

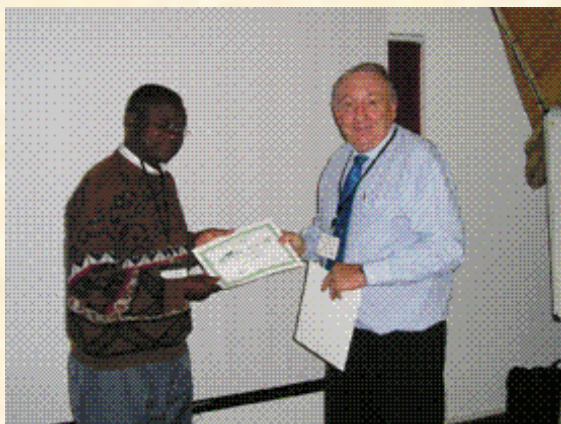


Country News

Biotechnology Course

A training course on biotechnology, termed “Biotechnology for Beginners” was run in early September in conjunction

with AfricaBio, in South Africa. Participants from six African countries attended -Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Mauritius, South Africa. Another course is planned for next year. Richard Sikuku from Kenya, seen here receiving his certificate of participation. For details on future courses, contact Les Hillowitz: (les.hillowitz@icon.co.za)



ICOSAMP Workshop

CropLife Africa Middle East East-Southern Region personnel participated in the 4th ICOSAMP Workshop held in Pretoria, South Africa from 12 to 16 September and undertook presentations on the SEARCH Harmonization Initiative and the Obstocks issues in Africa. For more details, contact Les Hillowitz : (les.hillowitz@icon.co.za)

East Africa

Workshops were held with National Associations of Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia to find ways towards self sustainability and the identification of “partners or linkages”. All three National Associations plan to introduce systems by 01-Jan-06 which will take them on the path towards self sustainability. For more details contact Les Hillowitz: (les.hillowitz@icon.co.za)

CropLife Africa Middle East, North Africa Middle East Hub & Regulatory Meetings

What's happening?

- **Train-the-Trainer courses**
- **Biotechnology Training**
- **GM news**
- **Stewardship Workshop**

The annual Middle East North Africa regulatory and hub meetings were held in Casablanca, Morocco on 27 & 28 September, 2005.

The purpose of the regulatory meetings is to bring together the regulators in all North African and Middle East countries with a view to ensuring imple-

mentation of regulatory controls in all countries and harmonization of these controls between countries.

In addition, representatives of the industry collect together to report on and plan for activities in their own countries, including co-operation with regulatory authorities in implementing registration and

other regulatory schemes; training; biotechnology; self sustainability; partnerships; communications; IPM; obsolete pesticide stocks, thereby setting priorities for CropLife Africa Middle East activities.

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Mali Train-the-Trainer Course



Continuing the cooperation between CropLife Africa Middle East and IFDC, the first of the **French language Train-the-Trainer courses** was conducted in Bamako, Mali, between 10 & 14 October, 2005. The course was facilitated by Raphael Vogelsperger and Manon Dohman of IFDC, who trained 11 Master Trainers, from government, industry and NGO's.

This is the first of many French courses, which will be conducted in West and North Africa. The next French course will be conducted in Dakar, Senegal, between 5 & 9 December, 2005. Other French courses are planned for Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Morocco & Tunisia, in 2006.

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Publications available on-line

TWO REVISED GUIDELINES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND ARABIC

CropLife International has embarked on an update programme for all the original GCPF **guidelines**. These have been edited and pictorial material improved and they are available in English, French and Arabic.

These publications set out the requirements for all issues related to the use

and handling of Crop Protection Products (CPP's), including General Responsible Use recommendations; Responsible Storage; Responsible Transport; Emergency Procedures in the Case of an Accidental Poisoning; Personal Protection in Hot Climates; Responsible Formulation and Packag-

ing; Avoidance, Limitation and Disposal of CPP's.

These, and **many other publications** on various Crop Protection issues, can be downloaded from the CropLife International internet site at: (www.croplife.org) or they can be ordered by faxing CropLife International (+32-2-5420419).



