



February 20-22, 2023
Peppermill Resort Spa Casino
Reno, NV

PROGRAM

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AGENDA


DAY 1 — MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Research Facility Field Tour
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DAY 2 — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	BPIA 2023 Annual Meeting	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration Check-in	Registration Desk
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Tuscany 4
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8:00 am – 9:00 am	New Member Welcome Breakfast	Tuscany 1
	Sponsored by 	
9:00 am – 3:30 pm	Member Networking Space Available	Tuscany 4
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Regulatory Committee Meeting	Tuscany 2/3
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Membership Committee Meeting	Tuscany 5/6
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Coffee Networking Break	Tuscany 4
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10:30 am – 11:30 am	Communications Committee Meeting	Tuscany 2/3
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Canadian Committee Meeting	Tuscany 5/6
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Government Affairs Committee Meeting	Tuscany 2/3
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon	Tuscany C
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2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Biostimulant Innovation Committee Meeting	Tuscany 2/3
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Biological Markets Committee Meeting	Tuscany 5/6
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon Coffee Networking Break	Tuscany 4
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3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	BPIA All Member Meeting: New Member Introductions, Election, and 2023 BPIA Awards	
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	BPIA Group Dinner	Capri Ballroom
	Sponsored by  Capri Ballroom is on the 4th floor of the Peppermill Tower near the Naples and Sorrento Ballrooms. You can access Capri, from the 2nd floor meeting space, by taking the escalators up to the 4th floor.	

DAY 3 — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	2023 Symposium	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration Check-in	Registration Desk
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Tuscany 4
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9:00 am – 10:00 am	Opening Plenary - Welcome and Opening Regulatory Update <i>Tuscany A/B</i> Moderator: Jennifer Lilly, <i>Plant Response, Inc.</i> Panel Speakers: Ed Messina, <i>USEPA</i> ; Vickie Brewster, <i>USDA APHIS PPQ</i> ; and Nick Young, <i>Calif. Dept. of Food & Agriculture's Fertilizing Materials Inspection Program</i>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Coffee Networking Break <i>Tuscany 4</i> <i>Sponsored by</i>  <i>agroscience services</i>
10:30 am – 11:30 am	TRACK ONE <i>Tuscany A/B</i> Anything New with Global Regulation of Biological Products? Moderator: Hank Krueger, <i>Eurofins AgroScience Laboratories</i> Panel Speakers: Billy Smith, <i>USEPA</i> ; Emma Babij, <i>PMRA</i> ; Jose Juanes, <i>Eurofins AgroScience Regulatory Europe</i> ; and Lisa Ortego, <i>Bayer CropScience</i>
	TRACK TWO <i>Tuscany 2/3</i> Learn about the Common Use Rates for Bioherbicides Along with the Challenges and Opportunities Facing Industry Moderator: Scott Peterson, <i>Lallemand Plant Care</i> Panel Speakers: Sarah Budde-Rodriguez, <i>BioSafe Systems</i> ; Mike Dimock, <i>Certis Biologicals</i> ; and Larry Parker, <i>SAN Agrow</i>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	TRACK ONE <i>Tuscany A/B</i> What is Going on with Inerts at the National Organics Standards Board? Moderator: Karen Warkentien, <i>AgroSpheres, Inc.</i> Panel Speakers: Scott Tann, <i>Lamberti USA</i> ; Frédérique de Lame, <i>Bedoukian Research, Inc.</i> ; Doug Currier, <i>The Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)</i> ; and John Foster, <i>Wolf & Associates</i>
	TRACK TWO <i>Tuscany 2/3</i> Where is the Market for Plant Growth Regulators (PGRs) Going in the Face of Evolving Regulations in the US and EU? Moderator: Rick Melnick, <i>DunhamTrimmer LLC</i> Panel Speakers: Allison Hamer, <i>ERM Regulatory Services, Ltd.</i> ; Kelly Rahn, <i>TSG Consulting</i> ; and Ted Melnik, <i>Valent BioSciences LLC</i>
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Symposium Luncheon <i>Tuscany C</i> <i>Sponsored by</i> 
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	TRACK ONE <i>Tuscany A/B</i> How do Biostimulant Microbes and Endophytes Enhance Crop Growth? Moderator: Dave Hiltz, <i>Acadian Plant Health</i> Featured Speakers: Dr. James White, <i>Rutgers University</i>
	TRACK TWO <i>Tuscany 2/3</i> From Seed to French Fry: What's the Role of Biological Products in Food Production? Moderator: Addie Waxman, <i>McCain Foods Ltd.</i> Panel Speakers: Guy Madison, <i>Lamb Weston</i> ; Spencer Karabelas-Pitman, <i>McCain Foods Ltd.</i> ; and Dave Hyde, <i>J.R. Simplot Food Group</i>
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon Coffee Networking Break <i>Tuscany 4</i> <i>Sponsored by</i>  <i>agroscience services</i>
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Closing Plenary - Hear it Straight from the Growers: Don't Miss this Chance to Hear Directly from Growers, Whose Buy-in is Critical to Accelerate the Adoption of Biological Products <i>Tuscany A/B</i> Moderator: Matt Meisner, <i>Farmers Business Network</i> Panel Speakers: Daniel Bays, <i>Bays Ranch</i> ; Greg Lyerly, <i>Lyerly Farms</i> ; Andy Miller, <i>Peri and Sons Farms</i> ; and Clark McPheeters, <i>CBM Farms Inc.</i> CABI is Launching its Bioprotection Portal in the United States and You Need to Know About It! Moderator: Keith Jones, <i>BPIA</i> Featured Speaker: Dr. Ulrich Kuhlmann, <i>CABI</i>

