

## US/Canadian approvals for Viptera maize

Syngenta has received US and Canadian approvals for its genetically modified insect-resistant Agrisure Viptera (MIR162) maize. The company plans to introduce the trait in 2011 in combination with Agrisure 3000GT as Viptera 3111.

Viptera maize produces the *Bt Vip3Aa20* toxin for the control of corn earworms (*Helicoverpa zea*), fall armyworms (*Spodoptera frugiperda*) and other pests. The toxin is effective against southwestern corn borers (*Diatraea grandiosella*) but has no activity against European corn borers (*Ostrinia nubilalis*). The Viptera 3111 stack provides additional control of that pest along with corn rootworms (*Diabrotica* spp) and tolerance to the herbicide, glyphosate.

The USDA's deregulation of MIR162 this month marked the final stage of the US registration process, following EPA approval and the completion of FDA consultations in 2008 (*Agrow* No 584, p 12). MIR162 received its first global approval in Brazil in 2009 (*Agrow* No 580, p 32).

In March, Syngenta applied for EPA approval of a multi-trait maize line with reduced refuge requirements for lepidopteran pest control. It is seeking a 5% refuge in the Corn Belt and a 20% refuge in cotton-growing states. Viptera 3220 combines MIR162 with Bt11 and Dow AgroSciences' Herculex I for corn borer control, along with glyphosate and glufosinate herbicide tolerance.

## PEOPLE

■ **Bayer CropScience** has appointed *Sandra Peterson* as chairperson of the board of management. She replaces Friedrich Berschauer on October 1st. Ms Peterson has been head of Bayer Healthcare's medical care division for the past five years. Professor Berschauer is to retire after 30 years at Bayer. He has led the division since 2004. Bayer has also appointed *Achim Noack* to the board of management, replacing Dr Wolfgang Welter on the same date.

■ **Dow AgroSciences** has appointed *Fabian Gil* as president of its Brazilian operations. Mr Gil has worked for the company since 1992, including strategic positions in Argentina and the US, and in global operations. He is a graduate agronomist.

■ The Brazilian agrochemical industry association, the **Andef**, has appointed *Eduardo Daher* as its executive director. His entire career has involved agri-business, dominated by the fertiliser sector. He replaces José Otavio Menten.

■ The Spanish crop protection association, the **Aepla**, has appointed *Sergio Dedominici* as its president. He replaces Pau Relat, who served two consecutive two-year terms from 2006. Mr Dedominici has worked for Syngenta for 15 years, starting in Argentina before moves to Central America, the UK and finally, Spain. He steps up from vice-president.

■ **The Portuguese agrochemical industry association, the Anipla, has elected João Correia of Bayer CropScience as its president. He replaces Syngenta's Andre Pozza, who remains on the board of directors. The new board also includes Manuel Coelho of BASF, Sapec Agro's José Maria Rodrigues Lopes, and Sipcam Quimago's Fernando Aniceto. The association has also elected its new general assembly and fiscal council. The president of its general assembly is Margarida Salgueiro of Agroquisa Agroquímicas. She replaces Clara Serrano of DuPont. José Ruivo of Nufarm is the new first secretary. The new president of the fiscal council is João Pestana of Selectis. He replaces the new general assembly first secretary, José Ruivo. The new fiscal council members are Makhteshim Agan Portugal's Isabel Boletto, and Dow AgroSciences' Mario Vietto. The appointments are each for a three-year term.**

■ The European biotechnology industry association, **EuropaBio**, has appointed *Carel du Marchie Sarvaas* as director for agricultural biotechnology. He has held senior public affairs and communications adviser posts in Europe and the US. He takes over from Morten Nielsen.

■ The Brazilian agricultural inputs distributors' association, the **ANDAV**, has elected *Luís Antônio Moreira* as president of the board for a two-year term. Mr Moreira is from agricultural supplies company Agrocerrado. He replaces *Roberto Motta*, who becomes vice-president.

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