Overview of Biopesticide Industry Alliance (BPIA)

• What are we?
  – A coalition of members of the biopesticide industry and ad hoc members such as IR-4, USDA Forest Service and biopesticide regulatory consultants

• Who are we?
  – Currently there are 32 voting member companies and 7 ad hoc memberships in BPIA – only criterion is that the company must have >50% of its business in biopesticides
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• BPIA MISSION
  – To improve the global market perception of biopesticides as effective products
  – To facilitate the successful registration process of biopesticides

• BPIA FOCUS
  – Two classes of biopesticides
    • microbials
    • biochemicals
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- **KEY GOALS** of BPIA
  - develop an industry “seal of approval” to demonstrate that biopesticides are effective and **high quality** alternatives to traditional crop protection products
  - demonstrate that biopesticides can be used either alone or in IPM programs
  - develop a strong working relationship with the US EPA, PMRA, IR-4, DPR and other Agencies
  - disseminate guidelines, policies and procedures to the industry and other stakeholders
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• STATUS
  – First meeting, 19 April 2000 with 9 people
  – Meetings 3/year – in DC, Ottawa and Sacramento
  – Regulatory Committee and other groups have met with regulators in BPPD, Canada and California
  – Standards Committee working towards set of criteria for industrial “seal of approval”
  – Secured membership in the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee to bring biopesticide issues to the forefront
  – Open dialogues and discussions have benefited industry and regulators