

BRUSSELS HOSTS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CROPLIFE AME

The annual meeting of the General Assembly (GA) of CropLife Africa Middle East was held in Brussels on 8 June 2009 at the Blue Tower Building – CropLife International Headquarters.

Chaired by President Pierre Flye and Executive President Rudolf Guyer, the GA approved the following:

- * CropLife AME annual report for the 2008 period
- * Financials for the fiscal year 2009 following external audits performed in Brussels
- * The organisation's expense budget for the year 2009

The GA also elected and confirmed the appointment of the following members to the Executive Board of CropLife Africa Middle East:

- * Eric Barbedette (Arysta LifeScience)
- * Eric Bureau (Bayer CropScience)
- * Gabor Mehn (BASF Agro)



Participants of General Assembly and Executive Committee

BRUXELLES ACCUEILLE CROPLIFE AFRIQUE MIDDLE EAST

Reunion de L'Assemblée Générale

L'assemblée générale (AG) annuelle de CropLife Africa Middle East s'est tenue le 8 juin au siège de CropLife International au Blue Tower Building à Bruxelles, Belgique.

Placée sous la coprésidence de Pierre Flye, Président, et de Rudolf Guyer, Président Exécutif, l'AG a approuvé:

- * le rapport d'activités 2008.
- * le rapport financier 2008 suite au rapport d'audit externe.
- * le budget 2009.

L'AG a par ailleurs confirmé l'élection au comité exécutif de:

- * Eric Barbedette (Arysta LifeScience)
- * Eric Bureau (Bayer CropScience)
- * Gabor Mehn (BASF Agro)

EXCO Meeting

The Executive Committee (ExCo) of CropLife Africa Middle East held its 2nd meeting of 2009 on 8 June in Brussels.

A broad agenda was covered that included legal, financial and operational aspects.

Hub reports were presented by the Area Coordinators and Hub Chairmen focusing on stewardship, anti-counterfeiting, communications and regulatory affairs together with measures to strengthen national associations.

Reunion du Comite Executif

Le comité exécutif (ExCo) a tenu sa seconde réunion annuelle le 08 juin dans les locaux de CropLife International à Bruxelles. L'agenda portait sur des sujets divers, entre autres les aspects légaux, financiers, et les activités opérationnelles.

Les rapports des hubs présentés par les présidents de s hubs et les coordinateurs se sont focalisés sur les activités stewardship, anti-contrefaçons, communication, et les réglementations, ainsi que les mesures pour renforcer les associations nationales.

CHEMINOVA JOINS THE CROPLIFE FAMILY

At the meeting of 8 June, the General Assembly of CropLife Africa Middle East unanimously endorsed the admission of Cheminova as a full company member of the organization.

Mr. Mats Edh represented Cheminova at the General Assembly meeting.



L-R: Pierre Flye, Mats Edh, Rudolf Guyer.

CHEMINOVA REJOINT LA FAMILLE CROPLIFE AFRICA MIDDLE EAST

L'AG du 8 juin a également approuvé à l'unanimité l'adhésion de Cheminova comme membre effectif de CropLife Africa Middle East.

M. Mats Edh représentera Cheminova aux différentes rencontres de CropLife Africa Middle East.

EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA

EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA HUB AND REGULATORY WORKSHOP— WINDHOEK NAMIBIA

The Hub & Regulatory Workshop for East and Southern Africa took place in Windhoek, Namibia on 23 & 24 June.

For the first time a “third day” was built into the programme and included “association building” and “practical empty pesticide container management”.

The theme of the workshop was “Effective Communication to Fight Counterfeiting and Enhance Stewardship”. The key note address was undertaken by Antonie Delpont, Hub Chairman followed by an address on CropLife Africa Middle East by Executive President, Rudolf Guyer. The opening address was undertaken by “Sakkie” Coetzee, Executive Manager, Namibia Agricultural Union.

The two day programme was segmented into specific groupings namely:

1. Communications covered

- * “Farming First” by Francis Hale of FANRPAN
- * Core Messages: the Plant Science Industry & Sustainable Agriculture by Anna Riley.

