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Dear Members,

Here you may find a brief summary of AIPROM activities in July. For more details, please do not hesitate to write to us. Thank you!

MEETINGS

July 2 – Meeting organized by MADR with associations from agriculture in order to discuss issues related to seed treatment for the autumn campaign. Organized by farmer associations' request, the main purpose of the meeting was to review what has been done until that moment for rapeseed treatment for the fall campaign and to decide further steps in order to generate scientific evidence regarding the effect of seed treatment technology. The Ministry demanded strong stewardship measures, scientific studies for alternative methods of protection, clear monitoring of the used PPPs, solid justification for potential new applications for emergency authorizations

July 13 – Board Meeting

The Board members discussed the conclusions of the recent SCAPA audit and demanded from RIGK assisted by AIPROM a plan for repairing deficiencies and avoiding mistakes in the future; both results of the audit and solutions proposed will be disclosed to members. In response to the allegations made by former RIGK manager on his personal blog, AIPROM will intensify the positive communication campaign about SCAPA with a detailed interview in major magazines which is planned for this fall. The Board decided to include the possible cooperation of the Association with a private detective agency in support of Police's anti-counterfeit activities on the agenda of the next General Assembly on October 15.

July 16 – Meeting with Mrs. Elena Leota, General Director of ANF.

It was a good occasion for an exploratory discussion about the LT collaboration strategy and the immediate support for ongoing projects, in the light of the National Action Plan objectives and deadlines: revision of legislation for PPP trading, legislative proposal regarding the certification system for professional users, IPM guidelines structure and crop-specific IPM guidelines, legislation imposing the use of deflectors in seed treatment, inspection of the spraying equipment, support for TOT of local experts.

Other issues: the organization of a common workshop LCF- Benaki Phytopathological Institute at LCF precincts (October 28-29), proposal to set periodic meetings –two more follow-up meetings are planned for the rest of the year.

PROJECT STATUS

REGISTRATION & LEGAL

July 16 – AIPROM has strongly engaged in the public consultation organized by the Ministry of Environment on draft ordinance that would modify OUG nr. 196/2005 regarding the Environment Fund and that would basically impose a 2% tax on all PPPs; extensive details about AIPROM actions have been provided in previous e-mail communication

July 18 – members of WG1 have been asked to comment upon the draft ordinance for training and certification of professional users, distributors and advisors and to revise the older PPP legislation; comments for the first piece of legislation are expected by August 3rd.

ANTICOUNTERFEIT

July 2 – Teleconf with ECPA on AC subject and cross-border collaboration; AIPROM obtained ECPA financial support for the organization of a symposium with experts from Benaki Institute from Greece for LCF chemical analysts on October 29-30 in Bucharest

SAFE USE INITIATIVE

July 20 - ECPA developed an online platform with the aim to assist the PPP user to identify the appropriate personal protection equipment; AIPROM translated the material in Romanian and included the link to the web tutorial on the association website.

<http://www.aiprom.ro/SUI/link-uri-utile.html>

SCAPA

July 7-8 – visit from Bulgarian Association to a collection center near Bucharest and discussions about Romanian experience

July 13 – meeting with RIGK management to discuss the results of the audit performed by AIPROM; a plan for fixing current deficiencies and avoid others will be developed and communicated to members by the General Assembly

July 30 – an information brochure about SCAPA has been printed and the electronic version made available on line at

<http://www.aiprom.ro/SCAPA/Noutati-SCAPA/>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST

August 4 – meeting at Ministry of Environment, Environment Fund, to discuss project ordinance of modification and OUG nr. 196/2005

August 14 – meeting with IGPR and WG2 meeting

August 31 – WG1 meeting

