

Excerpts from an interview with
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- **With the Global Biocontrol Summit – 2nd edition coming up, can you give us a brief synopsis of what you will be covering in your session/presentation/ or part of the panel discussion?**
My talk will mainly cover some of the latest developments from our lab regarding fungal endophytes that produce nematicidal metabolites.
- **What challenges do you think the market is currently facing?**
Lack of new and safe products for pest and disease control that fit the regulation.
- **Where do you think the most commercial opportunities for development lie within the market?**
Seed coatings, nematicidal and herbicidal products.
- **What excites you most about the direction that the industry is heading?**
The emphasis on food safety.

- **Covid – 19 has no doubt had some impact on the industry, what is your opinion should the industry be doing to get back on the road to recovery?**
Invest more in R&D.
- **What key trends do you think will see in the global biocontrol market going into 2021 – 2022?**
High demand for herbicides.
- **Which disruptive technologies do you think will make a massive impact on the industry over the next few years?**
Not a single one but rather a combination of solutions to be integrated in IPM.
- **What sort of companies are you most looking forward to hearing from?**
Biopesticides, seeds...
- **Finally, what are you hoping to take away from the forum?**
New contacts, ideas, project consortiums...