



Product Stewardship

IPM Training Workshops for SSPs in Cote d'Ivoire

IPM training took place in the following places in Cote d'Ivoire: on 4-5 August, in Maféré South Eastern; 9-10 August in Soubré, South Western; 10-11 August, in Yabayo, South Western; 11-12 August, in Gagnoa Centre western, 11-12 August, in Bayota, Centre Western; 17-18 August, in Zikisso, Central Western. In total 91 active SSP's in the above communities underwent the training.

The sessions were organized to provide basic knowledge on IPM and tools for the protection of cocoa orchards where the spraying of pesticides is calendar-based and does not take into account any prior monitoring to assess pest and or disease pressure.

The sessions were facilitated by Master Trainers of CropLife Cote d'Ivoire, many of them being field officers from the member companies. The classroom sessions were mostly conducted in work groups, to allow interaction of the participants, and were followed by field sessions. The focus topics included:

- * Pillars of IPM: agronomic, mechanical, biological, chemical control methods.
- * Accounting for the integrated management of mirids/capsids and stems borers, black pods diseases and the cocoa swollen shoot virus.
- * Develop strategies for the control and management of mirids/capsids and stem borers, and black pods diseases.
- * Other topics covered included the toxicity of pesticides, the pesticide label and pictograms, parts of and the calibration of mistblowers, PPE, residues in agricultural production.

Bama Yao



Above Right: Group work in the classroom followed by fieldwork for monitoring to detect level of pests and diseases on cocoa trees and pods (bottom Left & Right)



CropLife Ghana Organizes Pesticide Application Refresher Training Program for 155 Active SSPs

155 SSPs who have already benefitted from the IPM Training in the cocoa production in Ghana were taken through a one-day Pesticide Application Training Program. The training was from 8 to 12 August in the Ahafo Ano North and South Districts of the Ashanti Region. The training was designed to upgrade and refresh the spraying skills of the SSPs in their respective communities.

The training was facilitated by Bob Adjakloe, a CropLife Ghana Master Trainer.

Fred Boampong, Program Manager of CropLife Ghana stressed on the use of only quality agrochemicals that had been approved by the regulatory bodies, and which are only available at the Kokoo Pa input-shop (which is linked to CropLife Ghana member companies for the supply of approved agrochemicals).

The evaluation of the participants showed that the program was both timely and important to them. According to the SSPs, even though they have been applying pesticides for many years, they still lacked knowledge on application.

In addition to the application training, a monitoring exercise was conducted on 30 SSPs who benefitted from the IPM training undertaken in 2015. The exercise was to ascertain the relevance and effectiveness of the IPM Program in the operation of the SSPs in the cocoa sector. The results indicated a positive trend, promoting the need to continue to train more of these SSPs in the future.

Fred Boampong

Right: A SSP undertaking a practical application

Below: Bob Adjakloe showing how PPE is removed after spraying



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SSP Graduation Ceremonies in Ethiopia, 9 – 12 August 2016

Graduation ceremonies for SSPs in the IFDC/2SALE project in Ethiopia took place between 9 – 12 August.

Three events were held; at Ziway, Woliso and Holota, at which 49 SSPs graduated and were certified to apply pesticides for their respective communities.

All graduates presented with the following:

- * Certificate
- * Full set of PPE
- * Knapsack sprayer
- * Ledger for record keeping

A common agenda was followed at all the events which included a welcoming address by a prominent Union member, followed by a short overview on the concept by the CropLife Field Coordinator, Dedefo Abdo.

At the Woliso event, Thomas Assefa, Crop Protection Advisor for SNV, partners in the second project in the country, covered the importance of the concept and how this helps towards introducing IPM practices.

All events were well supported by dignitaries from the 3 Unions.

Dedefo Abdo



Thomas Assefa, Crop Protection Advisor for SNV

The newly trained group of SSPs in Ziway

Presentations at the Woliso event



Preparation Discussions of a Pollinator Forum in South Africa

On 8 August representatives from SABIO, CropLife South Africa and CropLife Africa Middle East, met to discuss the way forward for the development of a "charter" governing the pollinator industry in the country.

It was felt that the following organizations should be consulted in the development of a formalized organisation and a charter.

