



**12th Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting
23-25 October 2017, Congress Center Basel
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**Jointly organized since 2006 by
the International Biocontrol Manufacturers
Association (IBMA) and
the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
(FiBL)**



IBMA

The International Biocontrol Manufacturers' Association is the worldwide association of biocontrol companies producing and selling microorganisms, macroorganisms, semiochemicals and natural and biochemical solutions for plant protection and public health.

- Members 234
- Active members 163
- Associated members 65
- Honorary members 6

Charter of Principles

IBMA members subscribe to the Charter of Principles and to quality standards agreed upon in their respective product-related working groups



Organisation

- IBMA is governed by the Board and the Executive Committee that receives its power by delegation of the General Assembly of Members
- The General Assembly elects a president, a vice president and a treasurer that together with the Executive Director form the IBMA Board
- The Executive Committee is composed of the members of the Board, the Professional Group chairs and two National Group representatives
- Four Professional groups
 - Invertebrate Biocontrol Agents (IBCA)
 - Microbial Biocontrol Agents (MBCA)
 - Semiochemicals
 - Natural and Biochemical Products
- Nine National Groups:
Belgium, Netherlands, Germany/Austria, France, UK, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Kenya

The principle objectives

- to associate all companies, organisations and individuals involved with the development and the use of biocontrol activities
- to act as spokesman for the industry in relations with national and international institutions, policy makers, media and the public
- To ensure appropriate regulations for our products
- to set up and implement ethical professional rules
- to contribute to a broader and more intensive use of biological solutions in crop protection, animal health and public hygiene

Visit our IBMA stand 25 and stand 26 on the Bernard Blum Award

- David Cary
- Isabelle Pinzauti Babrzynski
- Louisa Püschel

- www.ibma-global.org

FiBL Switzerland at a glance



- Founded in 1973, private foundation
- 190 staff members
- 70 interns, B.A./Master/PhD students, apprentices
- Research on over 200 Swiss organic farms

