



CEPA Quarterly Meeting
Ljubljana, 13 September 2017
MINUTES

1)	Formalities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Members and Partners present:</i> Henry Mott; Rune Bratland; Arnaud del Valle; Stéphane Chaverot; Marc Aubry; Olivier Nazeyrollas; Daniel Bajomi; Stefano Scarponi; Jurij Bilandzic Zajec; Zlatko Dakic; Jan Verschoor; Serge Simon; Fatima Hammouqah; Patrick Vernié; Milagros Fernandez de Lezeta; Dusan Puac; Enrica Carnevali; Daniela Pedrazzi; Sergio Urizio; Bertrand Montmoreau; Michael Kahlo; Peter Fiedler; Frank Hertel; Jürgen Althoff (CEPA Certified Steering Committee only).• <i>Guests:</i> Doc. dr. Maja Sočan – National Institute for Public health; Mag. Marta Pavlič Čuk – Chemicals Office of the Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Health; Chris Suter – independent contributor to the CEPA Certified Steering Committee.• <i>CEPA Management:</i> Roland Higgins and Michel Tulkens.• <i>Apologies:</i> Alain van Lidth de Jeude, Daniel Lucien; Thomas Hilde; Quim Sendra; Alberto Depec; Stefan König; Simon Forrester; Robert Stuyt; Mark van Zanten; Frederic Verwilghen; Vincent Ergen; Nick Burchell, Armin Leyendecker.• The agenda of the meeting was neither opposed nor amended.
2)	Welcome <p>The Chair thanked Zlatko Dakic and the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce who made this meeting in Ljubljana possible and who went out of their way to make CEPA and its member welcome in Slovenia. The Chair also thanked the representatives of the Slovenian Institutions, i.e. Doc. dr. Maja Sočan and Mag. Marta Pavlič Čuk both guest speakers. He also welcomed first time visitors Arnaud del Valle (Bell Labs) and Stéphane Chaverot (Lodi).</p> <p>Zlatko Dakic thanked CEPA and its members for traveling to Slovenia for the Quarterly Board meeting and gave a short overview of the Slovenian organisation.</p>
3)	Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CEPA Certified Steering Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Committee met in Ljubljana on 12 September and decided to go ahead with the development of a Certification Body monitoring mechanism (more than desk based,) as an additional guarantee for our Standard’s integrity. This control mechanism will require more than desk based verification and thus will essentially be like an ‘audit’ for CBs and auditors. It was agreed that the cost of these audits would be invoiced to CBs (standard practice) who in turn will pass it on to their clients.- Chris Suter (independent Steering Committee member) has been tasked with designing this monitoring mechanism for CBs. His presentation is attached to these minutes.- The Steering Committee also reviewed a proposal to develop minimum training requirements for access to the profession. This would be a first step towards a pest management community recommendation for better harmonization of current requirements (or absence of requirements) across Europe. Chris Suter has also been tasked with preparing an outline for a CEPA

	<p>recommendation regarding this subject to the authorities. This project will be overseen by Rune Bratland, VP Training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Summit, Lisboa, June 2018 The Chair informed the members that in collaboration with the NPMA we are planning to hold the next Global Summit in Lisbon, Portugal on June 4-6, 2018. These dates have been chosen in order to be able to organise the Summit in conjunction with World Pest Day. In the past the meeting has primarily drawn pest management professionals from the US and Europe, but now it is the intention to increase representation and participation from the entire Global Pest Management Coalition. We will be reaching out to all interested parties to provide input into the programming and the speakers for the upcoming conference. A meeting to discuss opportunities with the members of the Coalition is planned at PestWorld in Baltimore on 27 October. The Chair asked CEPA members to start considering sponsoring opportunities and identify candidates starting with eligible companies in Portugal and the rest of the Iberian peninsula. • The Chair presented an updated version of the CEPA Strategic Objectives Chart (attached). This document summarizes progress with regards to CEPA's long term and progress will be reviewed at each Quarterly Board Meeting.
<p>4)</p>	<p>Guest presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doc. dr. Maja Sočan – National Institute for Public health: Public health response to emerging vector-borne diseases in Slovenia. Dr Sočan's presentation is attached to these minutes. • Mag. Marta Pavlič Čuk – Chemicals Office of the Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Health: The regulatory context of biocidal products in Slovenia. Ms. Pavlič Čuk indicated that a Slovenian decree to implement the Biocidal Products Regulation in Slovenia would shortly be presented to Parliament and that it would include reference to 'trained professionals' (possibly also mentioning or suggesting the existence of EN16636) in addition to 'non professional' and 'professional users'. Presentation attached to these minutes.
<p>5)</p>	<p>Activity reports of the Vice Presidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Use of Biocides – The Chair informed the members that Armin Leyendecker, Chair of DSV and CEPA VP in charge of Sustainable Use of Biocides, had been hospitalised following an accident (discharged in the mean time). In his absence a task force involving the Chair, Bertrand Montmoreau, Patrick Vernié and the CEPA Secretariat has been working on a CEPA Position Paper responding to a request from the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) to provide pest management community input for the product dossier regarding Cholecalciferol. Various members voiced their opinion regarding this document and asked CEPA to make sure it did not position Cholecalciferol as a substitute for anticoagulants but rather as an alternative or indeed as one more tool in the pest manager's toolbox. A break out group retired from the Board Meeting to review the position paper and came back with an amended version. The new version was reviewed during the session, put to the vote and unanimously approved (no abstentions, no opposition). The final document sent to ECHA is attached to these minutes. • Training – Rune Bratland, VP in charge of Training, will take up the issue regarding minimum training to gain access to the pest management profession with those markets where there is nothing and determine whether adjustments can be made, in what manner and over which timeline. RB will propose a plan at the next Quarterly meeting. • CEPA Certified – Sergio Urizio, VP in charge of Professional Standards, noted that in a number of markets