- * The Bee Industry
- * SABIO – including representation from both, the Northern and Southern Bee Farmers
 - * The Crop Industry
 - * Grains SA
 - * Citrus Growers Association
 - * HortGro (incl. Eurofruit)
 - * Subtrop
 - * SANSOR

The pesticide industry through AVCASA/ CropLife SA – including representation from manufacturers and the distribution chain

- * Technical Experts
 - * ARC (Mike Allsopp)
 - * University of Pretoria (Hannelie Human)
- * Facilitator
 - * Agri SA Christo van der Rhee

It was felt that a Charter should be developed based on the accountabilities of each of the role players. This to be developed jointly by all the stakeholders. CropLife International offered to supply global reference examples.

An App was developed by CropLife Australia whereby Bee farmers can plot their hives to enable farmers to take account of this before spraying. This is basically a communications tool and can potentially be adapted to the South African environment. The cost of such an undertaking must be confirmed and how this will be carried.

A follow-up meeting has been set for 30 September at the offices of Agri SA

Les Hallowitz



Mike Miles, Chairman of SABIO (Far Left) and Dirk Uys of Bayer

GlobalGAP: Meeting of the National Technical Working Group, 16 August

The key reason for this meeting was for the proposals received to be presented for discussion and for the specific Control Points to be forwarded for further discussion.

This with the aim to be included in the submission to GlobalGAP for approval.

In our case this was for "puncturing" to be included in discipline covering "triple rinsing".

Les Hallowitz



Representing the Plant Science Industry

CropLife South Africa displays the “compendiums” developed

CropLife South Africa has undertaken to develop a series of “compendiums” to assist the crop protection industry. To date they have the following available with price indications. All compendiums are supplied with a PDF version on a CD ROM with the printed version. For orders outside of South Africa, please contact the CropLife South Africa office: susan@avcasa.co.za or hettie@avcasa.co.za for a quotation which includes mailing costs.

Prices quoted are in ZAR:

“A guide for the use of plant growth regulants, defoliants and desiccants in South Africa” 1st Edition 2014: ZAR80-00

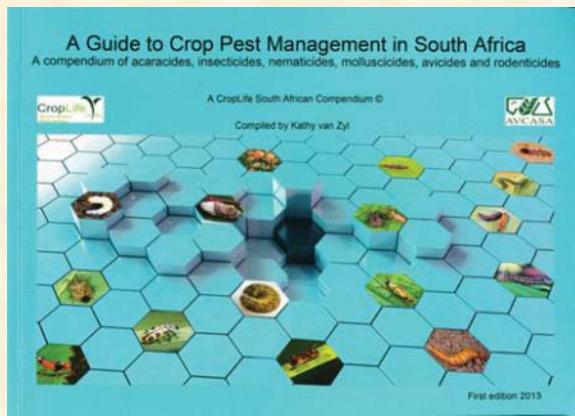
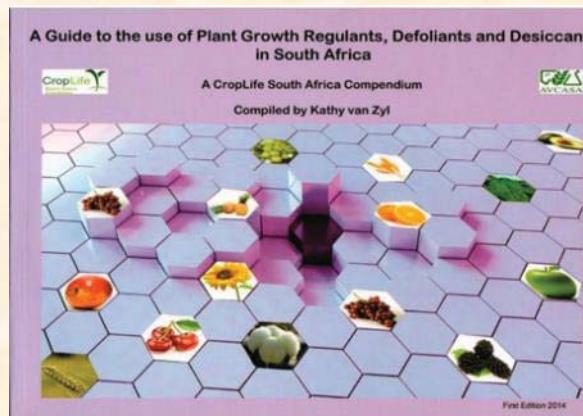
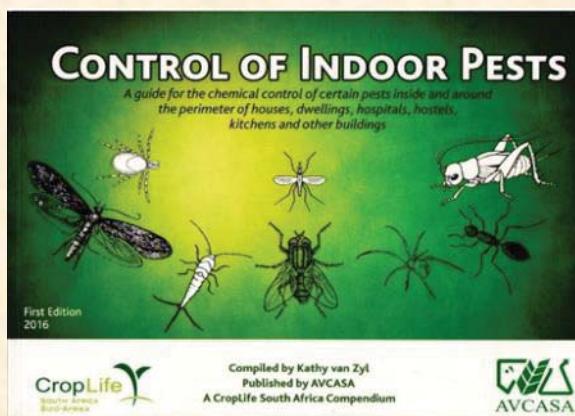
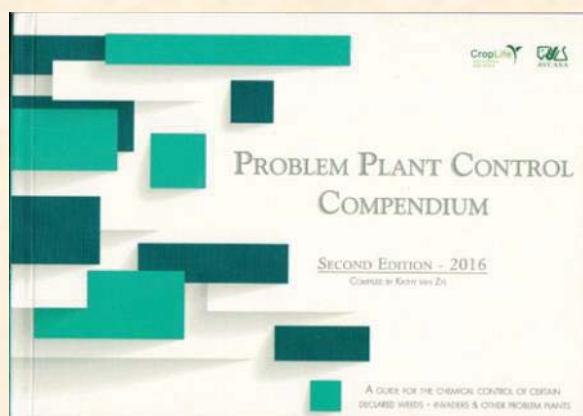
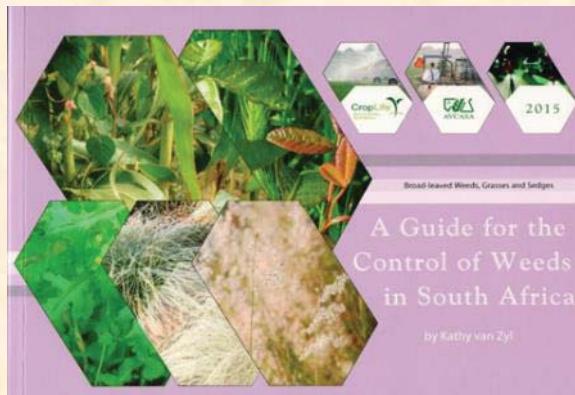
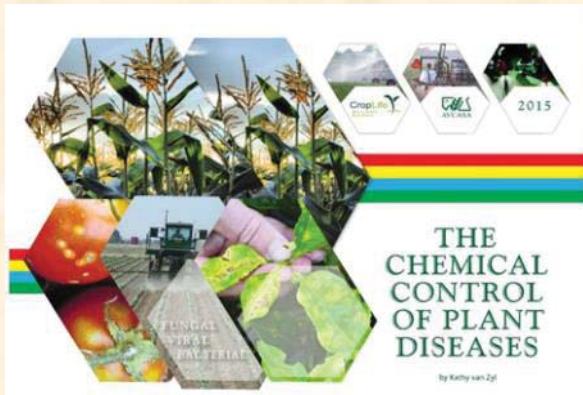
“The chemical control of plant diseases” 2nd Edition 2015: ZAR150

