past 25 years in the agro market, covering several national and international roles in the seed, nursery, and plant protection markets. Through his various roles and experience, initially more operational and then gradually more and more managerial, he was able to experience first-hand the changes taking place along the supply chain of the various agricultural productions, while also from the point of view of the political and regulatory orientation. He currently holds the role of Vice President of IBMA Italy and is active in various other roles in the field of sustainable production through biocontrol.

By participating in the activities of the association and in the various comparison events on the world of biocontrol, he is convinced that he can make an active contribution in bringing the local point of view into a context of global synthesis as required by the mandate undertaken. Flavio can be contacted at FLupato@koppert.it.

**Magda Galeano Revert, National Association Member**

Magda is the Regulatory Affairs Manager for Spain and Portugal at Koppert, a position she has held since 2022. Prior to this role, she served as a senior researcher in the R&D department at Koppert Spain, where she worked from 2002 to 2022. Throughout her career, Magda has dedicated herself to advancing research in biological control solutions, particularly focusing on nematodes, including those related to soil, plants, and animal parasitism, as well as entomopathogenic nematodes. A committed advocate for biocontrol, Magda has been actively involved with IBMA Spain for the past 13 years. She began in 2011 as the leader of the Microbial Professional Group at the national level before transitioning to the Macrobial Group, where she continues to be involved. In addition, she currently holds the position of Vice President of IBMA Spain

Magda earned her PhD from the University of Valencia and brings 34 years of scientific experience to the field. She firmly believes that biocontrol represents the future of sustainable agriculture and views the registration of biological solutions as one of the greatest challenges facing the industry today. Magda can be contacted at mgaleano@koppert.es.

Annex 3.1.2

IBMA Membership Model (Version 5)

Approved by IBMA Council 22/03/2024

Outline

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2. Membership
3. Membership category in IBMA Global and NA representation rights
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6. New National Associations
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1. **Scope/Mandate of a National Association**

- 1.1. IBMA National Associations should cover biocontrol as a key part of their mandate.
- 1.2. Where appropriate for the market and territory specificities, NA may include in their scope other biologicals where synergies exist such as biostimulants.
- 1.3. There will be only one IBMA National Association in a given territory (country or region).

2. **Membership**

- 2.1. IBMA's National Association's are expected to respect certain rules in connection with IBMA Global membership.
- 2.2. All **Active IBMA Global** members – in each of the countries in which they operate – should be allowed to join with fair and equal rights as a voting member of the relevant National Association.
- 2.3. All **Associate IBMA Global** members – in each of the countries in which they operate – should be allowed to be a member of the relevant National Associations.
- 2.4. **Dual membership obligation: Members who qualify for Active membership of IBMA Global** need to be Active members of IBMA Global in order to become/remain a member of a National Associations.
 - i. National Associations will put in place appropriate mechanisms to ensure compliance with this requirement.
 - ii. An exception applies for companies which are active only in the country of the relevant National Associations AND with a turnover < 0.5 million Euro.
- 2.5. **Dual membership obligation: Members who do not qualify** for Active membership of IBMA Global.
 - i. An obligation to be an **Associate member of IBMA Global** in order to become/remain a member of a National Associations applies to CRO's or consulting organisation that are engaging in business activities beyond the country of the relevant National Associations.

- ii. National Associations will put in place appropriate mechanisms to ensure compliance with this requirement.
- iii. While membership of IBMA Global is recommended for all, a dual membership **obligation does not apply** to the following categories of National Associations members *(to the extent considered within scope by the relevant National Associations and regardless of whether the National Associations accepts them as voting or non-voting member)*
 - Biostimulant companies [this would change automatically – subject to a transition period - if IBMA Global would formally expand its mandate to include biostimulants]
 - Research organisations / Universities
 - Food Companies
 - Biocontrol distribution companies
 - Retailers
 - National crop Associations (e.g. Tomato growers)
 - Farm companies and groups
 - Other members not mentioned as being subject to a dual membership obligation.

2.6. IBMA National Associations **are free to differentiate or not** between Active and Associate members **and/or between voting and non-voting members** at National Level. IBMA Global Active members shall qualify as active and voting members of the National Associations.

3. Membership category in IBMA Global and National Associations representation rights

- 3.1. National Associations representatives in the IBMA Global Council **need to be members of the Board/Council of the National Associations**, or appointed by National Associations Board, **and can only be Active members** of IBMA Global.
- 3.2. Non-Active Members of IBMA Global **cannot have representation in the IBMA Global Council, PGs Chair positions** nor voting rights in IBMA Global. Exceptions maybe possible for a PG Chair position that may be opened to Associate members, subject to detailed justification, and by formal approval of the Board and Council.

