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FOREWORD

In September 1989, the Sunflower and Sesame subnetworks held their bi-annual meetings in Cairo, Egypt. The meetings were well attended and papers, presented in these proceedings, provide a very informative overview of some of the cropping systems, management practices, production constraints and research highlights for both crops in several countries.

Chronic edible oil deficit is a major problem facing many developing countries in Africa and Asia where most countries are forced to import large quantities to satisfy the requirements of their growing populations. With the present rates of population increase and the improvement of nutrition standards it is likely that the consumption of edible oil will rise over the years, increasingly drawing on scarce foreign exchange for the importation of this vital food staple. For this reason, several countries have opted to increase self-sufficiency in edible oil.

Production deficits are due to a number of factors, among which neglect in oilcrops research, in both developed and developing countries has been a major one. This is particularly true for minor crops such as sesame. In the context of the IDRC oilcrops network, initiated in 1981, the interchange of information and the sharing of results between scientists have proved to be very useful and beneficial for the generation of scientific knowledge and the stimulation of research in this important area. It is noped that conclusions and recommendations of this meeting will stimulate further research and development in the future.

A second important reason for limited national production has been the exceptionally low levels of world prices for oils and fats in the 1980's and the comparative advantage of importation over production for developing countries. The description of a case study using a system's approach to analysis the Vegetable Oil/Protein System of Kenya has stirred much interest during the Cairo meetings and it is hoped that similar work can be carried out in other countries in the future.

The Cairo meetings will also unfortunately be remembered as the one which has witnessed the diagnosis of the fatal disease of late Dr. Hiruy Belayneh, Chairman of the Brassica Subnetwork. We will all regret his absence.

On behalf of IDRC and of all participants, I would like to thank the Government of Egypt for its hospitality, the organizers for the excellent arrangements and all those who contributed to the success of these meetings by their presentations and discussions.

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MICROBIAL CONTROL OF LEPIDOPTEROUS PESTS OF OILSEED CROPS

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In the present studies, a series of were *experiments* conducted to evaluate the potency of some fifty strains of Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t) against larvae of two major pests of oil crops, namely, greasy cut worm (Agrotis ypsilon) and cotton leaf worm (Spodoptera littoralis). The bacterial cultures were first grown aerobically on a rotary shaker using either fodder yeast or ground kidney beans media. The harvested Endotoxin preparations were bioassayed for their potency against 2nd and 3rd instar larvae of A. vpsilon and s. littoralis. respectively. The bioassays were carried out under standard conditions on larvae fed on castor oil leaves dipped in Endotoxin suspensions at 500 ug/ml level. Proper controls were run simultaneously.

With respect to A. ypsilon, several cultures of var. Aizawai (amongst which were HD-130, HD-128, HD-228, HD-593 and HD-865) proved to be active against this insect pest. Within the var. galleriae, HD-210 and HD-234 were effective. In addition, two strains of var. kurstaki, HD-341 and HD-263 as well as HD-703 of var. Thuringiensis were also highly active against the same insect pest. The most effective strains against A. ypsilon were HD-130, (var. Aizawai), HD-703 (var, *Thuringiensis*), HD-134, (var. (*Aizawai*) and HD-341 (var. kurstaki) giving LC₅₀ values of 15.3, and 22.6 26.0 46.5 ug/ml, respectively, as compared to 3640 ug/ml of the HD-1-1-1980 standard.

When the *B. thuringiensis* strains were screened against third instar larvae of *S. littoralis*, several cultures of var. *Aizawai* notably HD-134, HD-593, HD-113 and HD-282 were highly active. Furthermore, some other cultures were also effective notably HD-554 (var. *Canadensis*), HD- 234 (var. gelleriae), HD-263, HD-341, HD-89 (var. *Kurstaki*), in addition to HD-110 (var. *Entomocidus*) and HD-96 (var. *Thuringiensis*). The most potent strains were HD-593, HD-110, HD-263 and HD-554 giving LC_{50} values of 22.0, 27.4, 35.7 and 37.5 ug endotoxin/ml, respectively as compared to 2160 ug/ml for HD-1-1980 standard preparation.

In the second phase of the present work, studies were conducted to search for possible biochemical means to enhance the potency of the bacterial Endotoxin preparation against A. ypsilon as plausible means increase the feasibility to of application and lowering the field spraying costs. Thus, a number of simple chemcial compounds were used in conjunction with low levels of endotoxin preparation of B.t. var. Galleriae HD-234 (125 ug/ml). These groups of compounds included selected divalent salts of Calcium, zinc and Copper; some salts of Potassium and Sodium; a group of organic acid salts as well as some protein-solubilizing agents. Appropriate controls were run simultaneously, and the cotoxicity factor (CF)in each was case calculated to elucidate the type of the resulting interaction. Within the divalent cations tested, a clear enhancing effect on the potency of the Endotoxin was noted for the calcium salts with CF ranging between 43 and 72 depending on the salt tested. However, among this divalent group of salts, Zinc sulfate recorded the highest CF value reaching 84 whereas copper salts were also potentiative but demonstrated notable toxicity when tested alone against the target insect. The LC₅₀ values of the Endotoxin (138.2 ug/ml was lowered to 29.7, 29.9, 37.1 and 39.5 ug/ml in the presence of Calcium carbonate (0.1%), Hydroxide (9.1%), Acetate (0.05%) and Nitrate (0.1%),

respectively. Copper carbonate, Copperoxide and zinc sulfate lowered LC_{50} to 9.5, 13.8 and 18.7 ug/ml, respectively (conc. 0.05-0.1%).

