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**Workshop on key regulatory concepts and requirements in Europe, Asia-Pacific and the Americas affecting development of biostimulants and biopesticides**

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**Short description:**

The workshop aims to provide participants with guidelines leading to successful development of bioactive substances within complex health and environmental regulatory frameworks.

The increasing demand for biopesticides and biological control measures leads to the question of how market entries are regulated and what are the regulatory hurdles that must be overcome. The following question shall be discussed and evaluated:

- What are key regulatory requirements affecting development of biopesticides, plant growth regulators, biostimulants and other beneficial plant and soil substances
  - How do regulatory authorities distinguish between biopesticides, biostimulants, and other biologically active organisms?
  - Precedents in US, Europe, Asia-Pacific and Americas
  - In which countries or regions is the regulatory environment most hospitable and receptive to new technology?
- Are there key regulatory concepts to have in mind to reduce the possibility of mistakes or blind alleys that could prevent viable development of novel products
- How do you create a product development process that will not limit your regulatory options?
- How do you ensure that your claims allow for the marketing channels you desire without running into regulatory hindrances?
- In the absence of formal regulatory requirements, are industry-developed standards and guidelines useful or a hindrance? Is there a collective need to develop industry standards? The record of the Biostimulant Industry Workgroup (BIW) in the US and the European Biostimulants Industry Council (EBIC) are good models for potential of industry leadership activities in this sphere.

Please join us to learn from the experience of others about the optimal course through applicable regulatory requirements.

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