



Subject: Invitation for a farm visit

Dear Sir or Madam,

Philippe Rothgerber, passionate farmer, IBMA (International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association) and PAN Europe (Pesticide Action Network) would like to invite you for an farm visit in Traenheim, very close to Strasbourg in the afternoon of Thursday 18th May 2017.

The purpose of this farm visit is to show what integrated pest management in perennials is: Illustrating how to use Green tools first, meaning: applying good agronomic methods, monitoring, mechanical and physical methods in addition to biocontrol products in the fight against pests and disease.

The farm is 11 hectares, and is specialised in apples and grapes production, managed according to Integrated Pest Management rules since the early seventies, now in conversion to organic. The farmers, Philippe Rothgerber, who will show us around holds an arboriculture and viticulture degree. Philippe's farming project is not only interesting because he is a very innovative farmers always looking for new ideas to apply on his farm, but is also interesting as Philippe also devotes time to helping other farmers with the uptake and use of biocontrol products.

The farm visit will take place from 14.30 to 17.30 on Thursday 18 May 2017. A light cocktail will be offered during the visit.

Come and join us in discovering a farming project using exclusively green tools in fighting pests and disease in orchards and wine yards.

The farm is located 20 minutes away from the European Parliament in Strasbourg. **We will arrange a bus picking you up outside the European Parliament.**

If you wish to come, please **register by the 3th May** sending an email to Isabelle Pinzauti Babrzyński isabelle.pinzauti@ibma-global.org.

More practical details will follow.

Yours sincerely,

IBMA, PAN Europe and Philippe Rothgerber