

**RISK ASSESSMENT OF BIOCONTROL AGENTS: WHO IS WHO DATA BASE. E.A.B. De Nardo; N.C. Gattaz; D.M.F. Capalbo; & L.A.N. de Sá; - EMBRAPA/CNPMA - P.O Box 69. Jaguariúna, SP, Brazil.**

Risk assessment techniques have been used in many countries to estimate the environmental and health risks of the use of biocontrol agents/products intended for field release: (i) introduction of a new exotic biocontrol agent into a new country/region or ; (ii) commercial registration of a new biological product.

The knowledge about WHO, WHERE and HOW risk assessment is being done is a major issue specially for developing countries, where regulations, methodologies, guidelines and research are being elaborated/improved. The acquired experience by these countries/people should be known, shared and analysed in a fast and easy way in order to know the world direction (harmonization) and to make decisions. In this sense, the National Research Center for Monitoring and Environmental Impact Assessment (CNPMA) a Brazilian Governmental Corporation, since 1995 has been developing a data base on Who is Who in Biocontrol Agents, and presently, has around 550 researchers' name already stored.

The data are being collected through a form which asks: name of researcher, institution of work, major activities, organism types studied, risks association with them and a abstract of their on going researches.

The form has been sent to several institutions/researchers around the world, and the answers received are being stored in the data base which will be available by next July in the Internet through the following address: <http://www.bdt.org.br/bdt/biocontrol>

Anyone who is interested to have their name into this data base could access the form through the above address or ask it directly to the coordinators.

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