



CEPA Quarterly Meeting

Brussels, 13 December 2017

MINUTES

1)	<p>Formalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Members and Partners present:</i> Henry Mott, Rune Bratland, Tom Holmes, Simon Forrester, Arnaud del Valle, Zlatko Dakic, Armin Leyendecker, Andy Beckmann, Sergio Urizio, Licia Rosetti Betti, Milagros Fernandez de Lezeta, Patrick Vernié, Serge Simon, Albert Ponjoan, Fatimah Hammouqah, Dusan Puac, Murray Hern, Luc Butaye, Robert Stuyt, Jaime Gonzalez, Frederic Verwilghen.• <i>Guests:</i> Frances McKim (Guest – Pest Magazine UK), Chris Suter (Guest speaker), Jean-Philippe Azoulay (Guest speaker – ECPA), Laurent Oger (Guest Speaker – ECPA)• <i>CEPA incoming and outgoing Management:</i> Paloma Castro, James Ogilvie, Michel Tulkens and Roland Higgins.• <i>Apologies:</i> Stefan Umiastowski, Daniel Lucien, Steffen König, Pavlos Pavlides, Thomas Hilde, Alain van Lidth de Jeude, Bertrand Montmoreau, Michael Kahlo, Quim Sendra, Daniel Bajomi, Aurélie Baillet, Lazlo Vonnak, Jean-Martin Fierz, Gérard Cuendet, Olivier Nazeyrollas, Brigitte Guillot.• The agenda of the meeting was neither opposed nor amended.
2)	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chair welcomed first time visitors Tom Holmes (Chairman BPCA), Licia Rosetti Betti (Synergitec) and Murray Hern (Sumitomo Chemicals). He extended a special welcome to Frances McKim of Pest Magazine UK who is participating to cover the handover of CEPA management to the new team. He introduced Paloma Castro and James Oliver who will be taking over from the current Secretariat team on 1 January 2018.</p>
3)	<p>CEPA Certified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Certification Body Audit Quality Control mechanism to guarantee our standard's integrity</i> <p>Chris Suter (independent Steering Committee member), tasked with designing this monitoring mechanism, presented a template that was approved for implementation by the CEPA Certified Steering Committee during its meeting in Brussels on 12 December (presentation slides attached).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Minimum training requirements</i> <p>During the discussion that ensued it was agreed that beyond the elements in Annex A of the standard, the monitoring mechanism would need to cover a more thorough verification by CBs of the training levels that are required for Pest Management companies to operate in a given market. This would allow us to connect minimum training requirements to our certification programme without them actually being present in the Standard. It would represent a further element of added value of certification against the CEPA Certified Protocol versus basic EN16636 certification. Members agreed that the basis for this needed to be Annex A of our standard. Training Group to organise an inquiry among our members and feed this back to Chris Sutter to allow him to draw up final documents..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>CEPA Certified Audit Quality Control Training Day</i> <p>In order to present the CEPA Certified Audit Quality Control Programme to endorsed Certifying Bodies a dedicated training day for CBs will be held in Brussels in the Spring of 2018. This will be a compulsory</p>

