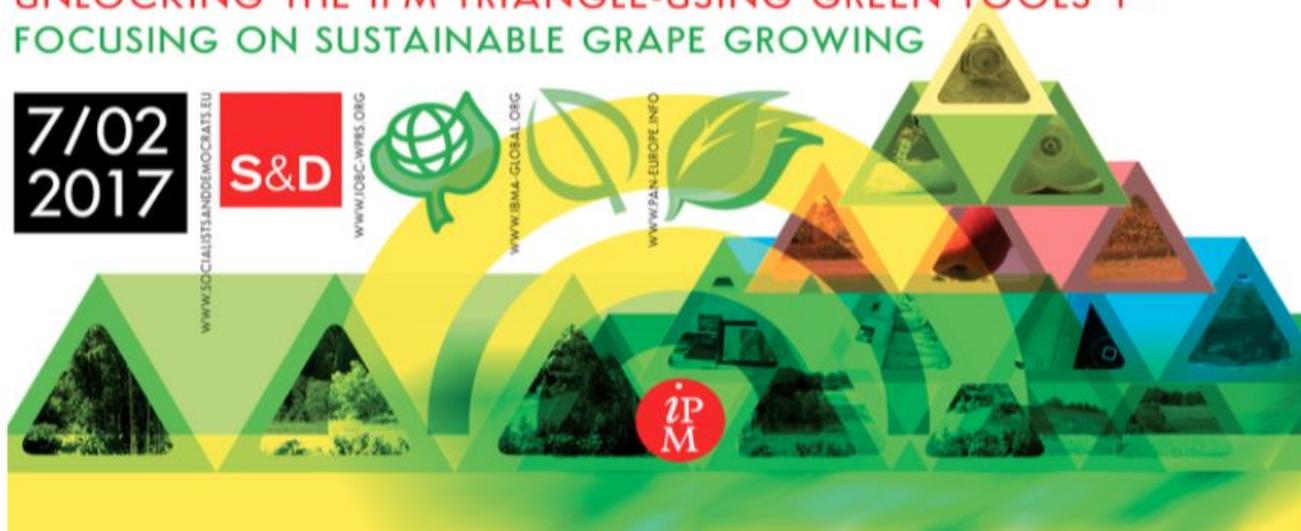


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*Speakers' biographies*

RNDr **Pavel POC** is a biologist by education. He has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2009. Mr. Poc is currently the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Chair of the Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development and Vice-Chair of the Members Against Cancer Group. He is also the Head of the Czech Delegation within the SD Group in the European Parliament. Pavel Poc hosted the SUPD Symposium also back in 2012 and considers the sustainable use of pesticides and reducing the risks and impacts of pesticide use on people's health and the environment as one of his priorities.

**Michael Hamell** is adjunct professor of agriculture at University College Dublin. He worked as a lecturer, farm manager and agricultural advisor for ten years prior to joining the European Commission services in 1983, first in DG AGRI dealing with beef and sheep market issues and from 1997 in DG ENV principally as head of unit responsible for agriculture, forestry and soil until his retirement in 2013. In that capacity, he was responsible for environmental integration into the CAP and policy related to European forests as well as the preparation of the Commission's proposals on soil protection, the implementation of the nitrates directive and the development of work on the sustainable use of Phosphorus. He holds an M.Agr Sc degree from UCD and has a lifelong interest in hurling.

**Cristina Micheloni** is an agronomist and she has been engaged in organic farming for more than 20 years. In the last 10 years, she has been focused on organic viticulture and winemaking at local and European levels and she has been involved in several EU research projects on this topic. Cristina believes organic viticulture is already a viable option but meanwhile she is convinced that there is still much room for improvement, both in the vineyard and in the cellar.

**Ruggero Mazzilli** is an agronomist specialized in organic viticulture. He has been working in this field for 34 years. In 2008, he founded the "Stazione Sperimentale per la Viticoltura SPEVIS" (Experimental Station of Viticulture SPEVIS) in order to improve his support to organic winegrowers. This private structure seasonally employs 10 young agronomists to monitor vineyards, prevent diseases and test technical solutions and products in vineyards. The structure has an agreement with many Research Institutions and Universities. Ruggero and SPEVIS are today working on 3200 ha of organic vineyard in Northern Italy (Piemonte, Liguria, Franciacorta), Central Italy (all over Tuscany, Lazio, Umbria) and Southern Italy (Campania and Puglia).