4. Decision making in the National Associations should be structured to ensure cohesion with IBMA Global

4.1. IBMA Global requires 2/3rds of the votes in any National Associations decision making body (Board or Council equivalents) to be IBMA Global members. Any exception to this rule should be specifically authorized by the IBMA Global Council based on compelling National Associations argumentation that IBMA Global members will have a decisive voice in any National Association’s decision related to biocontrol. Other types of National Associations members which are not subject to the dual membership obligation and hence not members of IBMA Global (for example biostimulant companies if within the mandate of the National Associations) can be members of the decision bodies (Board or Council equivalents) of the National Associations.

5. IBMA Brand and Logo

5.1. IBMA National Association has the right to use the IBMA trademark and logo free of charge subject to signature of a licence agreement with IBMA Global.

6. New National Associations

6.1. National organisations with a potential to become a National Association, can be accepted as Associate members of IBMA Global for a period of maximum two years, provided it is clearly communicated that this mechanism is allowed with a view to prepare for full National Association status e.g. members financially planning to become members of IBMA Global. Extension of the period of two years can be agreed upon between the IBMA Global Council and the National Association, provided that sound grounds exist to allow for an extension.

7. Governance

7.1. IBMA Global Council has the responsibility, on behalf of IBMA Global, to review that National Associations:

7.1.1. function in **compliance with each of the rules of the membership model** as defined herein or, if required, implement necessary changes with respect thereto without undue delay.

7.1.2. in its organisation and in the positions, it takes in the public debate, acts in reasonable **cohesion with IBMA Global** and other National Associations.

7.2. If the IBMA Council deems there are concerns with the above items, it can take initiatives to request clarification and discuss such concerns with a National Associations with a view to resolve the concerns.

7.3. The IBMA Global Council's maintains the right to terminate the status/mandate of a National Association as an IBMA Global National Association, as foreseen in IBMA Global statutes if a resolution is not achieved.

Appendix 1

On the 22/03/2024 Council approved Artemis' request to continue to benefit from an exemption to a strict obligation to adhere to the rules of the membership model.

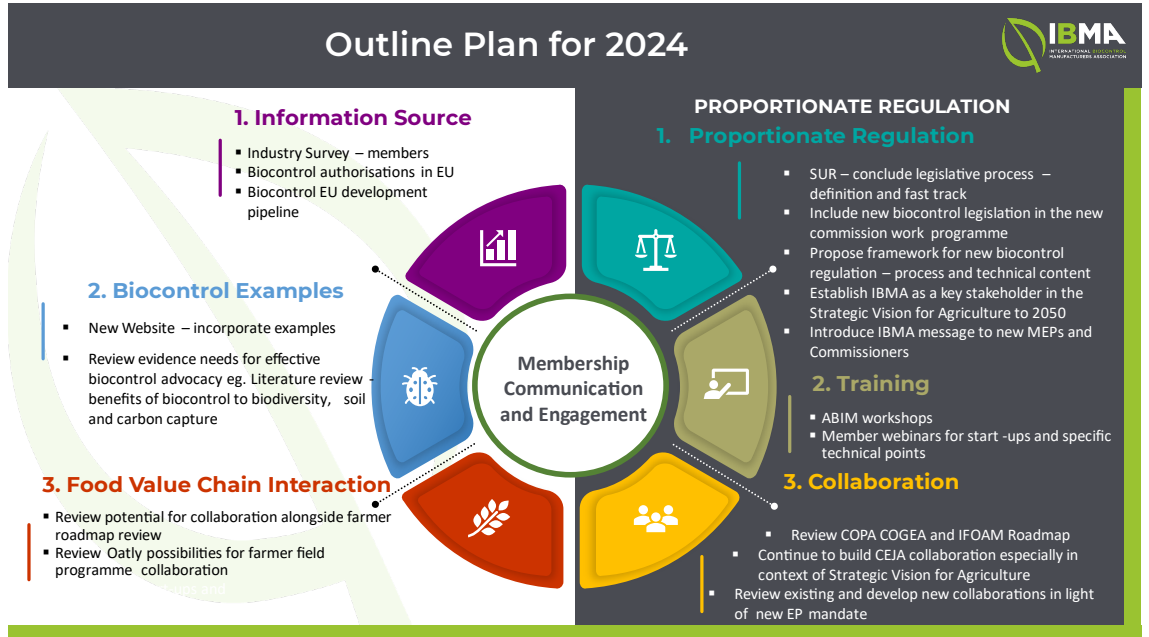
This request was approved taking into account:

- (i) the existence of Artemis pre-dating the existence of IBMA Global
- (ii) the fact that such exemption has been applicable ever since Artemis became a National Association of IBMA Global

Moreover the Council has taken into account:

- (iii) the assurance by the Artemis representative that Artemis supports the principles expressed in the membership model and agrees to act in line with the spirit and the principles as described therein
- (iv) a good faith intent on behalf of IBMA Global and the Artemis representative to maintain a dialogue aimed at finding a mutually agreeable path to make this exemption unnecessary in the future.

Annexe 3.1.3



IBMA – 2024 Strategic Plan

Top Priorities in yellow, maintenance in green, lower priority orange

Strategic Theme	Topic	Priority	
Industry Statistics	Collect 3 types of information to inform the biocontrol industry. (i) market size through the industry survey	1	
	(ii) biocontrol authorisations by Member State analysed from Panorama database	1	
	(iii) pipeline snapshot through members willing to share information with IBMA (do we want to make this annual or biennial?)	2	
Biocontrol Examples	Revise the IBMA website and incorporate IBMA examples website	1	
	Commission a scientific literature review on the wider sustainability benefits of biocontrol esp. soil health, biodiversity and carbon balance to create a platform for future work with food industry (ESG strategy), FAO and advocacy.	1	
Food Value Chain Interaction	Review potential for collaboration alongside farmer roadmap review.	2	
	Review Oatly possibilities for farmer field programme collaboration	2	
Proportionate Regulation	Sustainable Use Regulation – conclude legislative process to have an EU wide biocontrol definition and fast track registration of biocontrol	1	
	Include new biocontrol legislation in the new commission work programme	1	
	Propose a framework for a new biocontrol regulation – process and outline technical content – ensuring wide member ownership of the final document	1	
	Establish IBMA as a key stakeholder in the EU Strategic vision for Agriculture to 2050.	1	
	Create IBMA policy messages, make an implement an engagement plan to introduce these to new MEPs and Commissioners in 3Q 2024	1	
	IBMA to fully contribute to EU Horizon Europe RATION project ensuring input of IBMA decision trees and expertise on proportionate regulation	1	
	Publish DT on microbials and semiochemicals	1	
	SUR plan B – find a mechanism to incorporate biocontrol definition and fast track into 1107 and a means to review 1107 if SUR fails in 2024	1	
	Training	Member webinars for (i) organics (ii) advice for biocontrol start ups and other specific points to be included in the year and at ABIM	1
	Collaboration – Farmers	Farmers – Continue to build collaboration with CEJA (young farmers union) particularly to have some common goals in the strategic vision for agriculture.	1
Farmers - Review and revise COPA COGECA and IFOAM Roadmaps		2	

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Strategic Theme	Topic	Priority
Demonstrate global reach of IBMA	FAO – (i) continue to participate fully as an observer in the Joint Management of Pesticides Meeting (ii) Progress and sign an LOI by June 2024 (iii) Agree actions for incorporation into a MOU by January 2025.	1
	OECD – (i) continue to participate fully as an observer in the OECD Expert Group on Biopesticides (EGBP) and in the Working Party on Pesticides (WPP). (ii) Complete OECD projects on semiochemicals and microbial testing (iii) advocate for OECD to prepare a peptide guidance document.	1
	Expand the IBMA National Associations by 2 in 2024, focussing on regions and countries where there is no biocontrol association	1
	Enter discussions with SABO to see whether and how IBMA can assist them in current problems.	2
Technology Interfaces	Biostimulants – define IBMA goals with biostimulants. Initiate an exploratory meeting with EBIC to understand their goals, share our goals and determine what joint actions may be possible. Note that the strategic vision for agriculture may be a key area for finding common ground. Contribute fully to the expert group on fertilizer product regulation.	1
	Digital Ag - develop IBMA position on digital agriculture and engage on this subject with key stakeholders in particular CLE and COPA COGECA	1
	Peptides and RNAi – ensure peptide scoping committee actions are completed and new RNAi scoping committee is done	1
Membership	Maintain and manage existing PGs and WGs	1
	Manage ABIM programme and organisation	1
	Assign each Council member an individual contact point within the Bioprotection Global network. The purpose is to share and learn about policy approaches around the world illustrate global value of IBMA	1
	Create and roll out a new membership model for the National Groups and ensure all National Groups are aligned or have plans to align to the new model.	1
Communication	Farmer videos – create and access new farmer videos explaining the use and benefit of biocontrol that are convincing to farmers and food industry on the role of biocontrol in the transition of agriculture	1