

ApiNZ Science and Research Focus Group Meeting

May 2023 Member Update

Conference speakers

Most of the panellists for the science seminars and panel discussions have been finalised and announced in the conference programme on ApiNZ's website. The remaining panellists will be announced soon.

Update from Environment Protection Agency (EPA)

Staff members from the EPA met with the focus group to discuss some questions that the group had.

The EPA gave the group an update on the glyphosate 'Call for Information'. They received a huge response and have published a summary of all the information that they received. They are currently waiting for the results of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)'s reassessment of glyphosate. Once that decision is released, the EPA will consider whether they need to do a reassessment of glyphosate.

EPA have also implemented the GHS7 hazard classification system and have extended the system to include the risk to terrestrial invertebrates.

The EPA also recently published a reassessment work plan on their website which contains key milestones by quarter.

EPA Aquatic herbicides call for information

The EPA is reassessing aquatic herbicides that they approved for use over waterways in 2012. Members of the Science FG are currently preparing a submission.