

# Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network

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## Recognized Experts Join Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network

The Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network (ABTR Network) proudly announces the addition of three experts in toxicology and international regulatory affairs.

**Andrew Cockburn, Ph.D.**, Registered Toxicologist, founded Toxicological Consulting Ltd. (United Kingdom) in 2005, after nearly 40 years in the food, pharmaceutical and crop protection industries. Dr. Cockburn's business focuses on individual toxicological advice for optimizing new product development, problem solving, regulatory support, and product defence.

**Hector Quemada, Ph.D.** is founder and principal consultant of Crop Technology Consulting, Inc. (United States), with over 20 years experience in biotechnology and seed industries. Crop Technology Consulting offers consultation services in technical assessment, product development, project management, and regulatory affairs. Dr. Quemada has extensive experience working with African, Middle Eastern, and Asian nations to develop regulatory frameworks for genetically modified crops.

**Igor Tchumikov, Ph.D.**, brings over 10 years experience in regulatory matters involving biotechnology crops and microorganisms in the Russian Federation and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Dr. Tchumikov joined *Perseus bvba* as Associate in 2004. Before joining *Perseus*, Dr. Tchumikov managed regulatory dossiers for AgrEvo Company, Aventis, and Bayer CropScience (Moscow).

In recent comments, ABTR Network co-founder Scott Thenell said, "These recognized experts bring outstanding skills that broaden the global capabilities of ABTR Network, both technically and geographically. We're very pleased to count them as members."

To learn more about these new members, visit [www.abtrnetwork.com](http://www.abtrnetwork.com)

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Established in 2006, the ABTR Network is a unique global network of independent regulatory affairs managers/services serving the agricultural biotechnology industry from product conception through commercialization.

Services cover the entire range of regulatory support required for AgBiotech projects, including project management, project evaluation, risk assessments, contained/confined use permits; field trial permits / notifications; regulatory files; commercial permits; movement of biological materials; compliance audits; compliance systems; training; quality control; study design; documentation systems; regulatory strategies; regulatory management; issue management; communication; emergency response & public advocacy.

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