



UIPP MEETING WITH MRS EUGÉNIA POMMARET - 09/12/2017

POSITION: Executive Director

INSTITUTION: UIPP

OBJECTIVE

The goal of this meeting is to talk about the plant protection and specifically on the regulation and the communication around the agricultural world. This company called IUPP worked on the development of good practices for farmers. Eugénia Pommaret the executive director of UIPP (union of industry for the protection of the plant) met us in order to help us in the elaboration of our project "SofterShock".

WHAT IS THE MAIN STEP BEFORE BEGINNING TO SEARCH ON HOW TO PLACE OUR PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET (IN FRANCE)?

First, we have to look at the European regulations because it will define what our biological solution is. We also need to define the use of our solution. In this context, the use is agricultural and act as a biostimulant (trouver un autre mot que biostimulant) for the plant. Our product must ensure safety and efficacy. For example, phytosanitary products in France must comply the Regulation No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council dating from 21 October 2009. This regulation concern the placing of products on the market.

CAN YOU DISCUSS ABOUT SOME EXAMPLE USING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM ?

Currently , winegrowers are using of pheromones produced by genetically modified bacteria in order to fight a butterfly species which is really harmful to the vine. This technique is completely allowed in France and we can try to follow this example in order to place our biological solution on the French market.

Moreover, the new technology called CRISPR/CAS begin to change the opinion in France about GMO's. For some scientists, this innovation can not be considered a GMO because it doesn't change the all genetic of the plant. Consequently, a debate is beginning to emerge in Europe on this subject, which is still very sensitive in this part of the world.



ARE THERE LAWS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE USER?

There are European directives on the use of products. For example, there is a regulation on marketing but also a regulation on the good use of the products for the users. A new directive will be taken in 2019 called 98/44.

WHAT PERSON CAN HELP US IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THIS THEMATIC ?

L'EFSA (european food safety authority).

The Ministry of Agriculture: it will be possible to obtain the list of biocontrol which are allowed in Europe.

Bayer

Syngenta

IBMA France

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ACEMA: IRSTEA - Research on Recovery Panels. Face-by-face systems that reduce the risk of dispersion in the environment.