2. Regulatory issues covered

- * Better Regulations: Assessment of the new EU Registration Regulations by Rudolf Guyer.
- * IPR’s Anti Counterfeiting: Country Policies through Cooperation by Rudolf Guyer.
- * SEARCH: “Where to from here”, by Marilza Kieck, SEARCH Secretariat.
- * Update on the SADC EU Food Safety Project, by Hugo Hays of SADC.
- * Generation of Pesticide Residue Data for Market Access, by Lucy Namu of KEPHIS

Delegates at the conference



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3. Stewardship issues covered

- * Implementing the International Code of Conduct: E-Learning, by Bama Yao
- * IPM update, by Ali Mohd Ali
- * Obsolete Stocks / ASP update, by Chris Waller
- * Container Management, by Les Hillowitz
- * Training to enhance Responsible Use of Pesticides, by Manon Dohmen
- * Responsible Use in Environmental Science, by David Faber

4. Topical issues covered

- * Update on the CropLife / CNFA Africa Project, by Jason Scarpone of CNFA
- * The Advancement of Biotechnology in Africa, by Wally Green, Consultant



Rudolf Guyer, Executive President with Sakkie Coetzee, Executive Manager, Namibia Agricultural Union

Association Building

Day 3 of the programme was aimed specifically at the National Associations and covered “Association Building” and “Practical Hands-On in the Management of Empty Pesticide Containers”

The programme covering Association Building included:

- * The Association: A presentation on what an association is and its function. What the role is of a CropLife Association and why they exist
- * Untying the knot: A short exercise to show leadership qualities
- * Being the President or Chairman: A presentation on the role of a CropLife President and what is expected from that individual



The Group in serious debate

- * The elevator test: The President / Chairman is in an elevator and a very important person gets in. He has two minutes before the elevator reaches the top floor to promote CropLife.
- * Formulating arguments: A role play on formulating arguments. Participants were split into two groups. Both groups have to defend a statement. One group in favour and other against.

The combined group then discussed the arguments.

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AFRIQUE DE L'EST ET AUSTRALE

ATELIER HUB ET REGLEMENTATIONS D'AFRIQUE DE L'EST ET AUSTRALE: WINDHOEK, NAMIBIE

L'atelier du Hub et Réglementations de l'Est et Australe s'est tenue à Windhoek, Namibie les 23, 24 et 25 juin 2009 autour du thème «Communication Effective pour Combattre la Contrefaçon et Renforcer la Gestion Responsable». La journée du 25 juin a été consacrée au «Renforcement des Associations Nationales et Cas pratique de Gestion des Emballages vides de Pesticides».

A la suite du discours d'orientation par Antonie Delport, Président de la division Afrique de l'Est et Australe (Hub ESA), du message de CropLife Africa Middle East par le Président Exécutif R. Guyer, et du discours d'ouverture par "Sakkie" Coetzee, Directeur Exécutif de l'Union Agricole de Namibie, les débats se sont focalisés sur:

1. La Communication

- * "Agriculture d'Abord" par Francis Hale de FANRPAN
- * " Messages Clés": l'industrie de la science des végétaux et l'agriculture durable par Anna Riley.

2. Regulations

- * Meilleures Réglementations: Evaluation des nouvelles réglementations pour l'Homologation des Pesticides de l'UE, par Rudolf Guyer.
- * PI et Anti Contrefaçons: Politiques et Coopération Nationales par Rudolf Guyer.
- * SEARCH: "Jusqu'où, à partir d'ici?", par Marilza Kieck, Secrétariat SEARCH.
- * Actualité sur le Projet de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments de SADC-UE, par Hugo Hays de SADC.
- * Production de Données sur les Résidus de Pesticides pour l'Accès au Marché, par Lucy Namu de KEPHIS

3. Stewardship

- * Code de Conduite International: E-Learning, par Bama Yao
- * IPM, by Ali M. Ali
- * Stocks Obsoletes / ASP, par Chris Waller
- * Gestion des Emballages Container Management, par Les Hillowitz
- * Formation pour Renforcer l'Utilisation Responsable des Pesticides, par Manon Dohmen
- * Utilisation Responsable en Science de l'Environnement, par David Faber

4. Sujets Spécifiques

- * Actualités sur le Projet CropLife/CNFA Afrique, par Jason Scarpone de CNFA
- * Avancées des Biotechnologies Agricoles en Afrique, par Wally Green, Consultant

Container Management—Namibia



An example of a container punctured



Empty containers sorted at the collection point

On the afternoon of the third day the group had the opportunity to see firsthand container management in Namibia. This included:

- * A collection point for empty pesticide containers.
- * “Triple Rinsing”
- * Puncturing the container
- * The transportation from the collection point to the recycling plant.
- * The administrative records needed for the transaction.
- * The recycling process
- * The end product produced from the empty pesticide containers.



