

**NEW MEMBERS ELECTED 16  
MARCH 2011**

**Ms Linda Abrokwah**, Principal Technical Officer at CSIR-Crops Research Institute with a special interest in molecular biology and biotechnology

**Ms Camille Bedard**, working at KWS UK Limited with a special interest in plant protection and crop improvement particularly breeding

**Miss Jude Bennison**, An Entomologist specialising in biological control and IPM with special interests in biological control, cropping and the environment, nematology, pesticide application and virology

**Mr Gary Bradbury**, Company Agronomist at Barfoots of Botley Limited working on the development of supply sourcing for vegetables on a world wide basis, development of crop protection programmes with suppliers including IPM development and reduced pesticide residues with special interests in applied mycology and bacteriology, biological control, cropping and the environment, nematology, pesticide application and plant protection and crop improvement

**Dr Sarah Clarke**, Research Scientist in Crop Physiology with special interests in cropping and the environment, food systems, pesticide application and plant protection and crop improvement

**Dr Keith Davies**, Senior Research Scientist at Rothamsted Research with special interests in biological control and nematology

**Dr Tudor Dawkins**, Technical Manager at Certis Europe BV (UK) with special interests in applied mycology and bacteriology, biological control, cropping and the environment, food systems, nematology, pesticide application, plant protection and crop improvement, virology and especially crop protection

**Dr Anthony Flemming**, at Syngenta Bioscience, Jealott's Hill Research Centre with a special interest in nematology

**Mr Will Foss**, Agricultural Consultant at UAP with special interests in cropping and the environment, food systems, pesticide application and plant protection and crop improvement

**Dr Margherita Gioria**, Principal Investigator and Postdoctoral Researcher at the Agriculture and Food Science Centre, Dublin with special interests in biological control and cropping and the environment

**Mrs Tariere Giwa-Osagie**, Assistant Chief Scientific Officer with Raw Materials Research & Development Council, Nigeria with special interests in applied mycology and bacteriology, biological control, cropping and the environment, food systems, nematology, pesticide application, plant protection and crop improvement and virology

**Dr Oktay Gurkan**, Researcher at Ankara University, Faculty of Agriculture, Turkey with special interests in biological control, cropping and the environment, food systems and pesticide application

**Mr Adrian Harris**, Research Entomologist at East Malling Research with special interests in cropping and the environment, pesticide application and entomology

**Mr Tim Holt**, Herbicide product manager for Bayer CropScience UK with special interests in cropping and the environment, pesticide application and plant protection and crop improvement

**Ms Rosie Kittoe**, Ecotoxicology Specialist – assessing the risk posed by pesticides and biocides to non-target organisms in the environment with special interests in biological control, cropping and the environment, food systems, pesticide application and plant protection and crop improvement

**Mr Bob Knight**, Biological Control Consultant for Koppert UK with special interests in biological control, cropping and the environment and pesticide application

**Prof Babajide Matanmi**, Professor of Entomology at Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria with special interests in biological control, cropping and the environment and food systems

**Dr Jonathan Newman**, Head – Aquatic Plant Management Group at CEH Wallingford with special interests in biological control, pesticide application, plant protection and crop improvement, invasive species and weed ecology

**Mr Matthew Paterson**, Agronomist from Bishops Stortford with special interests in biological control, cropping and the environment, pesticide application and plant protection and crop improvement

**Ms Francoise Petter**, Assistant Director at OEPP-EPP0, Paris with special interests in applied mycology and bacteriology, biological control, cropping and the environment, nematology, pesticide application and virology

**Ms Mara Ramans**, Head of Variety and Seeds Delivery at FERA with special interests in cropping and the environment, food systems and plant protection and crop improvement

**Dr Hugh Roderick**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Centre for Plant Sciences, University of Leeds with special interests in nematology and plant protection and crop improvement

**Miss Nidhal Sher Mohammed**, PhD Student at the University of Glasgow with special interests in cropping and the environment and pesticide application

**Mr Ron Stobart**, Head of Crop Research Communication at NIAB TAG, with special interests in applied mycology and bacteriology, biological control, cropping and the environment, food systems, pesticide application and plant protection and crop improvement

**Mrs Lynn Tatnell**, Research Scientist in Weed Biology at ADAS Boxworth with special interests in cropping and the environment, pesticide application and plant protection and crop improvement

**Dr Bill Thomas**, Research Scientist at The James Hutton Institute with special interests in cropping and the environment and plant protection and crop improvement

**Mr Mike Thompson**, Independent Agronomist from King's Lynn with special interests in applied mycology and bacteriology, biological control, cropping and the environment, food systems, nematology, pesticide application, plant protection and crop improvement, virology and agronomy

**Mr David Townley**, Agronomist at UAP with a special interest in pesticide application

**Ms Catherine Walker**, Final year PhD Student at Silwood Park, Imperial College London with special interests in biological control and pesticide application

**Ms Becky Ward**, Senior Technical Officer – Agronomy at PGRO, Peterborough with special interests in applied mycology and bacteriology, biological control, cropping and the environment, food systems, nematology, pesticide application, plant protection and crop improvement and virology

**Mr Nick Watson**, Corporate Services Development Manager at NIAB TAG with special interests in biological control, cropping and the environment, food systems, pesticide application and plant protection and crop improvement

**Mr Mark Webster**, Conservation Team Leader – carrying out practical management of sites with a special interest in vegetation management on nature reserves and other public green spaces

#### DEATHS

We regret to announce the following death:

Mr D Yeo, Truro, Cornwall

Under the guidance of Dr Toby Bruce (Rothamsted Research), the AAB Biological Control Group has written an AAB briefing document to provide authoritative guidance to policy makers. The document explores some of the implications of the Sustainable Use Directive (EC regulation 1107/2009) for European farmers, makes recommendations to policy makers and highlights the potential role of UK scientists in implementing the legislation. You can read it on the website or email [claire@aab.org.uk](mailto:claire@aab.org.uk) for a copy.

The briefing document was prompted by an open discussion at the 'Advances in Biocontrol' conference (17 November 2010). With the impending changes in European pesticide legislation and the implementation of the Sustainable Use and Water Framework Directives, there had never been a more important time to pool UK knowledge and expertise in novel methods



# “AAB Biological Control Group Policy Briefing on Sustainable Crop Protection”



of crop protection and pest management.

The overall objective of this conference was to explore means of providing alternatives to conventional chemical interventions in crop protection through integrated pest management (IPM) and integrated crop management (ICM) as well as classical biological control (CBC). The conference provided an ideal forum for young scientists, experienced researchers and practitioners to detach themselves from their usual day-to-day pressures and become totally immersed in the subject.

We selected 17 papers from those submitted. They included a wide range of biological control topics as well as other components of IPM, ICM and CBC. Each speaker was given a relatively short slot of 15 minutes with the brief to create an awareness of their research activities rather than to present detailed results. This format worked very well with

plenty of lively discussion.

In the longer term, we hope to create an annual gathering of the biocontrol community in the UK, thus paving the way for further interactions and collaborative ventures between delegates. With this thought in mind, we concluded with an open discussion exploring the best way to take the event forward. The delegates unanimously voted to make it an annual conference following a similar format to 2010.

In summary, the conference was both a financial and technical success. We believe that it is already filling an important niche for the biocontrol community in the UK and will become even more popular as this message reaches other people in the industry.

Finally, we would like to thank the main sponsors whose generous financial support helped to make the day such a great success; Fargro, HDC and Russell IPM.

*-Rob Jacobson*