THE NEW GUIDELINES

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Representing the Plant Science Industry

Stakeholder Discussions Provide Useful Input to Improve Industry's Crop Protection Stewardship Programmes

CropLife International held its two-day **Stakeholder Workshop on Stewardship** this week in Brussels. Bringing together more than 70 participants from UN organisations, governments, NGOs, food manufacturers and academia, the workshop set to inform and improve industry's stewardship activities globally.

Chatham House Rules were applied, allowing for open and frank discussions.

The first day consisted of presentations from industry representatives, FAO and PAN, who emphasised the importance of the FAO Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides on pesticide management.

Representatives from CEFIC and Unilever also presented their experiences with the development of sustainability performance indicators.

During the second day, participants broke into working groups covering each of the elements of CropLife International's stewardship lifecycle, discussing effectiveness of industry's current programmes and considerations for future improvements.

The main themes identified were in regard to transparency, delivering quality programmes, training and outreach, partnerships and ethical business practices.

Under the leadership of the Stewardship and Sustainability Committee, industry representatives met after the workshop to



discuss outcomes and agreed a plan to take forward key points to be addressed.

A report of the workshop will be produced within one month that will be the first step in a process to improve CropLife's stewardship programmes in an open and participative way through the development of appropriate and measurable indicators.

This effort will also require the involvement of CropLife's other internal stakeholders (committees and project teams, regional associations, national associations and companies), who were represented at the meeting and will continue to be consulted moving forward.

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South Africa: GM Crops

Around 9.4 million tons maize has been received from the 2005 harvest. The figure is below the official crop forecast and might fall short of predictions.

The number of farmers planting **GM maize** increased to 10% of total pro-

duction. In addition to this at least 35% of the country's yellow maize and soya bean crops were also GM.

Agri SA and the National African Farmers' Union of SA (Nafusa) have announced the formation of the Farmer Development

Trust. The Trust would encourage the entry of black farmers into the commercial mainstream of agriculture.

For more information, contact Les Hillowitz @ les.hillowitz@icon.co.za



GM maize

Zambia ToT Course

A Train-the-Trainer course was conducted with 15 Trainers from government and industry in Lusaka, Zambia from 12 to 16 September 2005. Names and contact details of all ToT participants are posted on the web site: www.croplifeafrica.org

All stakeholders are encouraged to use these resource personnel for any training courses, specifically those entailing "RESPONSIBLE USE OF PESTICIDES".

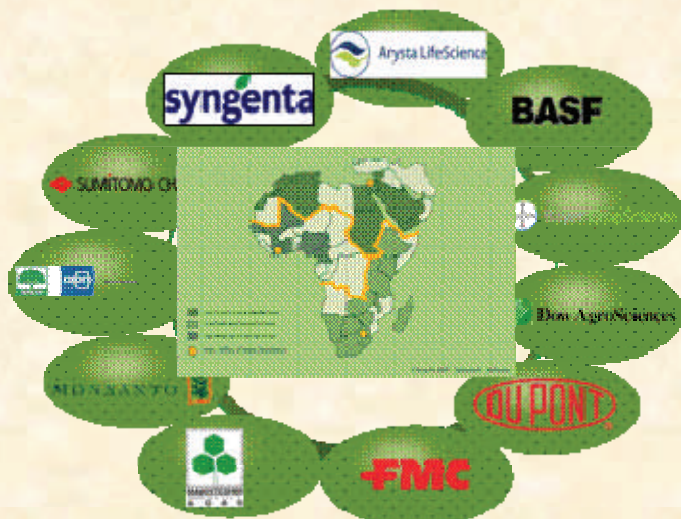
See below for future Train-the-Trainer courses in the Middle East and Africa.



FORTHCOMING TRAIN-THE-TRAINER EVENTS

1. For SAGA-Sudan, a course for government Trainers in Wad Medani, Sudan: 20 to 23-November-2005 (English).
2. For Trainers from several Middle East and North African countries a course in Amman, Jordan: 27-November to 01-December-2005 (English).
3. On behalf of CropLife Senegal, a course in Dakar, Senegal: 05 to 09-December-2005 (French)
4. For the USAID funded, Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Programme, a course in Kampala, Uganda: 23 to 27-January-2006 (English)

NB: If you want to attend these or other future courses, please contact Peter Mills (peter.mills@mweb.co.za)



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