



# BIOCIDE TOOLBOX

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## CONNECTING WITH INDUSTRY

The Biocide ToolBox Commercial team attended the 2017 annual NZ Bio Summit held in Nelson on the 30/31st of March. The conference themes were stated as collaboration, connectivity and innovation within the Sector.



The Conference was well represented by Corporates and a wide range of Distributors, Consultants, Patent Attorneys and Research Institutions. Among keynote speakers were Mike Arand (China Business Development Advisor), Peter Baraket (CEO, Mr Vitamins), Rod Claycomb (Quantec Ltd) and Bo Hendgen (Absolute Essential) just to name a few.

Our connectivity with this sector continues to be well facilitated through links with Alison Quesnel and Kerry Warn (Natural Products NZ).



BTB also attended the NZ Food Summit (Food Safety and Compliance) held in Auckland on the 29th March. The SAFE FOOD message was delivered by many distinguished speakers, including AUT, Fonterra, Foodstuffs NZ, The University of Auckland, GS1, Plant & Food Research, and Massey University.

Topics covered the transition to the new Food Act 2016, opportunities for growth in exports, perspectives on food defence and biosecurity, food safety leadership and key food safety learnings from major organisations thus far.

Safe food and microbial contamination of food during manufacturing, processing and packaging is an important part of BTB core capability.

The Biocide ToolBox has a unique emphasis on active packaging and collaboration with PACNZ and primary food manufacturers.

The 2017 Food Safety & Compliance Conference highlights were:

- ◆ New Food Act - Learnings from the first 12 months of application
- ◆ The National Science Challenge
- ◆ Anticipating the changing food demand
- ◆ Traceability to protect customers, company's image and sales
- ◆ End to end visibility in the supply chain
- ◆ Surviving food recalls
- ◆ Creating an antibiotic-free livestock industry by 2030

## MPPT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD VISIT TO INDIA



DR SUDIP RAY

Dr. Sudip Ray is one of the Senior Researchers at Biocide Toolbox, and recently visited India to initiate and explore the possibilities of research and commercial collaborations, sponsored by both BTB and the MPPT (Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust) International Travel Award.

Sudip presented a talk at the 'International Conference on Contemporary Antimicrobial Research', hosted by Assam University Biotech Hub, in November 2016. The conference dealt with emerging mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance and strategies for using natural products for bactericidal activity. His talk was attended by academics and industry experts mostly from the healthcare sector.

New contacts were developed through visits and interactions with academics from premium research organisations such as the Indian Institute of Science, Indian Institute of Technologies, University of Delhi and industries. Sudip was also invited to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. These visits have generated interest on collaborative research in both academic and commercial sectors, and student interest in pursuing tertiary education at The University of Auckland.

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