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Representatives of crop protection organisations from four countries (UK, Italy, Germany and Poland) met during the BCPC Crop Protection Conference at Brighton, in November 2000, to discuss the initiation of a European Regional Network of IAPPS. BCPC (British Crop Protection Council) has agreed to act as the Regional Network Centre, with Dr Keith Brent as first Coordinator. Initially the network will focus on information exchange on new crop protection problems and/or countermeasures, educational projects, regulatory and environmental issues, and meetings/workshops and other events relevant to crop protection. Possibilities for organising regional initiatives and events will be explored as the Network develops. It will be open to all IAPPS members (organisations and individuals) within the Region to participate in the Network, and if you are willing to help its formation please contact your Country Representative.

The following have agreed to act as Country Representatives, to progress the Network within their country, and to act as a representative of the country's crop protection community on the IAPPS Regional Council.

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We need to extend the range of countries represented, and Keith Brent would be pleased to hear from European organisations or individuals who are (or intend to be) IAPPS members, and who would be prepared to act as a Country Representative. Please contact:

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TWO INFORMATION SOURCES

Two sources of information regarding primarily United States agriculture are as follow.

(1) The 1998 issue of the annual USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service compendium is available on the Web (adobe acrobat, .pdf only, format only). Fifteen chapters include time series tables which cover all aspects of the U.S. agricultural economy, crops, livestock, farm income and expenses, price-support, fertilizer, and pesticides. The site also has national and state tables along with an archive of statistics back to 1994. (Statistical data is always behind the current date since it must be gathered and then analyzed. The 1998 issue refers to data gathered in 1998.) See <http://www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/agstats/htm>

(2) The National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy (NCFAP) maintains a web site with many types of information, including a comprehensive national pesticide use database by crop and state. NCFAP is a Washington, D.C. based nonprofit, non-governmental organization whose purpose is to provide objective research and educational information on policy issues relating to U.S. and global agricultural policy issues. See <http://www.ncfap.org>

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It seeks to provide a global umbrella for the plant protection sciences to facilitate and promote the application of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to a the world's crop and forest ecosystems.

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