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Emma Babij

Section Head, Microbial and Biochemical Evaluation Section, Health Evaluation Directorate, Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Health Canada

Emma Babij is the Section Head of the Microbial and Biochemical Evaluation Section of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada, where she leads an experienced team conducting evaluation and risk assessment of all classes of biopesticides. The diversity of her group's work also encompasses emerging biotechnologies and devices used for pest control purposes. Prior to her current role, Emma worked in the Health Evaluation Directorate of PMRA for 12 years where she conducted pre- and post-market hazard evaluations and exposure assessments for non-conventional pesticides, including biochemicals, essential oils, plant growth regulators, and pheromones. In these roles she has been involved in activities at the OECD level and has contributed to policy development and Agency projects, and participated in working groups examining modernized and alternative approaches to toxicological testing and risk assessment at the national and international level. A toxicologist by training, Emma holds a Master of Science in Biomedical Toxicology and Nutritional Sciences from the University of Guelph.



Daniel Bays

**Farmer
Bays Ranch**

Daniel Bays farms with his father and grandfather on the west side of Stanislaus County, growing apricots, almonds, walnuts; and processing tomatoes, lima beans, wheat and occasionally other row crops on approximately 3,000 acres. In addition to raising crops, Daniel and his wife Rebecca have

two children that enjoy getting their hands (and clothes) dirty helping on the farm. They also have a third future farmer on the way.

Vickie Brewster

**Agriculturalist
USDA-APHIS-PPQ**

Vickie Brewster currently works with the Pest, Pathogen, and Biocontrol Permit (PPBP) Unit in USDA-APHIS-PPQ. She received a Master's degree in Plant Pathology at South Dakota State University working with the Northern Corn Leaf Blight pathosystem. She started with USDA in the Agricultural Research Service at the Cereal Disease Lab in Minnesota before moving on to the Blueberry and Cranberry Research Station in New Jersey and finally with the Germplasm Enhancement of Maize project in North Carolina before joining the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in San Diego, California. After there, she moved back east to APHIS headquarters in Maryland and eventually joined the PPBP unit in 2012. The PPBP evaluates applications and issues permits for a wide range of organisms; not only plant pests/pathogens but also those microorganisms that may have the potential to act as biocontrol agents of plant pests/pathogens.