Departments of FiBL Switzerland

Soil Sciences

Crop Sciences

Livestock Sciences

**Socio-Economic
Sciences**

**Extension, Training
& Communication**

**International
Cooperation**

FiBL sites

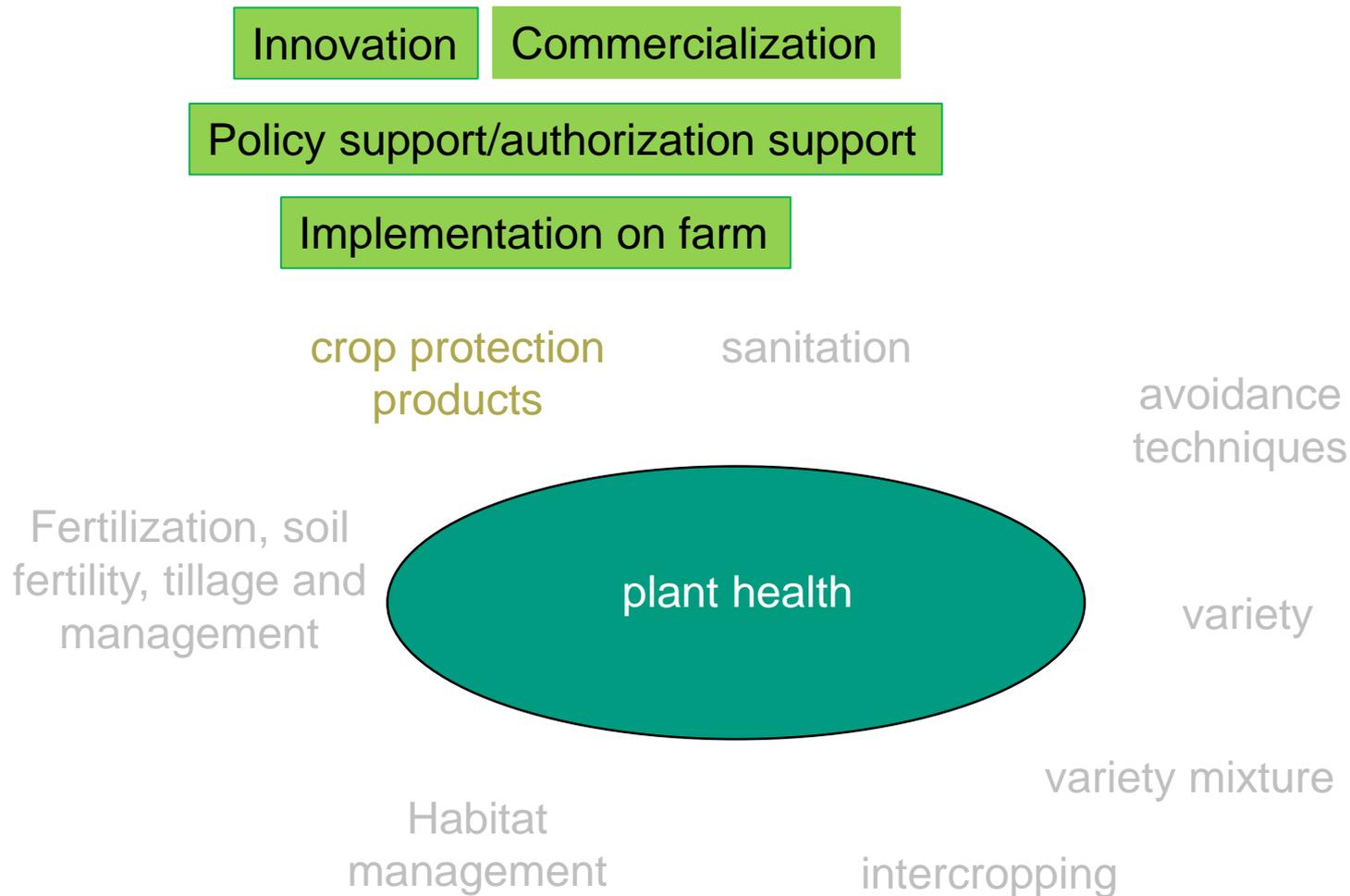
- 1 FiBL Europe
- 2 FiBL Switzerland
- 3 FiBL Germany
- 4 FiBL Austria
- 5 FiBL Team France
- 6 FiBL Central Eastern Europe (ÖMKi Hungary)



