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WELCOME TO TWO NEW GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS: BIOPESTICIDE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE



On behalf of the **Executive Committee of the IAPPS Governing Board**, I have the pleasure to welcome **Roma Gwynn as our new Governing Board member, Biopesticide Industry Representative.**

Roma is a biopesticide specialist working within this area for over 35 years initially as a research scientist then working for biocontrol companies, and now as an independent specialist working internationally. She has an MSc in Technology for Crop Protection and a PhD in Biological Control both from Reading University.

Roma has taken a lead role in the development and registration of many new biopesticide technologies including semio-chemical, botanical and microbial substances. Her expertise is in facilitating the process of getting biopesticide products onto

the market by streamlining bio-discovery, product development, registration and marketing, with particular expertise in efficacy.

Roma has been an expert for regulation of biocontrol agents, working with OECD, the EU, and FAO/WHO and has also been involved in the development of biopesticide regulatory guidance, internationally. Roma is also a consultant on several biopesticide collaborative research and PhD projects and runs workshops for industry and universities on biopesticides.

Roma is an independent board member for the UK Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Horticulture) and is Vice-President of International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (www.IBMA.ch). Roma is involved with several UK farmer and grower projects and is a member of the steering committee for the AHDB-Horticulture funded project

SCEPTRE+. She was editor of the internationally regarded publication ‘The Manual of Biocontrol Agents’ published by BCPC and supports CABI in the development of their Bioprotection portal (www.bioprotectionportal.com).

Roma takes over the role of the former industry representative **Keith Jones**, whom I would like to thank most sincerely on behalf of the whole IAPPS GB for his valuable contributions to IAPPS over many years.

ELSEVIER JOURNAL PUBLISHER



I am equally pleased to welcome **Ms. Maggie Yang** as our new **Governing Board member, Elsevier Journal Publisher.**

Maggie holds a Master’s degree in Business English from the University of Business and Economics in China obtained in 2012. She is currently a publisher at Elsevier, responsible for the publication of a group of academic journals in the field of Agronomy, including **Crop Protection.**

Maggie has around 8 years of experience in scholarly publishing since 2012. She has worked in a variety of STM editorial roles in the past with Elsevier, Taylor & Francis, and De Gruyter, respectively.

Maggie takes over from **Lei Dries-Zhang** as the previous Elsevier Journal Liaison Officer, to whom I would like to express my warmest thanks for her

contribution to IAPPS

Please join me in welcoming Roma and Maggie to the IAPPS GB and family !

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THE 'FROM FARM TO FORK STRATEGY' OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Climate change and environmental degradation are an existential threat to the world. The **Green Deal** is Europe's response. It will transform the European Union into a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy where:

1. There are no net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050
2. Economic growth is decoupled from resource use
3. No person and no place is left behind.

Green Deal should continue to lead international efforts to build alliances across the world. The EU will continue to lead the international climate and biodiversity negotiations, further strengthening the international policy framework.

Farm to Fork Strategy

The **Farm to Fork Strategy** is at the heart of Europe's Green Deal. **From Farm to Fork** includes a global vision of future European agriculture. The Strategy outlines the ambition to transform European food systems into the global standard for sustainability. It tackles the major challenges we face such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and the degradation of land and sea, while ensuring that the economic, social and environmental bases to generate food security and nutrition for future generations are not compromised.

The **Farm to Fork Strategy** sets out both regulatory and non-regulatory initiatives, with the common agricultural and fisheries policies as key tools to support a just transition. Research is a major part of the **From Farm to Fork Strategy**. Research activities and projects shall test, pilot and demonstrate innovative systemic solutions to the urgent and pressing food systems' challenges. One aim is to reduce the dependence of agriculture on synthetic, especially hazardous, pesticides by means of agro-ecological concepts, resilient cropping systems, and the development of biological and nonchemical plant protection methods and breeding of resistant cultivars.

Projects should focus on systemic innovations that maximize synergies and minimize trade-offs to deliver on sustainability, i.e. to contribute to increased resilience of food systems as well as sufficient, safe, nutritious, and affordable food for all.

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL WEED SCIENCE CONGRESS (IWSC) – BANGKOK, THAILAND

As announced at the **IWSC-2020** website (<http://www.iwsc2020.com>), the IWSS Board, the Local Organizing Committee and the Scientific Program Committee have decided to postpone the IWSC-2020 (the 8th IWSC) one more time to **December 5-10, 2021**. As the participants' safety is the most important, we had to make this second postponement. Therefore, the new dates for the postponement of the 8th IWSC are as follows:

New Congress dates: 5-10 December 2021

- Deadline for Abstract submission: 28 February 2021
- Deadline for Early Bird registration: 31 May 2021
- Deadline for Student Travel Grant Award application: 28 February 2021
- Deadline for Special Assistance Fund application: 28 February 2021
- Deadline for Outstanding Scientist Award nomination: 28 February 2021
- Deadline for Weed Photo Contest photo submission: 28 February 2021

We thank you infinitely for your understanding and patience in this difficult period of our human history. We are looking forward to meeting you all in Bangkok, Thailand!!!

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It seeks to provide a global umbrella for the plant protection sciences to facilitate and promote the application of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to the world's crop and forest ecosystems.

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