Sarah Budde-Rodriguez

**Plant Pathologist
BioSafe Systems**

Sarah Budde Rodriguez, Ph.D., is a plant pathologist and member of the BioSafe Systems research and development team. She recently graduated from North Dakota State University, in 2020, earning a doctorate in plant pathology with a focus on the fungicide resistance development in potato diseases.



Doug Currier
Technical Director
OMRI

Doug Currier is responsible for standards and policy development (including stakeholder outreach), leading OMRI's subscribing certifier support, and OMRI's educational activities. Doug has worked for OMRI since 2011, spending many years conducting reviews of brand name input products for use in organic production before transitioning to his current role in 2018. He holds an advanced degree in organic farming.



Frédérique de Lama
Registrations Manager
Bedoukian Research, Inc.

Frédérique de Lama is a Registrations Manager for Bedoukian Research, Inc., a leading manufacturer of flavors, fragrances, and insect pheromones. Freddie has been working in regulatory affairs for the pheromone products industry for the past ten years. Prior to that, she was the lead entomologist for the insecticides product development team at Henkel.



Michael Dimock
Vice President for Field
Development, Certis Biologicals

Michael Dimock is Vice President for Field Development at Certis Biologicals, a leading developer, manufacturer, and marketer of biopesticides headquartered in Columbia, Maryland. He holds Ph.D. (Cornell University) and M.S. (N.C. State University) degrees in Entomology and conducted postdoctoral research at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research. He has worked for 35 years in international research, development, and commercialization of biopesticides for management of arthropod pests, plant pathogens, and nematodes of importance in agriculture, forestry, ornamental horticulture, and human health.



John Foster
COO
Wolf & Associates

John has been active in the organic community and industry for 30+ years. He spent 10+ years working in organic inspection and certification throughout North America and 10+ years with Earthbound Farm, starting with the founders and ending his time there as the Director of Supply Chain Strategy under ownership by Danone NA. John has served on various industry boards and committees since 2000 and currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Council of the Organic Trade Association. In 2020, he partnered with Bill Wolf and Wolf & Associates to build consulting capacity and scope of the firm's business in the areas of organic compliance, certification, and materials review, as well as business strategy, communications, and marketing in organic food and agriculture.



Alison Hamer
Consulting Partner, ERM
Regulatory Services, Ltd.

Alison is a Consulting Partner in ERM's European regulatory affairs team and located in the UK. Starting her regulatory career in the UK agency, she has 30 years' experience supporting companies around the world on regulatory matters related to plant protection products, with a strong focus on biologicals.

Alison has acted as UK representative at European Commission and OECD Working at the Groups and trained officials, and industry experts, in Europe and Africa. She spent six years supporting supply chains for biorenewable fuels and materials as Head of Communications at the UK's national centre. She leads new active substance and renewal programmes, including European registrability assessment and supports the consultancy as a senior regulatory expert and mentor.

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David Hiltz
Global Director of Regulatory Affairs, Acadian Plant Health

David Hiltz is the Global Director of Regulatory Affairs for Acadian Plant Health, an algae biotechnology company with headquarters in Nova Scotia, Canada. Over the last 25 years David has held numerous technology roles at Acadian, focused on advancing the scientific knowledge of marine algae and its uses in agriculture. He currently leads a team of five regulatory scientists responsible for navigating the registration requirements of plant biostimulants in more than 80 countries. David's knowledge of the global biostimulant industry has led to industry leadership roles including Director-at-Large for the European Biostimulants Industry Council (EBIC), Co-Chair of the Biostimulant Innovation Committee of the Biological Products Industry Alliance, and Executive Committee Member of The Fertilizer Institute's Biostimulant Council.



