

Action and Follow-up Items from the Global Minor Use Summit (GMUS)

1. **Develop a common portal consisting of links to national data and information websites including (but not limited to):**
 - a. **Crop grouping schemes**
 - b. **Existing National MRL regulation**
 - c. **Existing Minor Use Programs**
 - d. **Pest management need/gaps**
 - e. **Use Authorizations to facilitate data sharing by pesticide/crop/pests**
 - f. **List server and electronic bulletin board**

A Portal Committee has been established to management the development of the GMUS web based portal. This committee will be co-chaired by Gero Vaagt of FAO and Jerry Baron of IR-4 Project. The first generation portal is available at www.ir4.rutgers.edu. It was proposed that this Portal be finally hosted at FAO, in order to have a neutral and independent host.

2. **Capacity Building**
 - a. **Biopesticide/Reduced Risk pesticides**
 - b. **Multi-lateral review efforts**
 - c. **Regional coordination and cooperation**
 - d. **Data generation (field trials, laboratory analysis, development of submission documents)**

USDA-Foreign Agriculture Service is currently scheduling some Capacity Building programs. The first set of courses will occur in mid-2008 in Africa. Jason Sandahl (FAS-USDA) will act as focal point.

3. **Member countries of Codex will be urged to facilitate the establishment of the Codex Working Group on Specialty Crops and Minor Uses with the objectives of:**
 - a. **Increased number of Codex MRLs for specialty crops and minor uses**
 - b. **Support Codex in revising Codex Classification of Food and Animal Feeds including the consideration of the concept of representative crops**

It is anticipated that at least one Codex Member country will propose that the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) establishes this Working Group on Specialty Crops and Minor Uses. FAO will prepare an inf-document for CCPR and will report on behalf of the Organizing Committee at CCPR.

4. Pilot Projects

- a. Explore the concept of a simultaneous JMPR and national review to facilitate the establishment of Codex MRLs prior to national MRLs**
- b. Investigate the reason for differences in national and Codex MRLs for a specific pesticide/crop combination**
- c. Create a crop specific database for a limited number of crops of global interest that contains a listing of use authorizations and existing residue trials**
- d. Using supervised residue trials to compare residues between regions to support the concept of global zoning**

Efforts to start Pilot Projects (PP) C & D are occurring. The structure for database to handle PP-C has been provided by UK's Pesticide Safety Directorate. A project to populate the database will be discussed at OECD Expert Group of Minor Uses. IR-4 Project has secured funding for PP-D from USDA-Foreign Agriculture Service. It is anticipated that the first field trials will be out in 2008.

5. Plan and Conduct Global Minor Use Summit II in early 2010

- a. Focus program on commodity based pest management issues utilizing results from Action Items 1-4 (above) as identified at the first Global Minor Use Summit**

Tangible results should have been achieved before Summit II, furthermore it was proposed this Summit should give emphasis to "efficacy issues, e.g. trial protocol, and data exchange".