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Subject: RE: Speaker Invitation - 5th Microbiome Movement - AgBioTech Summit 2021

Sounds good

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Hi Russel,

Thank you for getting back in touch!

Maybe we should look to have a call at the beginning of next week to discuss?

Best wishes,
Tom

From: Jones, Russell <Jones.Russell@epa.gov>
Sent: 10 September 2020 16:53
To: Thomas Cosgrove <thomas.cosgrove@hansonwade.com>
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Tom:

The offer is intriguing.

We would need to discuss details, as the title proposed for a presentation covers a lot of territory, some of which may be outside of my wheelhouse.
Please be aware, that I am not an expert in the microbial area, and only have some limited background in the regulation of those products.
I have spent all of my time at EPA/OPP in the Biochemical Branch of the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division as a Risk Assessor for Biochemical Pesticides and Plant Regulators.
The last few years (since 2014) have gotten me into more policy related areas, specifically as the lead author on the Plant Regulator Guidance, including Plant Biostimulants. I have also dabbled a bit into the 25b area.

I think I would need to get a better handle on the intended audience and the specifics of what subjects that audience would find of interest before I would commit to a presentation.

Regards,

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Hi Russel,

Just have another quick question for you. Although you would have left the EPA by the time we run this meeting would you be interested in sharing your regulatory insights that you have developed over the years? I think you would still have a great story to tell and your experience would be very welcome to the program and to the attendees.

Let me know your thoughts!

Tom

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As a follow-up, after departing Federal service, I can be reached at Russ_Sharon@comcast.net or at ecolocomotive@yahoo.com

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Hi Russel,

Thank you for getting back in touch.

That is unfortunate but I hope you enjoy your retirement! Alas, is there a colleague who you could put me in touch with who will be able to provide the meeting with valuable insights?

Thanks!

Tom

From: Jones, Russell <Jones.Russell@epa.gov>
Sent: 09 September 2020 16:45
To: Thomas Cosgrove <thomas.cosgrove@hansonwade.com>
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Thomas:

The opportunity sounds very interesting.

However, I will be retiring form EPA on September 30, so I will no longer be able to represent the Agency at any future conferences.

Best wishes for the success of the conference

Regards

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Hi Russel,

I hope this finds you well.

I am getting in touch today to extend you an invitation to take speak/present at the upcoming 5th *Microbiome Movement* – AgBioTech Summit 2020 which will be taking place digitally in February 2021 (22nd-24th). Through my resarch with industry, regulation of microbial products was among the topics of most interest that they wanted to hear about at this summit. I saw that you are due to present at the Argus Added Value Fertilizers US Summit next year so I was keen to connect with you.

In order to account for the growing population and as there is pressure from the consumer to move away from chemical and synthetic farming practices, microbial-based AgBiological solutions have emerged as a solution to maximize productivity in a sustainable way. However, there still remains a number of challenges in understanding plant-microbe interactions, ensuring your microbial product is stable and consistent in the field and understanding the developing regulatory landscape.

Built in conjunction with leaders in the field, the 5th *Microbiome Movement* – AgBioTech Summit returns to unite researchers, agronomists and entrepreneurs from across the Ag **industry to harness the plant-soil microbiome to discover and translate the next generation of scientifically-driven Agbiologicals that will transform grower yield, sustainability and commercial outcomes**.

For more context for this invitation, I have attached the Preliminary Agenda for the meeting.

Given your area of expertize I have highlighted the session Exploring the Regulaotry & Legal Landscape as an area that I believe you would be able to provide unrivaled insight into. However, I would like to add that there is some flexibility to adjust your session to best suit your work.

If this opportunity is of interest then would it be possible for us to arrange a call over the next couple of days?

Best wishes,
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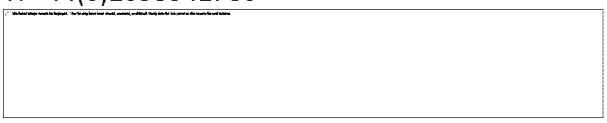

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