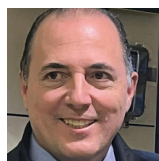
Dave Hyde
Ag Sustainability Manager J. R. Simplot Company

Dave grew up on an organic orchard in Southwest Idaho where he learned the value of hard work and the value of protecting pollinators and using cover crops for weed control.

After graduating from the University of Idaho with a BS degree in Agriculture Economics, Dave started his career with the J.R. Simplot Co. where he's been employed for the past 28 years.

During Dave's first 25 years at the J.R. Simplot Company, he worked as a Crop Advisor and Marketing Manager for their Ag-Retail division – Simplot Grower Solutions. Dave has wrote IPM recommendations, sourced, supplied, applied

chemicals and reported chemical use on tens of thousands of acres of potatoes, sugar beets, alfalfa, corn, and small grains in Southern Idaho. Dave is also a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) since 1999. He's currently the Agriculture Sustainability Manager for the J.R. Simplot Food Group where he monitors pesticide applications for their contracted potato acres in North America and Argentina.



Jose Juanes
Section Leader (Physico-chemistry and Analytical Methods) at Eurofins AgroScience Regulatory Europe

M. Sc. Jose Juanes is an analytical chemist with more than 25 years in the chemical industry. His work at Eurofins as Section Leader is to advise clients on product registration of active substances and plant protection products for the European region and worldwide; focusing on identity, manufacturing, five batch analysis, methods of analysis, physico-chemical properties and storage stability of formulated products. He has been involved in dossier submissions for conventional chemical, microorganisms, botanicals and semiochemicals in the EU since 2008 as project manager and regulatory expert. Jose Juanes contributes and leads several projects for implementation of IUCLID at Eurofins AgroScience Regulatory Europe to support effective solutions to customers with the registration procedures for new active substances and plant protection products.



Spencer Karabelas-Pittman
Agricultural Sustainability Manager, McCain Foods Ltd.

Spencer works for McCain Foods developing and leading strategic sustainability initiatives within agriculture. His

focus is on building common understanding on regenerative agriculture with growers, building action plans for climate-smart practices adoption, and communicating results to continue building shared value and telling the story of growers as environmental stewards. He also uses his background in climate research and business management to help field staff and growers build climate adoption plans; helping to ensure farm resilience for generations to come.



Hank Krueger
VP of Science and Regulatory Affairs, Eurofins AgroScience Laboratories

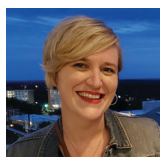
Dr. Krueger is the VP of Science and Regulatory Affairs at Eurofins AgroScience Laboratories (formerly Wildlife International) in Easton, Maryland and has been working in regulatory ecotoxicology for 35 years. He has been working with microbial products and conventional chemicals throughout his career. He was the director and manager of Aquatic, Plant and Insect Toxicology in Easton, Maryland for 25 years and managed business and financial affairs, as well as providing technical direction in program coordination and development. His background is in both aquatic and terrestrial ecotoxicology and early in his career at Wildlife International served as Director of Field Programs for 10 years, where he had overall responsibilities for directing activities of mesocosms, terrestrial and aquatic field studies, as well as plant studies conducted in greenhouses. His expertise is in plant and animal regulatory ecotoxicology that includes greenhouse, pollinator, and aquatic studies. His particular interests are in algae, honey bee and bumblebee lab testing, fish bio-concentration, fish and frog endocrine disruption, invertebrate sediment testing, plant injury scoring, and the development of new testing methods.



Ulrich Kuhlmann
Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI

Dr. Ulrich (Ulli) Kuhlmann has worked for CAB International (CABI) for 25 years. He is an experienced executive

manager overseeing the management and operation of an intergovernmental organization at its eleven centres across Asia (4), Africa (3), Europe (2) and the Americas (2). Within this role, Ulli is responsible for fostering collaborations between the centres and international partners, and developing new opportunities to improve agricultural production, alleviate poverty and enhance food safety and food security. He is the professional lead for science within the organization, responsible for overseeing the strategic direction and delivery of CABI's scientific programme. Ulli has a thorough understanding in the development and application of biological-based pest management approaches and passionate about promoting the awareness and uptake of bioprotection solutions globally.



