



## **Integrated Pest Management - the way forward to Sustainable Agricultural Production** *Commemorating the 50 years anniversary of Rachel Carson's "The Silent Spring"*

**Draft Program** : 19 June 2012

### **9.00 Opening speeches**

Chaired by Francois Veillerette, president of PAN Europe

- Ida Auken, Danish minister of environment and chair of the EU council, *"Reducing pesticide dependency across the EU, it can and shall be done"*
- Janez Potecnik, European Commissioner responsible for Environment, *"IPM an essential tool to ensure the needed resource efficiency"*
- John Dalli, European Commissioner responsible for Health *"IPM an essential tool in the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive"*
- Alina Stefania Utapan, member of the cabinet of Commissioner Ciolos, *"Incentives and innovation at the heart of Commission policy to foster the use of Sustainable practices in EU agriculture and the food chain"* (confirmed)

### **10.30-12.00 The state of the environment in a resource-constrained world**

Chaired by Dan Joergensen (MEP) vice president of the ENVI committee (confirmed)

- David Pimentel, *"50 years after the Silent Spring: successes and future challenges."*
- Jock Martin, programme manager integrated environmental assessments of the European Environment Agency, *'the state of the environment'*

### **12.00-13.00 The need for a paradigm change in European agriculture**

Chaired by MEP

- Erik Matijs, professor at university of Leuven, *"Sustainable food consumption and production in a resource-constrained world, 3<sup>rd</sup> SCAR foresight exercise."* (confirmed)
- David Baldock, Institute of Environmental Policy, *"The potential of the Common Agricultural Policy in reducing chemical dependency"* (confirmed)

### **14.30-16.00 IPM/sustainable agriculture the key for the European innovative partnership in agriculture**

Chaired by **DG AGRI**

- Franz Bigler, *"Pesticide reduction – what are the alternatives?" – an overview* (confirmed)
- Karel Bolckmans, IBMA, *"Future promising technologies that require further research – why IPM is smart, sustainable and inclusive growth"* (confirmed)

### **16.30-18.00 Ensuring a successful conversion to sustainable agriculture, what is IPM**

Chaired by Pavel Poc (MEP), member of the European Parliament (confirmed)

- Different strategies in relation to content of and incentives for adoption of IPM, an overview by Frank Wijnands, Wageningen UR (confirmed)
- LIVE wine cooperative, Oregon, United States (LIVE is one of IOBC endorsed organ.)
- Implementing IPM as a cooperative: experiences, successes and challenges by Chris Serra.
- When a group of farmers engage seriously in reducing pesticide dependency experience by Bertrand Omon, chambre d'agriculture Eure, France

### **Who are we:**

**IOBC/WPRS** is an International Organisation of progressive European researchers and other knowledgeable people investigating the use of sustainable, environmentally safe, economically feasible socially acceptable control methods of pests and diseases of agricultural crops. Therefore IOBC/WPRS encourages collaboration in the development and promotion of Biological and Integrated Pest Management. IOBC/WPRS fosters research and practical application, training and information exchange, especially of all methods including biological control within an integrated pest management context. IOBC/WPRS produces guidelines for integrated production of agricultural crops, collaborates with different stakeholders to develop sustainable agricultural production systems and standardises methods of testing effects of pesticides on beneficial species with the aim to foster biodiversity and ecological services as a natural resource.

**IBMA** is the association of biocontrol industries producing solutions : microorganisms, macroorganisms, semiochemicals and natural products for plant protection. Based on long years of intensive research and development, the "Biocontrol industry" is now growing fast and can offer safe and cost- effective solutions to the entire food chain. IBMA was created in 1995 to represent the views of the developing biological control manufacturers, which are mainly SME's with limited resources, research organisations, extension services, consultants, distributors, contributing to the development of biocontrol and participating in IBMA activities.

**PAN Europe** is an NGO working to minimise negative effects and replace the use of hazardous chemicals with ecologically sound alternatives. Our network brings together public health, and environmental organisations and women's groups from across 19 European countries. We work to eliminate dependency on chemical pesticides and to support safe sustainable pest control methods.