

## *A brief account of our main activities and progress during 2016.....*

### **ALLIANCES AND ACQUISITIONS:**

Whilst 2015 was a big year for creation of strategic alliances and acquisition activity, 2016 was bigger still for SynTech - focused particularly on Europe and Latin America .....

**In Europe**, SynTech acquired Syngenta's field and laboratory facility, equipment and experienced seeds testing team of 12 staff, in Semčice, Czech Republic. The location is relevant to the Central European region, covering sugar beet, corn, cereals and oil seed rape; the team will also deliver agrochemical trials during the 2016/2017 season.



*SynTech's new Semčice Research Station Administrative center and laboratory*

In March, SynTech acquired Bayer's previous Research Center for Seed Experimentation, in Picanya, near Valencia. The site is now the HQ and main laboratory/field operation for SynTech Spain. It covers 30K sq.m site, has 2.2K sq.m of laboratories/storage area for screening, ecotoxicology, residues samples, seed treatment and post-harvest trial work and 5.4K sq.m of greenhouses/protected cropping area.



*SynTech's new Picanya site has extensive glasshouses & protected cropping areas for trials*

**In Latin America**, SynTech appointed Agroambiente Cia. Ltda., with offices in Quito and Guayaquil and over 15 experienced staff, as the Company's representative in Ecuador. The Technical Team will be trained by SynTech staff to carry out trials programs.

Following eight years of successful partnership, we announced a merger with CAC SMART, Santiago, Chile, with its field trials coverage across Chile, Peru and Bolivia. The new company will be called SynTech Research Chile S.p.A. As a result, SynTech now has territorial coverage throughout Latin America.

In June, SynTech acquired the field and laboratory residue study functions of Syngenta Proteção de Cultivos LTDA, located in São Paulo, Brazil, with an experienced team of 21, including study managers, analytical chemists, QA auditors and field researchers. The laboratory can receive, store, process, extract and analyse crop samples for pesticide residues including in bees. Analytical instrumentation includes SCIEX 4000 and 5000 LC-MS/MS units



*Sao Paulo analytical laboratory and equipment acquired by SynTech*

This was an extremely exciting event for SynTech Research; we can now provide a complete residue service, including project management, adding significantly to our existing field studies and regulatory capabilities in Latin America.

#### **EXPANSION AND ACCREDITATIONS:**

Europe has again been the focus, with increased field, laboratory and glasshouse facilities in France, Spain, Germany, and Poland for seeds and agrochemical trials. In May, we established a new Research Station at Bramki, near Warsaw, This facility complements SynTech's five existing sites, near Bydgoszcz, Lublin, Wrocław, Gdańsk and Szczecin which give coverage of all the key agricultural areas.



*SynTech's Bramki Research Station, Poland*

SynTech acquired land and buildings, including 200 sq.m of laboratories to establish a Seeds Technical Center near Toulouse, France. We also expanded our main Research Station and EU HQ in France near Macon, Burgundy to provide 17 ha. of trials area.



*Seed trial planting near Toulouse*



*Triticale Trial treatment. Germany*

SynTech Research Germany opened a new site, near Untergruppenbach, north of Stuttgart, adding to our existing sites near Kiel and at Langenbach near Munich. The facility is in the Neckar valley, with its wide range of crops including cereals, vegetables, vines and fruit.

In May, SynTech Portugal received accreditation for fertilizer trials and renewal of its GLP accreditation. SynTech Poland was accredited for GLP field residues trials, so GEP and GLP programs can now be conducted on cereals, maize, sunflowers, potatoes, oilseed rape, vegetables, fruit, ornamentals and turf. Finally, SynTech Germany's GEP licence was renewed and extended to all crops.



*GLP trial treatment, Portugal*



*Sprayer calibration, Poland*

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

To reflect our expanded spectrum of service and coverage in all countries Latin America, the company announced a number of new Regional posts, including Magdalena Zingoni as Regulatory Affairs and Business Development Manager, Carlos F Caballero as Technical Manager and Rogerio Rodriguez as Laboratory Manager, SynTech Brazil.



*Magdalena Zingoni*



*Carlos F. Caballero*



*Rogerio Rodrigues*

SynTech also appointed Dr. Frank White as Manager of Analytical Chemistry at its laboratories in Stilwell, Kansas and Iris Koenings as Field Testing Manager, SynTech Germany. SynTech's Ecotoxicology business is one of our fastest-growing sectors and Eric Ythier became Global Account Manager full-time, expanding our Global Bee Health Unit, and delivering European and Latin American training workshops in France and Brazil.



*Dr Frank White*



*Iris Koenings*



*Eric Ythier*



*EU Bee Health team at the Nimes, France workshop*

#### **AWARDS:**

SynTech Spain was a National Champion in the prestigious 2016/17 European Business of the Year Awards, in the sales <€25m category ....



.... and the Council of the University of Szeged made Dr László Sándor Hódi, a Senior Research fellow with SynTech Hungary, an Honorary Professor of the University



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