Jennifer Lilly
Director of Regulatory, Plant Response, Inc.

Jennifer has over 20 years of experience working in agriculture, in both research and product stewardship where she has led regulatory efforts for chemical, biological, and consumer products. She is actively involved in ag industry groups and co-chairs the BPIA Regulatory Committee.



Greg Lyerly
Owner, Lyerly Farms

Greg lives in Leachville, AR with his wife and four kids. Farming has always been a part of his life beginning in 1996 on the family farm. They farm approximately 3300 acres of cotton and peanuts. Since 2004 Greg's been heavily involved in research test plots and has tested many different chemicals, fertilizers and seeds for several companies.



Guy Madison
Principal Agronomist Lamb Weston

Guy Madison grew up in the Tri-Cities, located in Eastern Washington. Guy attended college at Washington State University in Pullman, WA,

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where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education in 1978. Guy began his career as an Agronomist in the retail fertilizer and agricultural chemical business. While working with different growers in an irrigated setting, his real-world education began to take hold. Guy remained in that role for 21 years before accepting the Head Agronomist position with Watts Bros. Hundred Circles Farm, located in Paterson, WA. The Hundred Circles Farm changed ownership to what is now known as the Lamb Weston Hundred Circles Company Farm. It was there that Guy had exposure to large-scale agriculture, which soon turned part of its focus to the Organic sector. At that time, different organic and biologicals concepts were embraced and trialed with the different cropping systems on the farm. There were successes, along with some failures, through those growing years.

After 21 years at the farm, Guy was asked to increase his involvement in the international potato business that Lamb Weston was taking on, by supporting the challenges of the different international growing areas. Guy has been a member of the International Agronomy Team since 2013.



Clark McPheeters
President, CBM Farms Inc.

Clark McPheeters operates a farm in Gothenburg, Nebraska, where his family has worked the land for six generations. He produces food grade corn used in tortilla chips as well as soybeans and alfalfa. Since returning to the farm in 2011, he has used his engineering background to solve problems and improve efficiency of the farming operation using technology. He believes that an important part of farming is being a good steward of all his resources.



Matt Meisner
**VP R&D and Data
Science, Farmers Business
Network**

Matt Meisner, Ph.D., is the Vice President of R&D and Data Science at FBN, where he leads scientific, research, and technical development and created the FBN analytics system. While in graduate school at UC Davis, Matt worked with hundreds of cotton and citrus farmers in California to develop novel pest and crop prediction models by applying big data, statistical computing, and machine learning techniques. Matt has 15+ years of research experience using quantitative tools to analyze agricultural biology, and he has authored 12 peer-reviewed journal publications. Matt earned his Ph.D. in Population Biology and MS in Statistics from UC Davis, and his BS in Biological Sciences from MIT.



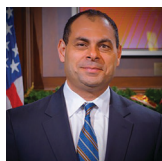
Rick Melnick
**Partner and VP Global Business
DunhamTrimmer LLC**

Rick Melnick has more than 25 years of experience in the global commercial agriculture space with expertise in biopesticides, crop protection, branding, marketing, and strategic marketing communications. Rick joined the industry in 1995 as an editor with Meister Media Worldwide, and left the company in 2011. Rick joined Valent BioSciences VBC in 2011 where he led the company's corporate branding initiatives and its content and marketing campaign development serving the Crop Protection, PGR, Public Health, and Forest Health businesses. Rick joined DunhamTrimmer in 2019 and in addition to managing key projects, he is now the lead editor for the company's 2BMonthly interests and DunhamTrimmer's Global Market Reports. He also directs the company's Strategic Communications business unit.