	<p>some pest management companies have chosen to apply for EN16636 certification as opposed to certification according to the CEPA Certified protocol. SU proposed to organise an internal survey with the help of all National Associations, members of CEPA, to determine what value pest management operators see in obtaining EN16636, bypassing 3rd party certification following the CEPA Certified protocol. He will formulate a questionnaire and a process proposal at the next Quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Sergio Urizio announced that for fiscal reasons ANID can no longer invoice CEPA Certified endorsements to Italian CBs. He asked the Board for agreement to shift this responsibility to ANID's subsidiary Sinergitec. The Board approved this modification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global initiative – Milagros Fernandez de Leseta, VP for the Global Initiative, informed the Board that at long last an initiative was under way to create a South American Pest Management Association. The Association will be called FENIX and will unite members from Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Panama, Peru and Mexico (the latter to be confirmed). MFL also informed the Board that ANECPLA has started training auditors (via webinar) in view of enabling CEPA Certified audits in Uruguay.
6)	<p>Accounts at mid-September 2017</p> <p>Michel Tulkens, for Alain van Lidth de Jeude, Treasurer (absent) presented accounts at mid September 2017. The accounts (attached) were approved by the Board.</p>
7)	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ad Interim appointment of Marc Aubry as Head of College Int'l Service Companies (in replacement of Alain van Lidth de Jeude) was approved by the Board (no opposition, no abstentions). MA will be appointed as the permanent Head of College Int'l Service Companies at the next General Annual Assembly. The Secretariat announced that it had received a letter of resignation from Timothy Hickling, BASF, effective end of 2017. In his letter Mr. Hickling explained that BASF had not for some time been able to make active contributions to the objectives of CEPA or played a part as a stakeholder to influence industry dialogue through CEPA and that this is unlikely to change for the foreseeable future. The board noted this decision with regret. The Secretariat announced that it received a membership application from a new International Manufacturer: SUMITOMO Chemical Company. This application was approved by the Board (no opposition, no abstentions). The Secretariat announced that it received a membership application from a new Association: SANITARAC.PRO (Bosnian and Herzegovinian Public and Environmental Health Professionals Association). This application was approved by the Board (no opposition, no abstentions). The Chair and RH will represent CEPA at PestWorld 2017 in Baltimore (24-27 October) and participate in the working groups for the Global Coalition meeting. The Chair announced that he intends to represent CEPA at the annual Global Food Safety Initiative Conference in Tokyo (5-8 March 2018). The chair informed the members that progress was being made with the recruitment of a new CEPA

	Secretariat. A meeting with 4 candidates is scheduled for 25 September in Brussels. Henry Mott, Alain van Lidth de Jeude, Patrick Vernié, Simon Forrester and Roland Higgins will participate.
8)	Remaining meeting date for 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13/12/17 (Brussels, Belgium).
9)	Dates for 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30/1 Brussels• 17/4 Brussels• 4/6 Lisbon• 9/10 remains to be decided• 11/12 Brussels