Containers Granulated



The end product—Fencing Posts

Recognition Awards at the Conference

A number of awards were presented during the Conference for "Excellence" in specific categories. Antonie Delpont, Hub Chairman, East & Southern Africa presented the awards.



Award to Herman Louw—"Excellence in Training"



Award to FANRPAN—" Excellence in Partnerships" received by Francis Hale, Director of Communications



Award to CropLife Uganda " Excellence in All -Round Performance" received by Fred Mduuli, Chairman of CropLife Uganda



Award to Rudolf Guyer—" Excellence in Leadership"



Right -Award for "Excellence in the most improved National Association" - CropLife Zambia received by Perry Ngoma

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NORTH AFRICA MIDDLE EAST

REGIONAL IPM COURSE IN AMMAN



Master Trainers certified in North Africa Middle East

CropLife Africa Middle East organized the 3rd launch of the CropLife International IPM course in Amman between 14 – 18 June 2009.

The course was delivered in Arabic and facilitated by Dr Said Abdella. 11 Master trainers from Tunisia, Sudan, Jordan, Syria and Yemen attended the course.

All participating master trainers received certificates of competence, having successfully completed the designated tests and assignments.

Electronic and hard copies of the training manuals and subject matter material were provided to the participants in Arabic.

Participants expressed their satisfaction with the implementation of the training in Arabic as this allows them better interaction and stronger assimilation of the course curriculum.

FORMATION REGIONALE EN IPM A AMMAN

CropLife Africa Middle East a organisé du 14 au 18 juin 2009 la 3eme session de la formation IPM à Amman.

La formation assurée en arabe par Dr Said Abdellah a vu la participation de 11 facilitateurs de formation venus de Tunisie, Soudan, Jordanie, Syrie et du Yémen. Tous les participants ont obtenu le certificat compétence, et se sont vu remettre une copie électronique du Manuel de Formation.

Les participants ont exprimé leur satisfaction sur la version en arabe du cours ce qui va leur favoriser une meilleure interaction et plus forte assimilation du cours.

PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL FORUMS

With the ongoing liaison with the global secretariat, the Executive President and the Regional Coordinator of CropLife AME participated in a number of global meetings held at the Headquarters of CropLife International during the first half of June. These included:

- * Stewardship Steering Committee.
- * Global IPM Project Team.
- * Anti-Counterfeiting Steering Committee.
- * Regulatory Steering Committee
- * Regional Communications Staff meeting
- * Communication Steering Committee



Stewardship Steering Committee Meeting—June 2009

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WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA

STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

IPM / RU Training Activities

A TOT session took place in Lomé, Togo 15 – 19 June . The objective was to build the local training capacity through the training of trainers course. Nine participants from the distributor association (AFITO) attended with one attendee from the pesticides committee.

During the training, a specific exercise on IPM/ RU was undertaken and evaluated by the other participants on the course. All participants received a certificate of competence.



Participants received their certificates from the Director of Agriculture of MoA Togo (middle)

STEWARDSHIP ET AGRICULTURE DURABLE



IPM/RU: Formation des Formateurs

Une session de Formation des Formateurs (FdF) a été organisée du 15 au 19 juin à Lomé, Togo, en vue de renforcer les capacités locales pour 09 participants provenant du secteur privé et regroupé au sein de l'association des fournisseurs d'intrants AFITO et du Comité Pesticides.

Tous les participants ont passé avec succès les différents et se sont vu remettre un certificat de compétence par le Directeur de l'Agriculture qui avait présidé la cérémonie de clôture.

R. Yeboué, the ToT Facilitator, presenting a copy the E-Learning CD to the Director of Agriculture

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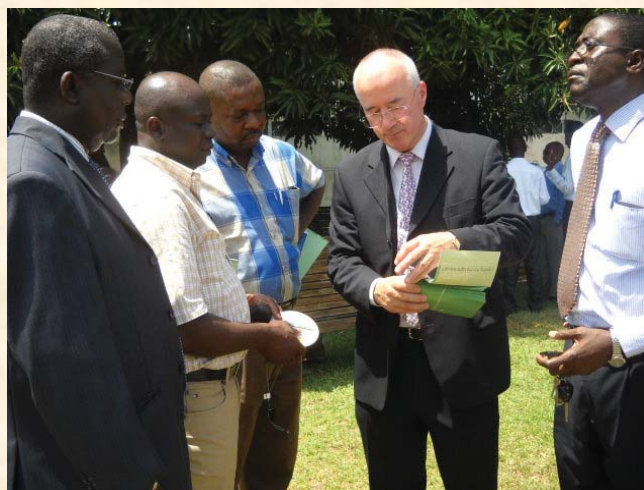
International CoC E-Learning

The roll out of the International CoC is a continuous process and every opportunity is taken to reach this goal. During the ToT course in Lomé, Togo, time was taken to explain the tools and demonstrate the use of the CD version. A specific request was made, that all participants both individually and collectively conduct the assessment and then be involved in the rollout. The Director of Agriculture (who chaired the closing ceremony) as well as each participant, received a CD version of the E-Learning. Additional CD's were issued earlier in June in Accra, Ghana where 22 CDs were distributed to delegates at the signing of the MoU between CropLife Africa Middle East and IFDC, Ghana.