**Ted Melnik****President and CEO
Valent BioSciences LLC**

Ted Melnik is Valent BioSciences President and CEO, where he is responsible for overseeing the entire spectrum of activities at this global industry leader. His professional career has spanned more than 40 years, with experience in all aspects of commercial management in both the chemical and biorational industries.

Melnik began his career at Union Carbide, spending 18 years in various commercial roles. He became President of Novozymes Biologicals in 2001, leading that business through a phase of rapid growth. He cofounded Cooper BioAg in 2011, a company focused on private equity investments in the agriculture space. In 2013, he joined Valent BioSciences as COO.

**Ed Messina****Director Office of Pesticide
Programs (OPP) U.S.
Environmental Protection
Agency**

Ed is the Director of EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), and previously served as the Deputy Office Director for Programs. OPP, in collaboration with its many stakeholders, regulates the manufacture and use of all pesticides in the United States – including insecticides, herbicides, rodenticides, disinfectants, sanitizers, and more – and establishes maximum levels for pesticide residues in food, thereby safeguarding the nation's food supply.

Prior to that Ed was the Director of EPA's Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, within the Office of Compliance, in charge of EPA's inspection policies; the Acting Associate Director of EPA's Air Enforcement Division, where he helped manage complex air litigation; and a branch chief for both Air and Waste enforcement programs. Ed started his legal career in Chicago where he litigated and negotiated several environmental matters as an Associate Regional Counsel for EPA

Region 5. Ed has both a JD and a Master of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School and a BA from Brandeis University.

**Lisa Ortego****Environmental Effects and
Risk Assessment, Bayer
CropScience**

Lisa Ortego Ph.D., is a Senior Science Fellow, ecotoxicologist, and risk assessor working in Bayer's North American Environmental Effects and Risk Assessment Team. She is globally responsible for managing environmental safety of biopesticides, biostimulants, and biochemicals, and also has North American environmental safety responsibilities for conventional pesticides.

Lisa received her bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University in environmental health and her Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Mississippi. She has been a diplomat of the American Board of Toxicology since 2001. Lisa has over 25 years of experience as an ecotoxicologist and risk assessor in the private sector, and her experience includes chemicals, metals, pesticides, biopesticides, biochemicals and biostimulants.

**Larry Parker****Director of Research and
Development, SAN Agrow**

Larry Parker, Ph.D., has served as Director of Research and Development at Westbridge Agricultural Products, now SAN Agrow, since 2000. He has worked for the company for the past 39 years in varying positions, including Manager of Product Formulation, Health and Safety Officer, Field Research Coordinator and Research Scientist. Dr. Parker attended the University of New Mexico, New Mexico Highlands University, Colorado State University and New Mexico State University. He has a Ph.D. in agronomy and soil microbiology, an M.S. in Biology and a B.S. in Chemistry. Prior to joining Westbridge, Larry was an Assistant Professor and Research Associate at New Mexico State University.

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Scott Peterson

**National Sales Director
Lallemand Plant Care**

Scott Peterson has been involved in biological sales since 2004. He currently works for Lallemand Plant Care as their National Sales Director in their specialty division. Scott has been involved with BPIA since 2008 and is co-chair of the planning committee.



Kelly Rahn

**Managing Director, State
Affairs, TSG**

Kelly Rahn leads an important sector of TSG's work – state affairs. With the experience gained from working for over 30 years in the pesticide industry combined with her scientific background in chemistry, Kelly assists clients with all aspects of state regulation. These include: navigating the complex data requirements imposed by California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) and other state regulatory bodies; resolving labeling and efficacy issues for biostimulants, pesticide devices and minimum risk pesticides; developing economically beneficial data compensation strategies; and maintaining valuable registrations for hundreds of clients through deadline management for product registrations, license renewals and tonnage reporting. Kelly has a BS in Chemistry from the University of Dallas.