**Paola Colombo** has been recently appointed as Director in DG SANTE F, Health and food audits and analysis. She joined the Commission in 1995 working in DG AGRI and DG SANTE on food and feed safety matters (including BSE, Dioxin crisis, animal by-products). She dealt with legislative dossiers in Commission, Council and European Parliament and trade negotiations (WTO SPS Agreement, Veterinary Equivalency Agreements with the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand). She then moved to the SG, where she was responsible for ensuring overall coherence and quality of Community policies in the area of health and consumer protection, research & development, life sciences and biotechnology, and for supporting the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy and the preparation of the post-2006 financial perspective. Paola has a degree in Veterinary Medicine. She was EU fellow at the University of North Carolina where she taught and conducted research on Food policy issues.

**Pierre Treinen** is the Director of Luxembourg Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development. He is Director of Rural Economy Services, he is Agricultural Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the EU and he is in charge of external relationship.

**François Veillerette** is educated as a Teacher and is the Director of Générations Future (PAN France) which he cofounded and of which he was President for 10 years. He has also been the Vice President of the Picardy region in France in charge of environment, food and health from 2010 to 2015, he has been involved in these issues and he was among other things: founder and Chairman of the Movement for Rights and Respect of Future Generations (MDRGF, now Générations Futures) from 2000 to 2009, he is currently the spokesperson and Director, board Member and current President of the European network Pesticide Action Network (PAN Europe), Member of the Steering Committee of the International POPs

Elimination Network (IPEN), Current member of the Writers Association of Journalists for the Environment (JNE), Former president of Greenpeace France from 2003 to 2006 and then Vice President of the same NGO in 2008-2009. François also cofounded the Réseau Environnement Santé (RES) in France.

**Damiano Li Vecchi** is Agricultural Attaché to the Representation of Italy to the EU. Since 1989 he is involved in the Common Agricultural Policy – CAP; until 2013 he was the Head of the Direct Payments office of the Italian Ministry for Agriculture. He has been also spokesperson for the Italian Delegation in workings groups and managing committees related to the CAP. He has been speaker of CAP and Integrated Control Systems during training conferences organized in Italy by both the Ministry for Agriculture and the Superior School for Public Administration.

**David Cary** has been in place as the inaugural Executive Director of this dynamic global trade association with a strong European focus since 2010. His career has been focused on IPM, resistance management, implementation of biocontrol techniques, and systems based control of pests and diseases. He is passionate about reducing the reliance on traditional pesticides through finding, developing, registering and bringing to market new solutions to feed a growing world population whilst respecting biodiversity, the environment and protecting human health. David is an entomologist by training and spent several years coordinating, conducting, assessing, reporting efficacy trials and supervising regulatory compliance for biological agricultural inputs. He actively participates in promoting the biocontrol industry and ensuring that any regulation is proportionate to risk. He promotes a globally harmonised regional regulatory and product development focus and is confident that we will see more global co-ordination in the near future. He was a key player in the formation of BPG (BioProtection Global) and works closely with international bodies including OECD, FAO and EPPO.

**Stefano Cinti** is an agronomist who started his professional career in the Italian Public Administration as extension service expert in Integrated Pest Management. He joined the European Commission in 2001 as plant health inspector at the Food and Veterinary Office (Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety) in Ireland. He then moved to the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development in 2008, where he is currently working Unit G.2 as Policy Officer responsible for the coordination of the national support programs in the wine sector.

**Carlo Duso** is a professor of agriculture and entomology at the University of Padova. He is also Chairman of First Degree level in Viticulture and Enology at the University of Padova, Member of the Editorial Board of three International journals (Experimental and Applied Acarology, Acarologia, Insects), Member and Committee of the Erasmus Mundus Master in “Plant Health” and Convenor of the IOBC/WPRS Working Group “IPM in viticulture”. He is the author of more than 200 publications; reviewer for more than 40 International Journals (listed in WOS and SCOPUS database), as well as for National and International Institutions.

**Kerstin Fröhle** is a biologist and worked for several years at the department of animal physiology and sociobiology at the University of Würzburg in Germany. Five years ago she transferred to Lake Constance Foundation, a project-oriented nature protection organization, and started to advocate for the conservation of biodiversity. The main focus of her work is to raise awareness on the issue of biodiversity loss in the agricultural sector, and to identify and minimize possible impacts on biodiversity. Ms. Fröhle coordinates the Erasmus funded project “European partnership for biodiversity protection in viticulture” which aims at adapting vine-growing practices to protect, enhance and promote biodiversity in vineyards and beyond, through the development of analysis modules and trainings around Germany, Turkey, Portugal and Spain. Ms Fröhle also works for the initiative “Integration of biodiversity criteria in standards and labels of the food industry”.

