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Dear Rudolf,

**Subject: Report-Medical Training Syria**

- Thanks your e-mail on the above. The comments from Yourself and Mr. Ouilani are well taken.
- Attached please find an elaborated report on the medical training in Syria held between 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2004.

With best personal regards.

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**Medical Training Workshop in Syria**  
**On**  
**Diagnosis and Management of Pesticide Poisoning**  
**Damascus 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2004.**

\* **Workshop Objective:**

- To train medical practitioners on Diagnosis and Management of Pesticide Poisoning. The need for such medical training has been identified as a priority in Syria by the local health and agricultural authorities who have requested CropLife to help in organizing and conducting the training workshop.

\* **Audience:**

- Trainees selected for the course were 24 medical practitioners operating in rural hospitals from all Syrian provinces where pesticide poisoning cases are received and treated.
- Six medical practitioners pertaining to the Syrian National Poison Centre of the Ministry of Health also benefited from the training workshop.

\* **Workshop Curriculum:**

- The Workshop consisted of two major parts:
  - (1) Introduction to chemical pesticides (Chemistry, toxicology and Modes of Action).
  - (2) Clinical Diagnosis and Management of Pesticide Poisoning.

\* **Workshop Organization:**

- The workshop was organized by CropLife Africa Middle East in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Crop Protection Directorate of the Ministry of Agriculture of Syria.

\* **Course Speakers:**

- (1) Dr. Jamal Hajjar, Toxicologist of the Ministry of Agriculture of Syria covered the part on introduction to chemical pesticides, toxicology and modes of action.
- (2) Professor Kamal Khalid Osman, Occupational Health and community Medicine Specialist from Sudan covered the part on Clinical Diagnosis and management of pesticide poisoning.

\* **Conclusions:**

- (1) The 3-day course covered clinical diagnosis and treatment regimes relative to all chemical pesticide groups and antidoting packages.
- (2) Clinical Treatment protocols of pesticide poisoning issued by the national poison center to rural hospitals were elaborated and approved.
- (3) Thirty medical practitioners were certified by the national poison center as a result of this workshop for competence in Diagnosis and Management of Pesticide Poisoning.
- (4) Participants are instructed to extend further training to other medics and paramedics in rural areas based on the subject matter of the workshop and the approved treatment protocols by the national poisons center.
- (5) Electronic copies of the course subject matter together with the CropLife AME Antidoting Charts have been distributed to the rural hospital via the National Poison Centre.

\* **Patronage:**

- The medical training workshop was held under the patronage of the Ministers of Agriculture and Health.
- The deputy Minister of Health addressed the opening ceremony of the workshop.

\* **Media coverage:**

- Syrian daily newspapers highlighted the convening of the workshop on the opening day.
- AGROTICA magazine will provide a press coverage on the workshop in its December 2004 issue.