The Executive President R. Guyer officially presented a CD to Marjatta Eilittä, Director IFDC-North and West Africa,. He made a similar presentation to William Kotey, President of CropLife Ghana together with folders containing the Core Messages for the distribution and roll out by other members of the national association.



Executive President R. Guyer took the opportunity to explain the E-Learning CD to the delegates



Rudolf Guyer presenting the CD and Core Messages to executives of CropLife Ghana

Code de Conduite International sur la Distribution et l'Utilisation des Pesticides: E-Learning

La diffusion et mise en œuvre du code sont un processus continu et toutes les opportunités doivent aider dans ce processus.

Ainsi au cours de la FdF de Lomé, Togo, une démonstration a été faite sur l'usage de la version CD. Tous les participants à la FdF ont ainsi été invités à conduire l'évaluation individuellement et collectivement et à diffuser le code. Chacun des participants s'est vu remettre une copie de la version CD de E-Learning, tout comme le Directeur de l'Agriculture qui avait présidé la cérémonie de clôture de la FdF.

Le 03 juin, d'autres CD avaient été distribués aux participants à la cérémonie de signature du protocole de partenariat entre CropLife Africa Middle et l'IFDC. Le Président Exécutif R. Guyer avait officiellement remis un CD à Marjatta Eilittä, Directeur IFDC-Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest. William Kotey, Président de CropLife Ghana a reçu du Président R. Guyer un CD et des outils relatifs aux messages clés pour usage et distribution aux membres de l'association.

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

CropLife Mali

Anti-Counterfeiting

Advise member companies on the increasing level of proliferation of counterfeit and illegal products on the market and the need to engage on an information campaign with the authorities (MoA, Ministry of Commerce and Industry) to combat such illegal trade.

WACIP

Report on the progress and future activities related to capacity building in cotton biotechnology

Obstocks

ASP-Mali: Finalisation of the project framework for inventory and the licensing of retailers.

RENFORCEMENT DES ASSOCIATIONS NATIONALES

CropLife Mali

Anti-Contrefaçons

L'association nationale CropLife Mali a engagé une série de rencontres avec ses membres, mais aussi avec d'autres acteurs dont la Direction de l'Agriculture/Ministère de l'Agriculture, Ministère du Commerce et de l'Industrie pour les sensibiliser sur la prolifération sur le marché des produits de contrefaçon et frauduleux, et le besoin de mener une campagne agressive pour combattre ce commerce illicite de pesticides.

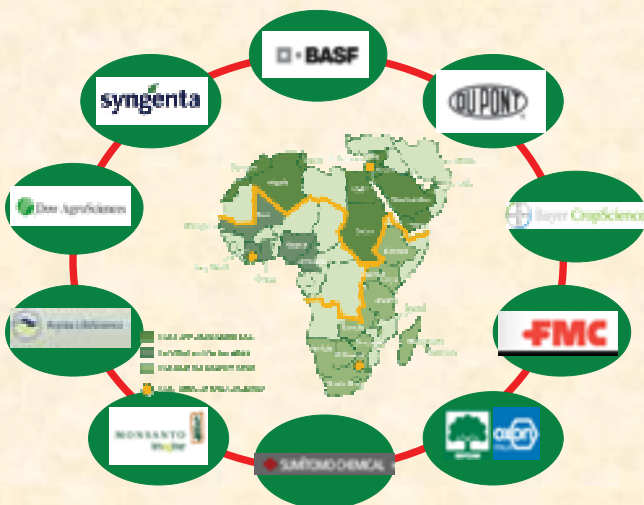
WACIP

Participation de CropLife Mali à l'atelier bilan et perspectives futures du WACIP. Le programme va offrir une formation en biotechnologie du coton.

ObStocks

ASP-Mali: Finalisation du cadre du projet pour l'inventaire et agrément des revendeurs des pesticides.

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