	<p>event for all current Certifying Body members. A programme outline for this event is attached to these minutes.</p>
<p>4)</p>	<p>Global Summit, Cascais (Lisbon, Portugal), 4-6 June 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair informed CEPA members that the programme for the Summit is still being developed in collaboration with our partners at NPMA. A final subjects and speaker list will be communicated at the end of January. • As the second day of the GS will coincide with World Pest Day, issues related to Aedes prevention and management will dominate that part of the programme. To make the mosquito focus more relevant for Europe a few local speakers on this subject would be useful. Rune Bratland said he could provide a Danish speaker to give a Scandinavian perspective. A speaker for Germany will be suggested by DSV. • The Chair asked all Associations to make a maximum effort to promote the GS in their area. He said that he would expect at a minimum all board members of each National or Regional Association to attend. He also urged all associations to approach Manufacturers and Distributors in their markets to consider participating in the sponsoring programme. The secretariat will send an update of available sponsorships.
<p>5)</p>	<p>Guest presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Philippe Azoulay and Laurent Oger of the European Crop Protection Association (ECPA) were invited to talk about their programme to train the ten million farmers in Europe to better understand their role in the management of an integrated food production system and to know how to handle their responsibility with regards to waste. As the farming sector is under considerable stakeholder pressure this programme has been ongoing for 20 years already and 15000 to 20000 farmers are trained each year. Their presentation is attached to these minutes.
<p>6)</p>	<p>New Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair informed the members that following an objective evaluation process 4 candidates to replace the current Secretariat had been screened and evaluated. The Selection committee composed of Henry Mott, Alain van Lidth de Jeude, Patrick Vernié, Simon Forrester and Roland Higgins unanimously agreed to appoint Darwin Associates represented by Paloma Castro and James Ogilvie. Amongst other factors their application caught the attention of the Committee as a result of the creative value this team was able to demonstrate. A key factor in making their pitch successful was the idea to relaunch the CEPA Certified standard with the help of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that would be negotiated with stakeholders (pest management professionals, industry, political, legislators, civil society) at all relevant levels (European, national and local level). The essence of this idea is that it focusses on sharing the burden of our responsibilities ... an idea which by the way could even be inspiring on a global level since it can be replicated everywhere! • Serge Simon indicated that the MoU idea reminded him of a tactic used by CEPA some 10-15 years ago and which was launched at the time as the Orlando Protocol. The Secretariat replied that though there is some similarity with the MoU approach presented by the new team it must be stressed that the Orlando document was only an industry 'promise' without a standard to back it up or any other major societal or civil service stakeholders to lend it credibility, which is the real power behind the new team's approach. • The new team will officially take over the running of our Confederation on 1 January 2018. The Chair asked Roland Higgins to remain available for some time to guarantee a smooth handover and to help with the coordination of the programme and the practical organisation of the Global Summit in June.

7)	<p>Activity reports of the Vice Presidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Use of Biocides – Armin Leyendecker, VP in charge of Sustainable Use. Frederic Verwilghen attended the most recent Competent Authorities Meeting in Brussels (27 November) on behalf of CEPA in Armin’s absence. He reported that the most relevant item for CEPA from that meeting was the information that the German representative said that Germany believed it was necessary to work on alternative solutions to the use of anti-coagulants. He announced that the German authorities would be holding a "workshop on alternative solutions for anti-coagulants" early next year! The Chair asked DSV to inquire and to make sure that we are invited to participate in that workshop. <p>The Chair asked to take advantage of the arrival of a new secretariat to assess our participation in the current EU forums in which CEPA’s presence as an observer is considered to be important, i.e. the Competent Authorities meeting with DG Health/Food Safety in Brussels and ECHA in Helsinki. James Ogilvie to accompany our current representatives on the first possible occasion to help assess.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training – Rune Bratland, VP in charge of Training, with the help of the CEPA Secretariat, will follow up on the Chair’s suggestion to write to all associations to get their opinions on what they want to know about training levels from each audit carried out in their respective countries ahead of the CB convention • CEPA Certified – Sergio Urizio, VP in charge of Professional Standards, presented a questionnaire and a process proposal to determine what value pest management operators see in obtaining certification. JO proposed to organise a Survey Monkey with the questionnaire in order to get it operational as soon as possible. • Global initiative – Milagros Fernandez de Leseta, VP for the Global Initiative, reported on the progress with the Global Coalition. Steps to launch this project will be finalised with our international partners at the Global Summit in Portugal next June. MFdL’s presentation slides are attached to these Minutes.
8)	<p>Accounts at 6 December 2017</p> <p>Michel Tulkens, for Alain van Lidth de Jeude, Treasurer (absent) presented accounts at 6 December 2017. The accounts (attached) were approved by the Board.</p>
9)	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secretariat reported that NVPB, our Dutch association, had inquired in writing about Endocrine Disruptors, asking whether CEPA would be following developments regarding this. As EDs are viewed as a complex matter, expert advice will be required. The Chair asked the Sustainable Use group to evaluate who would be best placed to examine this. There were offers for help from Patrick Vernié and Frank Hertel. Secretariat to follow up. • The secretariat, in collaboration with the Chair and DSV, is to evaluate a proposal from Frank Hertel to hold a Quarterly CEPA meeting in Leipzig in October. This meeting would coincide with a Fumigators convention and would offer interesting networking perspectives as well as the opportunity to make site visits in the margin of the meeting. • An updated version of the CEPA Strategic Objectives Chart is attached to these Minutes. This document summarizes progress with regards to CEPA’s long term planning.
10)	<p>Dates for 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30/1 Brussels



• 17/4	Brussels (to coincide with the <i>CEPA Certified Audit Quality Control Training Day</i>)
• 4/6	Lisbon, concurrent with Global Summit (4-6 June)
• 9/10	Remains to be decided
• 11/12	Brussels