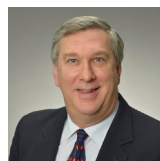


Billy Smith

**BPPD Division Director
U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency**

Charles "Billy" Smith has been with the Office of Pesticide Programs at the Environmental Protection Agency since

2004. He is currently the Division Director of the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division. BPPD is charged with overseeing the Registration and Registration Review for all biopesticides including microbials, biochemicals, and emerging technologies. Prior to joining BPPD, he served four years as the Deputy Director of the Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (PRD) leading the coordination with the OPP science divisions to ensure PRD made scientifically sound risk management decisions for conventional pesticide Registration Review. Before joining PRD, he spent 12 years in the Health Effects Division serving as the acting Deputy Director, as a Branch Chief, and as an exposure/risk assessor. Billy has served several years on EPA's Risk Assessment Forum and is a graduate of the Partnership for Public Participation's Excellence in Government fellowship program and the Executive Master Class program. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Earth and Environmental Science from Wilkes University.



Scott Tann

**North America Business
Manager, Lamberti USA's
Agriculture Division**

Scott Tann is the North America Business Manager for Lamberti USA's Agriculture Division. Scott currently serves as the Sub-Committee Chairman for the ASTM E-35.22 Sub-Committee of Pesticides, Antimicrobials and Alternative Control Agents and the co-chair of BPIA's Organics Sub-Committee. Prior to Lamberti, Scott was the Global Director of the Agricultural SBU for Huntsman Corp. Scott has also held other roles in the Ag Market with ExxonMobil, and Witco and is a former Chairman of the Board for CPDA, as well as a former Chairman of the Adjuvants and Inerts Committee of CPDA.



Addie Waxman
Potato Agronomy Manager for
Western North America,
McCain Foods Ltd.

Addie Waxman Ph.D., is a potato Agronomy Manager for Western North America for McCain Foods Ltd. She currently works with potato storage growers to improve raw quality from storage season. Previously, Dr. Waxman was the Global Director of Research and Development for 1,4GROUP, a chemical company that promoted the use of biological and organic chemicals to control potato sprouting in storage. Dr. Waxman also worked for J. R. Simplot, focusing on potato retail products and McDonald's Japan.

Dr. Waxman earned her B.S. degrees from Virginia Tech in biology and chemistry with a minor in microbiology. She also earned her M.S. degree at Virginia Tech in food science with an emphasis in dairy. In 2017, while working full-time and raising six teen-aged children, she was the first person to earn an at-distance Ph.D. in Agriculture from the University of Idaho.



James F. White
Professor – Department of Plant
Biology Rutgers University

James F. White Ph.D., is Professor of Plant Biology at Rutgers University in New Jersey where he and students conduct research on ecology of microbes that inhabit plants (endophytes). James White obtained the B.S. and M.S. degrees in Botany and Plant Pathology from Auburn University in Alabama, and the Ph.D. in Botany/Mycology from the University of Texas at Austin. James White is the author of more than 300 articles and book chapters, and author and editor of seven books on the biology of plant microbes. James White has presented extensively at international industry and academic conferences focused on regenerative agriculture, plant biostimulants and crop microbiomes. James White is also the author of John Kempf's regenerative agriculture course 'Understanding Rhizophagy'.



Nick Young
Environmental Program
Manager, California Department
of Food & Agriculture's
Fertilizing Materials
Inspection Program

Nick Young is the Environmental Program Manager for the California Department of Food & Agriculture's Fertilizing Materials Inspection Program. Nick has been with CDFA for over fifteen years and had a key role in the development of their Organic Input Material Program. Nick is a former president of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO), and he currently serves as a chairman of both the Biostimulant and the Environmental Affairs committees. This organization strives to promote consumer protection in agriculture, environmental stewardship, and regulatory uniformity. Nick studied Plant Science at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, where he later taught as an adjunct professor. He received his initial undergraduate degree from University of California, Santa Barbara.

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