



BPIA & BioProtection Global Update

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General BPIA Updates

BPIA Fall Meeting held in Rochester NY

Membership continues to grow – now over 130 member companies

Board approved new 5-year Strategic Plan

Moving to one member meeting per year (Spring) supplemented by a Fall Regulatory meeting and lobbying mission in Washington

Spring BPIA Meeting March 11-15 in Portland, OR



BPIA Biostimulant Update

Continue a very successful integration of biostimulant industry into BPIA

Biostimulant Definition submitted as part of 2018 Farm Bill – has not yet passed

Also included in Farm Bill is a provision to create a Biostimulants Working group (USDA, EPA, FDA, BPIA, States)

Working Group (unofficial) has already begun meeting to work through how biostimulants would be regulated – state or federal

November elections will determine status of Farm Bill



BPG Update

BPG Continues to Grow, now have 8 member associations and 1 candidate association

Website Updates: www.bioprotectionglobal.com

- Added Primary Contacts
- Added Events

Outreach Letter

- We composed and approved a letter of introduction for IGOs NGOs and allied industry introducing BPG.
- Associations are to provide their target list
- At Wednesday meeting, will agree on process for outreach and the follow-up protocol

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Harmonization Update

- Asked for and received harmonization goal candidates from member associations.
- Headline ideas include:
 - Mutual data recognition
 - Self-regulating quality control
 - Eco tox dossier information sharing
 - Risk assessment
 - Duplication of regulatory guidance
- This initiative is closely tied to our hope to host a regulatory event / FAO / OECD



Thank you for your attention

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