

Biopesticides: Commercial uptake

in conjunction with the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA)

at the Olde Barn Hotel, Grantham, UK

on 21 April 2010

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Biopesticides are pest management tools based on mass produced biologically-based agents. The term encompasses micro-organisms, plant extracts and semiochemicals, often sold in formulations that are quick to apply through conventional pesticide application equipment. Biopesticides can be valuable components of integrated pest management (IPM) programmes but shouldn't be viewed as like-for-like alternatives to synthetic chemical toxins. Their modes of action are quite different and their performance can be affected by environmental conditions.

In 2006 and 2007, the University of Warwick organised two RELU sponsored conferences which explored the difficulty in bringing biopesticides to the market in the UK with emphasis on the regulatory process. Much progress has been made in the interim and several products based on biopesticides have now been Approved for use on food crops in the UK.

The AAB's Biological Control Group has joined forces with the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association to provide an update on the range of biopesticides that are now available to UK farmers and growers. The programme will ensure that users have realistic expectations about the performance of biopesticides and understand how to use them to best effect. There will be success stories about individual products and examples of how biopesticides have been integrated into whole IPM programmes.

Session Chairmen:

**Mr Phil Walker, Chairman, IBMA UK
Dr Rob Jacobson, Convenor, AAB Biocontrol Group**

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2010

09.00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10.10 INTRODUCTION

ROB JACOBSON (Convenor, AAB Biocontrol Group)

10.15 *Key note speaker:*

Biopesticides: Strategies for improving uptake

PROFESSOR WYN GRANT (Warwick University)

10.45 Availability of biopesticides for sustainable crop protection

ROMA GWYNN (Rationale, Edinburgh)

11.05 COFFEE

11.35 Biopesticides: Changing our perspectives

DAVE CHANDLER (Warwick HRI, Wellesbourne)

11.55 Optimising methods of spray application for biopesticides

ANDREW BROWN (Becker Underwood Ltd, Littlehampton, Sussex)

Session 2 : Success Stories

12.15 Serenade ASO - Biofungicide, the first year

PAUL SOPP (Fargro, Littlehampton, Sussex)

12.35 Exosex LBAMTab - A case history in emergency approval

BOB HEND (Exosect, Winchester, Hampshire)

12.55 LUNCH & POSTERS

14.00 The Biocontrol of Sclerotinia with Contans WG”

JEFF FIELDSEND (Belchim Crop Protection)

14.20 Eradicoat - a success in the market, from exemption to registration

SIMON JONES (BCP Certis, Ashford, Kent)

14.40 **Naturalis L - A new entomopathogen enters the UK market**

ADRIAN JACKSON (Belchim Crop Protection)

15.00 **TEA**

Session 3 : Growing without synthetic pesticides: Practitioners' perspectives

15.30 **Experience in glasshouse tomatoes**

PHIL MORLEY (Wight Salads Group)

15.50 **An integrated crop management programme for soft fruit**

CLARE SAMPSON (Certis BCP)

16.10 **Practical experiences in outdoor vegetables**

ROGER WHITE (Westhorpe Flowers & Plants / Marshall Bros)

Session 4 : Open discussion forum

16.30 **All speakers to return to platform**

17.20 **END OF CONFERENCE**