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Janet has a Masters' degree in Toxicology from the University of Kentucky USA and has worked for Fisons, Rhone-Poulenc, Aventis and Bayer in agrochemical regulatory affairs for over 30 years. Running a team of Country Regulatory Managers, she oversees the submission of applications for pesticides, biocides, biologicals and seed varieties in the UK and Ireland. She is in regular contact with the Chemicals Regulation Division (CRD) of UK Health and Safety Executive and the Pesticides Registration and Control Division of the Ireland Department of Agriculture and is one of the key industry contact points for the UK policy for pesticide and biocide regulation, post-EU and has made key presentations at major conferences and events on this issue.

Another key area of interest is the potential use of innovative technology and the 'smart' control that these technologies bring, to target and optimize pesticide application to where it is specifically needed for continued plant health and food supply security, whilst minimizing any possibilities of environmental effects. The use of Smart technologies and the ability to record actual applications and conditions digitally will inevitably bring greater control of pesticide use and aims to allow increased governmental and public confidence in the regulatory processes for pesticides.