

COST 850 BIOCONTROL SYMBIOSIS

10th Management Committee Meeting

4th June 2006

Schloss Salzau, Germany

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1. Opening of the meeting

The Chairman Ralf Ehlers opened the last committee meeting of the COST Action 850 and welcomed the participants, especially Bouktje Stoll (Science Officer) and Pilar Castro Martinez (COST Evaluator).

2. Approval of the draft Agenda.

The draft agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the minutes and matters arising

It was reported that the minutes lack the approval for 3,000 Euro to support the last COST850 workshop at Schloss Salzau in 2006. The minutes of the 9th MC meeting at Bari, Italy, were unanimously approved. It was noted that one of the STSMs that was approved at the last MC meeting (Pangiotos Ioannidis) had not taken place.

4. COST 850 Website and publications

Website: It was agreed that the COST850 Website (www.COST850.ch) would remain in place after the end of the Action. Jurg Grunder has agreed that the site will be moved to his new institution. The website will be updated with the proceedings of the Salzau meeting and thereafter will remain for 5 years without updating.

It was agreed that a link should be added to the website of COST 862, Bacterial Toxins for Insect Control (<http://www.cost862.com>), and vice versa. **All MC members are requested to update their country's publication list on the web page.** Companies should be asked to update their links from the site.

The book on Quality is published and has been widely circulated.

Book: The meeting agreed that a book be published that would represent developments in the field of EPN research and use, particularly over the course of COST 850. Working group coordinators will suggest chapters and authors. Ralf Ehlers reported that he had been in discussion with Kluwer Academic Publisher (now Springer) who are enthusiastic about such a book as part of the Series "Progress in Biological Control" edited by Heikki Hokkanen. It was agreed that a meeting of the editors, working group leaders and major contributors (up to 25 participants) be convened to finalise the book. Boukte Stoll reported that the meeting must be held by the end of 2006 in order to qualify for funding. The meeting will be in Leuven, Belgium at the invitation of Jef Coosemans (University Leuven), in early December to run from Friday 1st (arrival) to Monday 4th (departure). Draft manuscripts will be required before the meeting.

5. STSMs

Solveig Haukeland reported that five STSMs had taken place since the last MC meeting, those of Lemma Ebssa, Siozios Stefanos, Zoe Mulroy Hehir, Maria del Martinez, and Vladimir Puza. Details including the reports are on the website.

6. Future activities

The main remaining activity of the Action will be the preparation of the book (see 4 above).

New COST Actions. Bouktje Stoll informed the meeting on how to apply for new COST Actions: there is now a 2-step application process, with pre-proposals followed by a full proposal. A new Action may have at most half of the participants of a previous Action, and at most half of the subjects. The next deadline for pre-proposals (which must be supported by at least 5 countries) is in March 2007. Themes suggested for new COST Actions included: EPN in Orchards; EPN in Greenhouses; Symbiosis (with both insects and nematodes as the invertebrate partners).

Other opportunities for future cooperation between members of the current Action were discussed, including:

- cooperation with US scientists on the sequencing project, possible funding source NATO;
- IOBC/wprs Working Group "Insect pathogens and entomoparasitic nematodes". Itamar Glazer is convenor for subgroup nematodes. He reported that a meeting will be held in the south of France in 2007.
- EU 7th Framework Programme.

No specific actions were agreed.

7. End of Action, Final Reports.

The meeting agreed that the Chairman Ralf Ehlers should prepare a final report on the Action, that this would be fairly brief, referring to proceedings and other information that is available on the web page. **All MC members to send Ralf (by end of June) information on how many people were employed and how much money was spent during the period of the COST Action (March 2001-2006) in their country.** Details are not required. **Participants were also asked to update their information on publications as these will be part of the final report.**

8. Close of meeting

The chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their contribution. The meeting thanked the Chairman for his hard work on behalf of the Action and for organising the accompanying scientific meeting.

Minutes prepared by Christine Griffin with additions by Ralf Ehlers