“A guide for the control of weeds in South Africa” 2nd Edition 2015: ZAR160-00

“Problem plant control compendium” 2nd Edition 2016: ZAR100-00

“Control of indoor pests” 1st Edition 2016: ZAR125-00

Gerhard Verdoorn



Anti-Counterfeiting

Anti-Counterfeiting workshop for the enforcement agencies in Cote d'Ivoire

On 4 August, in Soubré, South Western Cote d'Ivoire, 37 participants underwent the training. Soubré is known as the capital city of the cocoa production basin of Cote d'Ivoire. The area has recently been hit by an influx of illegal pesticides putting cocoa production at risk. The training was deemed necessary to sensitize and provide both knowledge and skills to the enforcement agencies to identify counterfeit and illegal pesticides, both entering the country, and on the markets. The program also aimed at sensitizing the administrative authorities on implication and support to the enforcement agencies in combating the malpractice by organized non-professional individuals and traders. For this reason alone, a meeting was organized with the Prefect prior to the workshop to discuss the issue.

Following the introductory message by the Director of the DPVCQ who indicated the objectives of the workshop, the presentations and discussions focused on:

- * Pesticide regulations, the laws and decrees requiring the registration of all pesticides prior to distribution and use; these requirements to ensure human safety the protection of the environment and to ensure the efficacy of the products.
- * Importance of pesticides in sustainable agriculture to meet the challenges of food security/sovereignty and other needs for a growing population, and to protect the environment.
- * Risks associated with counterfeit and illegal pesticides.
- * Cooperation amongst the enforcement agencies and to combat counterfeit and illegal pesticides across the country, based on their common mission and responsibility to protect the national economy and consumers, and to ensure the safety of man and the environment.

The participants found the workshop extremely useful and stressed on the need to strengthen cooperation and to conduct joint missions to fight this illegal trade in the country to safeguard the economy, protect the population and save jobs. The closing ceremony was chaired by the Secretary General of the Prefecture who thanked CropLife AME and CropLife CI for their support to the DPVCQ and MINADER for welcome cooperation. He then confirmed the support and implication of the local authorities in the combat of illegal pesticides. Regular meetings will be organized in the coming months with the agro-dealers, transportation companies, and the enforcement agencies who attended the training. At a later date joint repressive actions will be conducted in the cities of the Prefecture. Participants were presented with certificates of participation.