**Cristina Carlos** holds a Master Degree in Agronomic Engineering and is attending a PhD degree in Agronomy and Forestry Sciences at the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD), in Portugal, in the subject “Towards a sustainable control of arthropod pests in Douro Demarcated Region vineyards with emphasis on the grape berry moth, *Lobesia botrana* (Denis & Schiffermüller)”. On this area, she studied the development of degree-day models to support the management of this pest, the enhancement of conservation biological control using ecological infrastructures and the adaptation of mating disruption to Douro Region conditions. She specialized herself on functional biodiversity in viticulture. She started her professional activity at ADVID in 1999, giving technical support to growers on IPM and training them on sustainable pest management and since 2013, she is in charge for the technical management at ADVID and for the management of several R&D national or international projects.

**Ivo Nardi** is CEO of Perlage Wines Canteen, founded in 1985. Perlage is the first and unique certified organic winery in the Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG area (Veneto Region). Ivo Nardi graduated in agricultural sciences in 1984 at the University of Florence. After graduation, he attended a course on technical and commercial consulting on organic farming. From 1984 to 1990, he worked for Toscana and Emilia Romagna Regions as a freelance consultant on several projects related to pedological surveys. Meanwhile, he was dedicated to Perlage winery’s organic conversion. He collaborated with the University of Florence as a soil expert for a project in Malindi (Kenya). In 2013 Ivo Nardi was nominated President of the Wine & Spirits category for Unindustria Treviso (Industrialists' Association), a part of the National Association of Italian Entrepreneurs.

**Vittorio Veronelli** is CEO of CBC (Europe), the Italian branch of Japanese worldwide multinational CBC Group, active in the biocontrol with its BIOGARD® Division and other companies worldwide. BIOGARD® is serving the agriculture industry with the widest range of unique biocontrol products industry in Italy and the whole of Europe. CBC collaborates since the ‘80s to market and develop pheromone-based biocontrol products manufactured by ShinEtsu Chemicals Co. Ltd., a world leader in

this area. Vittorio joined the CBC Group in 1988 as General Manager of the Italian operation and started to work in biocontrol from 1989 when some of the first commercial formulations for Mating Disruption appeared in the Italian market. He entered IBMA in 1998 and actively participated in the organization joining the Executive Committee and being member of the previous board.

**Martin Suchánek** is CEO of BIOPREPARATY spol. s r.o., from the Czech Republic. He founded this company in 1997 and he is the owner and the managing director. He is also the managing director of the sister company Bio Agens Research and Development (BARD). BIOPREPARATY produces biological plant protection products for conventional, integrated and organic farming. The company has a long tradition in the market for plant protection products and aims at offering to the final users - farmers - plant protection products on a natural base, which are as effective as synthetic plant protection products. The company also builds on a long-term research of the positive effects of the microorganism *Pythium oligandrum*. BIOPREPARATY exports to EU and non-EU countries, China, Morocco and Costa Rica.

**Herbert Dorfmann** is Member of the European Parliament for the South Tyrolean People's Party since 2009. He is a member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and of the Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan, EU-Uzbekistan and EU-Tajikistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and for relations with Turkmenistan and Mongolia, and he is a substitute member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. In 2014 he was appointed President of the European Parliamentary Association and since 2015 he is chair of the Intergroup Wine, Spirits and Quality Foodstuffs. Before entering in the European Parliament, Dorfmann worked as agronomist and served as mayor of Feldthurns (South Tyrol) from 2005 to 2009.

**Marco Zullo** is Member of the European Parliament for the Movimento 5 Stelle (Five Star Movement) for the North East constituency, where he sits in the Europe for Freedom and Direct Democracy group. He is a full member of the Committee on Agriculture and rural development and of the Committee on Internal market and consumer protection. He is also vice-chair of the Intergroup on wine, spirits and quality food as well as a member of the Sustainable food systems group. He is rapporteur for his group on the new regulation on Organic farming, on the regulation on "fruit and milk in schools" scheme and on the parliamentary resolution on Expo 2015, as well as many other procedures.

**Eric Andrieu** is Member of the European Parliament since 2012 for the French Socialist Party and for the Grand Sud-Ouest and he sits with the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats (S&D). As member of the Agriculture committee, he was rapporteur for the Parliament on the report entitled "How the CAP can improve job creation in rural areas" and he is shadow rapporteur for the S&D Group on the organic production and labelling of organic products regulation. He is also Vice-chair of the Intergroup Wine, Spirits and Quality Foodstuff. Since the 1st of February 2017, Eric Andrieu is the S&D coordinator for Agriculture and Rural development.

**Ivan Jakovcic** is Member of the European Parliament and he is member of the Committee on Regional Development and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development. He is vice-chair of the Delegation to the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee. He is also member of the group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe.