

O.07 - The biocontrol industry: the current situation of industrial production and marketing of biological control agents and future perspectives

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The global development and marketing of biocontrol agents: microorganisms, macroorganisms, natural products and pheromones will be presented. Under present economic conditions, with a marked regression in sales of chemical plant protection products and increase in GMO crop areas, biocontrol agents are not developing as rapidly as expected. The reasons for this situation will be analysed during this presentation. Furthermore, the best potentials and opportunities for introduction of alternative methods using biocontrol agents for sustainable agriculture at an acceptable cost will be discussed.