Bama Yao



Participants were addressed by the Director of the DPVCQ during the opening ceremony (Bottom-L) by the SG of Prefecture and (Bottom-R) above) and a group photo of the Obala session (Left)



Association Management

CropLife Tanzania holds AGM

CropLife Tanzania held its AGM on 12 August at which a new Executive Committee was elected as follows:

Chairman	Harish Dhutia Bytrade Tanzania Limited
Vice Chairman	Mahenye Muya SUBA-Agro Ltd
Secretary	Ali Suleiman Frambase Ltd
Treasurer	Debdas Bhattacherjee Twiga Chemicals Ltd
Member	Karan Kapoor Positive International
Member	Gesso Heghon Bajuta International
Member	Joseph Mbise SURA International

The new committee was asked to look into the following actions on a priority basis:

- * To draw up an annual calendar of events (including scheduled meetings), and ensure that timings are adhered to.
- * For CLT to be in the forefront in counterfeiting surveillance. This includes lobbying Government to ensure that all pesticide dealers are certified and registered with CLT.
- * To look at addressing the unnecessary bottle-necks in the certification of pesticides, the cumbersome importation procedures, the lengthy period for field testing as well as the fee structures attached to these processes, which are seen as excessive.
- * CLT is basically a lobbyist organization. Lobbying means using dialogue and advocacy to convince in order to overcome the obstacles and achieve the end goal. Therefore, CLT should be well versed in lobbying. Publicity is a tool which must be fully utilized to communicate relevant messages, and respond to queries.

Les Hillowitz



Participants at the CropLife Tanzania AGM

New Chairman of CropLife Uganda



Welcome to:

Solomon Seruwo who was elected Chairman of the National Association

At the recent Executive Council Meeting of CropLife Uganda, Solomon Seruwo was elected Chairman of the National Association to succeed Stephen Matovu, whose 5-year term ended

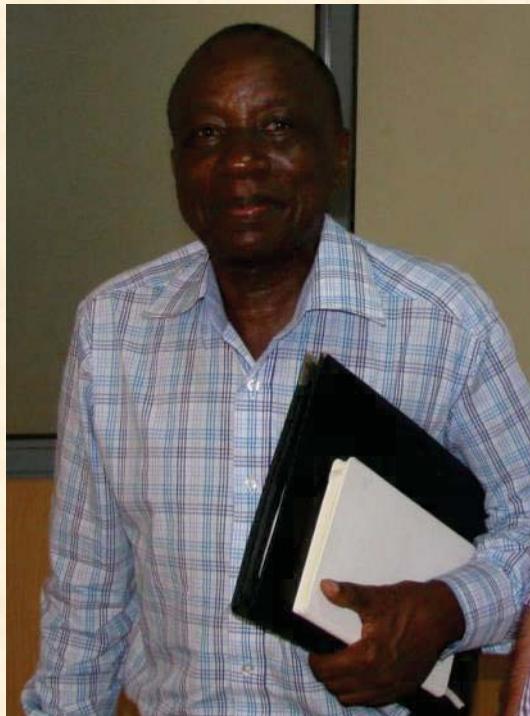
Solomon is a technical and marketing executive with Bukoola Chemical Industries Limited, a leading importer and distributor of agricultural chemicals in Uganda. Previously, he worked on a number of projects including Sorghum breeding for bio-fuels, and was heavily engaged in crop cultivar performance and participatory promotion of selected crops for improved nutrition and health.

He is a graduate from Makerere University with a degree in Agriculture. Since then, Solomon has built a strong career in plant pathology obtaining several certifications from Iowa State University and the University of California (Statewide IPM) We welcome Solomon to the CropLife family.

We are also taking this opportunity to bid farewell to Stephen Matovu who took over the reins as Chairman in 2010. During his term CropLife Uganda engaged in more projects with partners than any other national association within CLAME. His ability to work with a diverse group of people and the trust they imposed on him, became a standard for others to follow.

We wish him well and success on the road ahead. The AGM in September will ratify Solomon's appointment.

Les Hollowitz



Farewell to:

Stephen Matovu - outgoing Chairman of the National Association

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African Countries Strive to Meet International Biosafety Obligations

Parliamentarians and representatives from biosafety authorities gathered for the 5th Annual Biosafety Conference held on August 15-18, 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya. The theme of the conference was "Strengthening global, regional, national collaboration, partnerships and capacity towards meeting international obligations in Biosafety."

