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4th International Symposium "Plant Protection and Plant Health in Europe" (PPPHE)

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Crop and sector-specific guidelines on integrated plant protection

Berlin, Germany - 19-21 May 2011

The implementation of plant protection measures and especially the registration, approval and use of plant protection products has a broad legal basis and is regulated to provide a high degree of protection for humans, animals, groundwater and the natural environment. Basic guidelines have been published on good plant protection practice. Good plant protection practice includes giving consideration to the principles of integrated plant protection.

Comprehensive plant protection legislation has among other things been enacted to protect crops from harmful organisms and to prevent the risks that plant protection product use or other plant protection activities may pose to humans, animals and the natural environment.

Structured as an ongoing, dynamic programme with no expiry date, risk reduction programmes are subject to further development according to the progress made EU-wide. Based on the Thematic Strategy on Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products, the European Commission in 2009 concluded a Directive by the European Parliament and the Council on Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products which required Member States to develop national action plans on sustainable use of plant protection products.

While the approach was not questioned in the ongoing negotiations within the EU Council and the European Parliament, certain issues contained in it were discussed in some detail. For example, the OECD has given a great deal of attention to the contents of national strategies to minimise the risks arising from the use of plant protection products resulting in the necessity of specific guidelines for growing crops following integrated plant production guidelines.

While integrated plant protection is defined in Plant Protection Acts or EU regulations and principles of integrated plant protection also are described there are however no specific and generally accepted guidelines on integrated plant protection for crops, crop groups or sectors which could serve as a basis for crop-growing regulations.

Within the national action plans the respective plant growing organisations, consumer protection organisations and environmental and nature conservation NGOs are recently announced to develop specific and generally accepted guidelines for integrated plant protection for crops, crop groups and sectors in order to transpose these guidelines into specific crop-growing regulations.

On this background the intention of the symposium is the following:



- to compare the strategy of EU member states to integrate NGOs in the process of guideline development
- to give an overview whether and which type of NGOs will be involved in the process of guideline development
- to define crop-groups and sectors
- to collect and evaluate components which are discriminating plant production strategies and help to design specific guidelines
- to try a first "harmonized" definition of crop-groups and sectors which could be covered by specific guidelines



Registration is open from 15 June 2010 on!

- ▶ 3rd Symposium 2009: Crop Plant Resistance to Biotic and Abiotic Factors: Current Potential and Future Demands
- ▶ 2nd Symposium 2007: Best Practice in Disease, Pest and Weed Management (BMP)
- ▶ 1st Symposium 2005: Introduction and Spread of Invasive Species

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