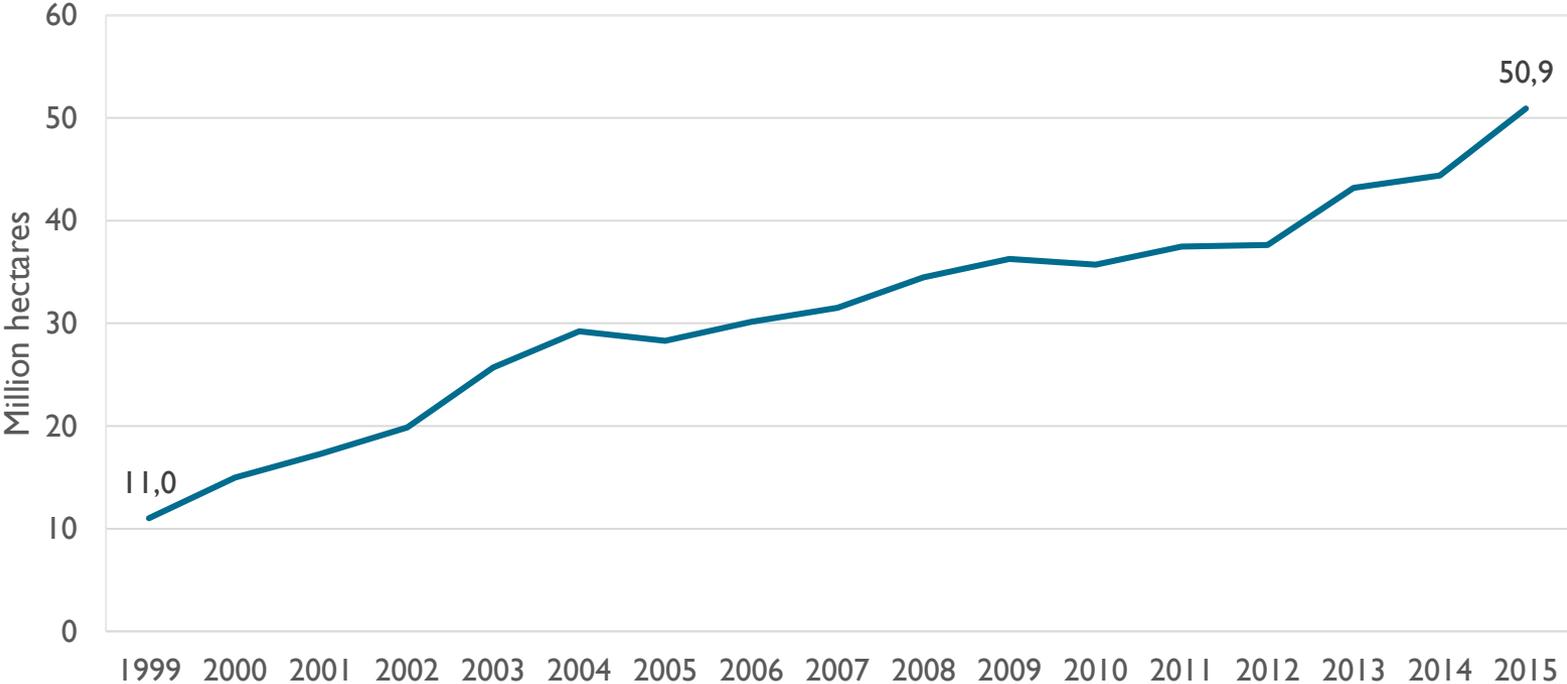
International Cooperation



Partnerships with industry: a key element of progress in crop protection



Growth of the organic agricultural land 1999-2015



Source: FiBL-IFOAM-SOEL-Surveys 1999-2017



ABIM: The premier global meeting for the biocontrol industry

– Attendees	>950	(898)
– Companies, organisations	420	(426)
– Exhibitors	69	(59)
– Sponsors	27	(20)
– Speakers	35	(29)
– Countries	49	(48)



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- **Information exchange**
- **Networking**
- **New products information**
- **New research directions**
- **New market opportunities**
- **Establish and improve collaborations**
- **Liaise with and inform policy makers**
- **Promote our biocontrol industry**



Key note speakers ABIM 2017:

- **Mr. Paul Koppert, Koppert Biological Systems**
- **Mr. Ulrich Kuhlman, CABI**

Conference sessions

- **Regulatory Issues: DG Sante, EPPO, OECD, FAO, IBMA**
- **Innovative Biocontrol solutions**
- **Innovative developments supporting Biocontrol with a Panel discussion**
- **Microbial session updating the Bt food contamination issue**



Key features of ABIM 2017:

- **High profile presentations on registration and new products**
 - **Extended exhibition area with 69 of the leading companies in the sector**
 - **Lunches included**
 - **1-to-1 meetings**
 - **Extended semi-private foyer area suitable for impromptu business meetings of up to 4 persons**
 - **Premium business meeting rooms**
 - **Free public transport for residents of Basel hotels**
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- **Find more info on the ABIM app and on www.abim.ch**



Sponsors

- **10 Platinum Sponsors**
- **1 Gold Sponsor**
- **4 Silver Sponsors**
- **8 Bronze Sponsors**
- **Sponsors of coffee and lunch breaks**
- **Sponsors of the pre-aperitif keynote address**
- **Sponsors of the Aperitifs**
- **Basel Area**
- **Swiss Federal office Agriculture**

Special support

- **Basel area & Canton of Baselland**
- **NewAg**



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Supporters:

- **Basel area**
 - **New Ag International**
 - **Swiss Ministry of Agriculture**
 - **69 Exhibitors**
 - **All attendees**
 - **Basel Congress Center**
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- **Thank you all**



ABIM Steering Committee

- **Lucius Tamm, deputy director FiBL, Organisation**
- **Anne Merz, FiBL, Conference secretary**
- **Martin Andermatt: Andermatt Holding AG, Strategy**
- **David Cary: Executive Director IBMA, Programme, Sponsoring**
- **David Loughlin, Publicity, Press Liaison**
- **Willem Ravensberg: President IBMA, Promotion**



Have a very successful ABIM 2017!

