

# **COST 850**

## **Biocontrol Symbiosis**

### **WG 3 and WG 5 Meeting:**

## **Preparing for Technology Transfer to Mushroom Growers**

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Several investigations by participating members of COST Action 850 have demonstrated the potential of EPN to control sciarid flies in mushroom houses. However, the use of EPN is limited. This is also due to a lack of information about the potential of EPN among mushroom growers.

The objective of our activity is to increase the use of EPN against mushroom pests. We want to get growers organisations, extension people, growers, spawn producers and the marketing sector to a meeting, where we present the potential of EPN for mushroom pest control. Experts will explain the guidelines for the production of "organic" mushrooms. Such a workshop should be advertised by the national journals read by the growers. EPN producers should present their products. On such a meeting the two sides (Academia and Producers) should learn about each others views and experiences to understand the limits and potentials of the use of EPN and define future cooperation on the improvement of the systems.

In order to organize this meeting we want to hold a small meeting at the place of Prof. Dr. Andrzej Bednarek, who is a key scientists in regard to use of EPN against mushroom pests.

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# **Tentative Programme**

**4. - 5. March 2002**

**4.3.2002      14:00 Start of the Meeting**

Discussion on scientific programme and decision on invited experts

Organic mushroom production and guidelines

The target group: Sampling addresses of key players in mushroom technology

Identify research organisations in Europe

How to identify the key players to be invited on COST support

Involvement of EPN producers and distributors

Involvement of spawn producers

How to advertise about the meeting

How to get the target group interested, how to get them involved

Strategies for technology transfer

Organisation of the meeting

Other consideration

**5.3.2002      18:00 End of meeting**