The Insecticide Resistance Action Group (IRAG) constitution and membership

1.0 Name
The name of the organisation is ‘Insecticide Resistance Action Group – UK’, to be shortened to IRAG – UK.

2.0 Aims and Objectives
To provide information on resistance avoidance and management strategies for use by UK farmers and growers, advisers and regulatory authorities by:

- Establishing a forum for the exchange and interpretation of information on insecticide resistance
- Producing guidelines and agreed statements to the media
- Identifying knowledge gaps and suggesting research needs to appropriate funding agencies
- Establishing links to exchange information and ideas with similar groups in other countries and with the Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

3.0 Membership
Membership of the Steering Group of IRAG-UK shall comprise a Chairman, Secretary, and members representing:

- Agrochemical Companies
- Insecticide Resistance Action Committee
- Commodity Boards
- Research organisations
- Consultants/advisors
- Regulatory authorities

Additional delegates will be invited to attend meetings when issues relevant to their specialist area are on the agenda.

Current membership
- Steve Foster (Chair) stephen.foster@rothamsted.ac.uk, Rothamsted Research
- Sacha White (Secretary) sacha.white@adas.co.uk, ADAS
- Nigel Adam, Bayer CropScience
- Chris Bean, Zantra Ltd
- Claire Bend, Agrii
- David Buss, EMR
- Rosemary Collier, Warwick Crop Centre
- Larissa Collins, FERA
- Ian Denholm, Independent Member
4.0 Appointments

4.1 The Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed on the recommendation and by majority agreement of the Membership of the Steering Group. They shall be appointed to serve for a maximum of five years. The Chairman and Secretary should not both retire at the same meeting but should allow an interval of two meetings of the Group to pass. The Chairman and Secretary will normally be appointed from an independent organisation.

4.2 Membership of the Steering Group will be reviewed every three years and more frequently if it is necessary to seek replacements.

5.0 Meetings

Normally two meetings of the Group will be held each year at a venue decided at the previous meeting.

6.0 Funding

IRAG-UK has no source of funds and is beholden to the organisations supporting the members for their time, travel and subsistence and meeting rooms and to independent funding bodies for publications.

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