

## NEWSFLASH AIPROM September 2015

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*Dear Members,*

*Here you may find a brief summary of AIPROM activities in September. For more details, please write to us. Thank you!*

### MEETINGS & Training Events

- **September 21 – Board meeting** – the meeting addressed the preparation for the General Assembly and Annual Event; the introduction of online training for the certification of professional users, support to IGPR, collaboration with a private detective agency and advantages for members, SCAPA audit report to the GA were other topics discussed in the meeting
- **September 21 – Kick-off meeting Advisory Board** – AIPROM initiative was appreciated. Invitees remarked that AIPROM created a platform for debates among specialists and that this was missing. The project should continue and allow participants to discuss freely and informally the most ardent topics in agriculture. Some recommendations were: The Advisory Board should also include reps of the scientific institutions: ICDPP Fundulea, ICDPP; relevant farmers' associations (LAPAR and PROAGRO) should be equally represented in the Board, Mrs. Leaota will be invited for a consulting role. Members were invited to the General Assembly of AIPROM and the Annual Event. They will be introduced to participants.
- **September 16 – Social media training organized by ECPA** – ECPA organized a half-day training for modern media communication; participants learned to use media more efficient and appropriately
- **September 17 - EAN meeting, ECPA** – ECPA periodical meeting with reps of national associations debated the most ardent topics of the industry (pollinators, guidance docs, ED, zonal updates, amateur use, bystander exposure) and presented projects initiated in France (Agrican – epidemiological study) and Germany (The Plant Protectors' Benefits campaign: Look into Fields).

### PROJECT STATUS

#### REGISTRATION & LEGAL

**September 16** – a draft proposal for the revision of Ordinances 4/1995 and 41/2007 was submitted for discussions to WG1; it states that users are categorized into professional and non-professional users based on the certification system; professional users may use all PPPs while non-professional users may use all PPP categories except those hazardous with acute toxicity from classes 1,2,3. Certain categories of PPPs may be sold to non-professional users only in containers that correspond to the dose/ha. Please be reminded that the proposal is not yet final. The final version is expected to be ready end of October and it will be sent to ANF.

#### ANTICOUNTERFEIT

- **September 17 - AC Task Force members had a meeting with the General Manager of the Customs Authority Claudiu Ardeleanu** – an informal agreement between Customs and AIPROM took place regarding the organization of 3 training sessions with customs officers in Constanta Port, Turnu-Magurele and Iasi (all border crossings of major importance). The seminar in Constanta was already scheduled for November 3. ECPA will send Mr. Gerwin Bouillon as key note speaker.
- **September 18 – AC Annual Conference ECPA** – ECPA organized an exchange of experience on AC issues with project managers from MS; the major discussion topics was use of technologies capable of rapidly and accurately identifying suspicious pesticides ("Tier I" testing) that could be subsequently triggered for active ingredient specific "Tier II" analytical methods; the first demo with FTIR technology will take place in Romania in a seminar organized in partnership with MADR end of October

#### SAFE USE INITIATIVE

- **September 7** – WG4 members discussed different options for initiating a demo-farm of the industry; finally the participants agreed that the Pomology Research Institute Maracineni and the Phytosanitary Unit Ilfov-Stefanesti are two avenues to be explored; discussions have been initiated with ANF and a visit will be paid to Maracineni in November

#### SCAPA

**September 17 – WG3 meeting and AIPROM Task Force meeting with RIGK representatives:** An important recommendation- In order to calculate the real amounts collected & to accurately invoice SCAPA companies, it was proposed that the members should send also to RIGK the same declaration they submit to Environmental Fund & Ecologic 3R/EcoRomAmbalaje, regarding Q of packaging on the market each year. Top objective for 2017 is reaching national collection rates. A 2 –year strategy will be proposed to members based on Restructuring of collection centers, efficient communication to increase SCAPA visibility in small farm sector, implementation of modular storage solutions, alternative local recyclers and solutions for small farms collection/alternative collectors.

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

- **October 15** – General Assembly and AIPROM Annual Event
- **October 20** – WG1 meeting
- **October 22-23** – visit from ECPA SUI manager and seminar at USAMV Cluj
- **October 29 – 30** – seminar with Benaki Institute on Analytical methods for illegal pesticides at LCF in partnership with MADR/ANF