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## **IR-4 BIOPESTICIDE PROGRAM**

### **Proposals**

Ten (10) early stage biopesticide proposals and thirty one (31) advanced stage biopesticide proposals were received at IR-4 Headquarters. Proposals are currently being reviewed by the New Technology Team reviewers, the IR-4 Field Regional Coordinators, and the IR-4 external reviewers. A final selection of proposals for IR-4 funding will be made in February 2002. All persons who

submitted proposals will be notified of the status of funding recommendations for their proposals by March 2002.

We appreciate the keen interest shown by top scientists throughout the United States in IR-4's Biopesticide Program and look forward to completion of the review process.

Article by Bill Biehn

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### **NAFTA Biopesticide Registration Workshop**

A NAFTA Workshop on the registration of biopesticides was held on November 13-15, 2001 in Washington, D.C. The workshop was organized jointly by the IR-4 Project, the Environmental Protection Agency's Biopesticide and Pollution Prevention Division (EPA-BPPD), Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR). The overall purpose of the workshop was to guide registrants through the process to increase the success and understand the

review of their petitions. There were close to 200 attendees and the international focus of the meeting was strengthened by representatives from Asia and Africa. The conference was organized into a general overview of the regulatory agencies, the process and industry perspective, and proceeded along the product lines of microbials, pheromones, and biochemicals. There was a great deal of interest in having additional workshops and there was outstanding interaction among the regulatory community and industry.

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### **Bill's Retirement**

Dr. (Bill) W.L. Biehn retired as of 1 JAN 02. We wish Bill all the best on his retirement. The retirement function on 11 JAN 02 was outstanding with Bill receiving well wishes from everyone including a Rutgers chair and many hats.