During the opening ceremony, Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Hon. Willy Bett, highlighted the government's commitment to utilize modern technologies in crop production, saying that this was the only way to increase food production. Hon. Bett called on biosafety and biotechnology stakeholders to engage the public to ensure wide acceptance of GM crops. The Director of Center for Environment Risk Assessment at International Life Sciences Institute, Dr. Andrew Roberts, gave the keynote address on data transportability, a new concept, which if implemented will reduce the need to have confined field trials for crops whose proof of concept, safety and agronomic data exists in other countries.

Dr. Faith Nguthi of ISAAA AfriCenter made a presentation on socio economic considerations in biosafety decision-making. She encouraged African party states to participate in international biosafety discussions and negotiations to ensure Africa's unique challenges are factored in decision-making.

Participants included Members of Parliament of Kenyan and Ugandan parliaments, Chief Executive Officers of biosafety authorities from 8 African countries, representatives from African Biosafety Network of Expertise, USAID representatives, Kenya Agricultural Research Organization and Kenyan university scientists, and biotechnology students among others.

In his closing remarks the Principal Secretary Dr. Richard Lesiyampe of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries echoed the Cabinet Secretary's call for public engagement. "If we cannot cause a revolution at the top, we must cause a revolution at the bottom", said Dr. Lesiyampe emphasizing the importance of sensitizing farmers on the benefits of biotech crops at the grassroots.

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Dr Faith Nguthi presents socio economic considerations on biosafety decision making

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Kenya's National Biosafety Authority Gives GM Cotton Partial Nod Section: News from Around the World

The National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has approved environmental release (open field cultivation) of MON 15985 event (commonly referred to as Bt cotton) for the purpose of conducting limited National Performance Trials (NPTs). This follows an application submitted by Monsanto Kenya Ltd in October 2015 seeking approval for "environmental release, cultivation and placing on the market."

According to a press release from NBA, the decision to approve was based on the outcome of food and feed safety assessment, considerations of socio-economic issues, environmental risk assessment, as well as analysis of public comments received. This was conducted in compliance with the Biosafety Act 2009.

This is the second open field cultivation approval in Kenya, the first having been granted in February 2016 for the insect resistant maize application under the Water Efficient Maize for Africa (WEMA) project



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New Zealand EPA Declares Glyphosate as Non-carcinogenic



The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) of New Zealand released the results of their Review of Evidence Relating to Glyphosate and Carcinogenicity.

According to the report, "glyphosate is unlikely to be genotoxic or carcinogenic to humans and does not require classification under HSNO as a carcinogen or mutagen." The results are based on the weight of available evidences, taking into consideration the quality and reliability of available data.

In 1993, the U.S. EPA classified glyphosate as Group E carcinogen, which is defined as having "evidence of non-carcinogenicity for humans".

Then in 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified the herbicide as Group 2A (probably carcinogenic to humans), which was based on lack of evidence from human data but sufficient evidence in animal-experiments. The latest report of New Zealand EPA used more recent studies and reviews on glyphosate.

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Upcoming Events

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East & Southern Africa Hub and Regulatory Workshop, Dar es Salaam	September 6-7
CLAME Team Meeting, Dar es Salaam	September 8
ToT for Field officers of CropLife Ghana, Kumasi, Ghana	September 12-17
HHP PIT Meeting, Washington	September 12
RSC Meeting, Washington	September 13-14
Third Continental General Assembly of the African Apiculture Platform (AAP) for Honey Production, Bee Health and Pollination Services, Kigali, Rwanda	September 21-23
Meetings with Project Partners in Uganda and Kenya	September 20-23
Sensitization of Cotton Companies on Potential Health Risks by the Social Security Service, Bouake, Cote d'Ivoire	September 22-24
RRC Meeting, Warsaw, Poland	September 26-27
Bee Forum at AgriSA, Centurion	September 29
ED Issue Team Meeting	October 12
Container Management Fact Finding Mission, Cairo	October 17-21
IPM/RU training for retailers and applicators, Cote d'Ivoire	October 23-28
WCF Membership Meeting, Abidjan	October 25
NAME Hub Meeting, Cairo	October 25-26
WCF Stakeholder Meeting, Abidjan	October 26-27
CMPT Meeting, Washington	November 8
IPM Project Team Meeting, Washington	November 9



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