WBF Newsletter
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Welcome to the this month's WBF newsletter, bringing you latest developments in Bioprotection.

Working Towards Realistic and Achievable Reform

Our campaign for regulatory reform, which initiated in 2021, focussed on the UK. We saw a unique opportunity for change when the UK government announced plans to reform various regulations it had 'inherited' from the EU, in a post-Brexit wave of regulatory reforms. You can read our position statement here, and our open letter to the UK's HSE here.

We believe that regulators *want* to find a solution to help more biopesticides reach the market. They are under pressure to find alternatives to chemical pesticides, as an increasing number are withdrawn from the market due to concerns over human safety and the environment, and the EU has agreed to commit to a 50% reduction in pesticide use by 2030. Biopesticides provide an obvious solution to fill the gap, and WBF's discussions with policy makers reassure us that they are keen to make it easier for companies to register these alternatives, precisely for reasons like this.

However, policy change is complex – especially in the EU, where so many individual countries are concerned. If we can find a way to help one country using this system to 'make it better', then it can be used as a case model for the EU and other regions in the world, and will hopefully speed their own paths to achievable reform. While the past 30 year's objectives for reform remain unchanged, we are leading a drive to approach these challenges in a different way, and we are optimistic that we will finally achieve more successful results.

You can hear more about the WBF's campaign at the Annual World BioProtection Summit and Awards (AWBSA) 2022 – see below for more information.

Join us at AWBSA 2022 for a fresh approach

Covering **Biopesticides**, **Biostimulants**, **Biofertilizers**, **Biocides** and **Bioremediation**, this year's Annual World BioProtection Summit and Awards promises to be the most exciting biocontrol event of the decade, as we reveal transformational developments in the sector … and you can attend **in person** or **LIVE on-line** on 23-24 May!

As well as sharing the latest innovations, recognising achievements in our unique Awards programme, and offering start-ups the chance to pitch their ideas for investment, we have **an entire session dedicated to regulatory reform.** Taking our fresh approach, which calls on our founding principle of collaboration across all stakeholders – including policy makers – we have a top-billing panel of speakers who will join an interactive debate considering the future of biopesticide regulations.

Be part of these discussions and register here to join us!

Welcome to our newest members!

Please join us in welcoming our newest members – **Rizobacter** and **Scientia Colombia** both joined the WBF as full supporting members this month.

Rizobacter

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Rizobacter

Pushing for an effective and sustainable agricultural production system. We lead microbiology research and development programs that offer innovative tools, based on natural biocontrol properties and nutrition provided by selected microorganisms already present in the soil.

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Scientia Sustainable Innovation

Offering biological solutions for integrated pest management in agriculture, and working with the industry to achieve sustainable biocontrol to fight major pests and diseases.

As we re-launch the WBF and our activities post-COVID, we express thanks to all of our supporting members. These leaders in the bioprotection sector have the vision to invest in the future of AgriTech, reflecting their dedication to ***Innovation through Collaboration***.

For more information about the benefits of WBF membership, email james.air@worldbioprotectionforum.com

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