

Fungicide Resistance Action Group-UK

FRAG - UK



FRAG-UK 50th Meeting
9th March 2022
09.00 to 12.30 via Teams
Link was sent to members emails

Minutes

Present	
Chair	Prof F Burnett (SRUC)
Secretary	Position open. Minutes taken by AB.
Members	Dr N Paveley (ADAS) Dr K Maguire (Bayer CropScience) Mr P Kowalski (BASF) Dr L Cooke (Specialist/QUB) Mr M Thompson (AICC) Mr R Dyason (NuFarm) Dr D Ellerton (AIC) Dr J Tatnell (Syngenta) Dr S Kildea (Teagasc) Mr A Bailey (Adama) Dr J O'Leary Quinn (HSE) Dr T Fleming (AFBI) Dr A O'Driscoll (NIAB) Iuliia Kavalova (Corteva) Catherine Harries (AHDB) Mr D Howard (AIC) Mr S Harder (Belchim) Mr L Power (Certis) Dr J Turner (FERA) Dr J Clarkson (Warwick) Dr B Fraaije (NIAB) Dr G Kemmitt (FRAC)
Guests	Dr M. Grimmer (ADAS) Deborah Liddell (HSE)
Apologies	Mr A Sisson (Belchim)?

Anti Trust guidelines were circulated prior to the meeting and placed in Teams chat

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Adrian Sisson
2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS – visitors Mike Grimmer ADAS, Deborah Liddell HSE. New members: Catherine Harries AHDB, David Howard AIC (Farmacy) replacing David Ellerton (see Chair comments in AOB)
3. NOTICE OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Please inform the Secretary/Chair of any items to be raised under AOB. CropLife guidance on resistance wording for product labels – see AOB
4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES accepted with minor revisions
5. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - LC suggested that members list may not be accurate for attendees
 - FRAG constitution was circulated but no updated members list?
 - GK to share final version 49th FRAG minutes with FRAC when available
 - FB to re-circulate 49th minutes for finalisation
6. UPDATE FROM FRAC GK
 - GK circulated final published short minutes from FRAC SC meeting (Jan 2022) to all FRAG-UK members post meeting
7. FRAG-UK GUIDELINES/ADVICE
 - 7.1 Soft Fruit Guidelines LC
 - All comments were to be sent to LC by mid-March. Final version to go on FRAG-UK part AHDB website
 - 7.2 Update Cereal Guidelines FB
 - ACTION: MG will be responsible for updating prior to AHDB conference
 - ACTION: IK (Corteva) to provide stewardship guidance on Qil for in-season guidance (FB/MG/IK circulate around group)
 - 7.3 Apple and Pear Guidelines LC
 - ACTION: LC will circulate final version for approval
 - 7.4 Others (OSR, pulses, grass and turf) FB
 - Faye Ritchie is currently updating OSR guideline ACTION: FB to check progress
 - No response from MS/BBRO on sugar beet guideline ACTION: FB to chase
 - No response from Ruth Mann on turf guideline ACTION: FB to chase
 - Pulse guideline ACTION: Becky Howard and AO
 - Potato blight guideline, update required by end 2022 ACTION: LC
 - 7.5 Strategic messages for 2022 All
 - Qil guidance

8. UPDATE ON CURRENT RESEARCH

All

8.1 BF

8.2 NP gave a summary of work in a Defra funded IPM project, which includes aspects of resistance management. Defra intends to add IPM to their Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) scheme. As part of an SFI 'Test and Trial' project, ADAS and SRUC have developed a prototype IPM Tool to aid farmers and agronomists planning IPM actions and to provide convenient links to relevant guidance. NP showed screenshots of the parts of the Tool related to resistance management. The Tool has been tested by 100 farmers and was positively received – it will be developed further during 2022, based on their feedback and the discussion at FRAG.

9. RESISTANCE IN THE UK

Update on company monitoring/sensitivity testing

9.1 Corteva (IK)

9.2 Bayer (KM)

9.3 Syngenta (JT)

9.4 BASF (PK)

10. UPDATE FROM COMPANIES

Opportunity to provide the group with a technical update on any new product approvals

Nothing

11. FRAG-UK WEBSITE UPDATE

ACTION: CH to report back with progress on checking if legacy material is in accordance with current FRAG guidelines

12. LIASION WITH OTHER GROUPS

FB reported dialogue with FAR in New Zealand

13. Future events and publicity

- Cereals event – CH looking for input, Qil advice?
- KM asked how do we promote 25+years of FRAG-UK? Post meeting note from FB that founded in 1995 so propose to wait until 30 year anniversary in 2025, also provides more time to plan
- AO offered knowledge exchange assistance with soft fruit & top fruit guidelines

14. AOB

14.1 Options for the Sec role/duties

FB

MG has offered to take over secretary role/duties

FB has chaired for 5+ years and proposes to continue, no requirement for change to constitution

Other AOBs

- AB presented issue with wording in CropLife guidance on resistance wording for product labels. GK commented that wording not appropriate. ACTION: GK will take up with FRAC

- SH asked if any intention to continue Fight against Blight campaign. FB responded it is being discussed how it could carry on

- LC requested a current members list be circulated ACTION: FB
- FB gave a formal thank you to David Ellerton for his membership and input

15. Date and Venue of next meeting

FB stated meeting plan going forward => 1 virtual, 1 F2F per year

ACTION: Early November doodle poll for F2F meeting