Within mono-cationic salts tested, Potassium carbonate exhibited high potentiating effect with CF value of 55 and lowering the LC_{50} value of the endotoxin to 7.6 ug/ml when added at 1% concentration to the dipping solution. Among the mono-carboxylic acid salts tested, those of shortchained acids proved to be highly potentiating for the endotoxin effect on the target insect. Thus, CF values of formate and acetate were 92 and 91, respectively. The highest CF value obtained for this group of 127 recorded for compounds was acetamide added at 1% final concentration.

dicarboxylic acid Some salts exhibited high potentiative effect, e.g., malate, tartarate and fumarate yielding CF values of 96, 78 and 72, respectively. In the presence of the potentiative organic acid salts, the LC₅₀ values of the endotoxin preparation were reduced drastically. Thus, the LC_{50} values in the presence of acetamide (1%), fumarate (0.5%), malate (0.5%) and tartarate (0.1%)were 7.4, 47.5, 48.4 and 49.4 ug/ml, respectively.

In addition, some proteinsolubilizing agents, e.g., EDTA, urea, and sodium thioglycollate were also potentiative for the endotoxin resulting in CF values of 100, 75 and 71, respectively. In the presence of these compounds, LC_{50} values were lowered to 15.6, 80.8 and 55.3 ug/ml in the same respective order.

In the next phase of the studies, 21 amino acids and amides were tested as possible potentiators for endotoxin preparation of B.t. var. *Galleriae* HD-234 against larvae of *A. ypsilon*. The amino acids were selected to represent different classes including aliphatic, branched, aromatic, cyclic, basic as well as acidic amino

acids. These compounds were incorporated in the dipping solution both alone and in conjunction with the endotoxin suspension in final concentrations of 0.05%. Proper controls were run simultaneously. A notable potentiative effect was noted for some aliphatic amino acids including DL-serine and DL-alanine where CF values amounted to 91 and 86 with LC_{50} reduced to 52.8 and 33.9 ug/ml, respectively, as compared to 240.7 ug/ml for the endotoxin preparation only. Within the branched amino acids, L-valine was the most potent activator of the endotoxin with CF value of 86 and lowering LC_{50} of the endotoxin to 33 ug/ml. Among the basic amino acids and amides. Larginine was the most effective potentiator followed by DL-ornithine, L-asparagine and DL-glutamine with CF values of 110, 93, 91 and 88 accompanied by reduction of the LC_{50} value to 6.0, 12.0, 9.2 and 83 ug/ml, respectively. The acidic amino acids, L-aspartic and L-glutamic, were also potentiative but to a lesser extent than their amide forms. The indolecontaining DL-tryptophan and the cyclic L-proline amino acids were also highly effective potentiators with CF values corresponding to 90 and 92 with a capacity to lower LC₅₀ value to 14.9 and 7.7 ug/ml, respectively. On the other hand, the sulfer-containing amino acids tested could not exhibit any potentiation of the endotoxin under study. On the contrary, L-cysteine and L-cystine were antagonistic to the potency of the endotoxin and recorded negative CF values. The obtained results were discussed in the light of their scientific as well as application merits in the field of bilogical control of pests of oilseed crop.

Fifty nine cultures belonging to 12 different vars. of B.t were screened for the production of B-exotoxin. A devised medium was used for maintenance of the cultures. The activity of the B-exotoxin different preparation of B.t.cultures was evaluated for A. ypsilon

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and S. littoralis, compared to the standard preparation, thuringiensin. The results showed that some B.t. cultures were able to produce large amounts of B-exotoxin, such as vars. Kenyae HD-588, Galleriae HD-129, Toloworthi HD-301 and subtoxicus. Some field tests were carried out to assess the effect of spraying Bexotoxin against S. littoralis on peanuts and the results were encouraging but they need further conformation.

B.t var. Kurstaki HD-1 (Dipel 2x). as a biological insecticide was tested against S. littoralis, larvae infesting soybean plants either alone or combined with potassium carbonate adjuvant. as an The carbamate chemical insecticide, Lannate, was used for comparison. The materials were applied either through spraying or dusting. Results showed that potassium carbonate enhanced and significatly increased the effect of Diepl. Both techniques are suitable for use in control application. The recommendation of using a combination of Dipel at 250 gm/faddan and potassium carbonate at 150 g/faddan is advisable. This combination gave significantly high larval reduction (96.86% and 92.11% with an increase of 2.50 and 1.60 folds in yield after spraying and dust appli- cations, respectively. The data also suggested that a combination of Dipel and potassium carbonate (Dipel + K_2CO_3) might be an effect-ive component of the future S. littoralis IPM programs on soybeans.

Field tests were conducted to determine the effectiveness of wheat bran baits based on *B.t* var. kurstaki HD-1 (Dipel 2x) compared to the organophosphorous insecticide. Hostathion. aqainst the greasy cutworm (A. ypsilon) on faba bean (*Vicia fabae*). Significant larval reductions were observed in all treated plots after one application with a significant increase in the yield (1.45-1.60 folds) compared to the control plots. The yield was not affected by varying dose of Dipel in the bait between 150 and 250 gm/f. The addition of the adjuvant. potassium carbonate, to the Dipel bait caused a significant larval reduction, 10 days after application and showed to be as efficient as baits based on Hostathion.

In the third series of experiments, application of Dipel 2x at a rate of 250 g/f was effective against the larvae of S. littoralis (1st to 4th instars), while larvae in older stages (5th and 6th instars) were more resistant. Lannate was highly effective against young and old larvae. The addition of potassium carbonate to Dipel increased larval mortality. In Sharkia governorate, the yield of soybean increased significantly when the infested areas were treated once by Dipel 2x or Lannate with 1.113 fold increase. In Menoufia governorate, also, when soybeans were treated three times with Dipel 2x or Lannate, yield increased 2.031-2.066 times. This difference in yield gives a higher net profit to the farmer exceeding the costs of spray applications.