Symposium “Feeding Europe with fewer pesticides”
9.00 – 13.00, European Parliament, room ASP 5E1

09.00 - Welcome by Benedek Jávor, Vice-chair of the ENVI Committee
09.05 - Welcome by Michael Hamell, Professor of Agriculture, University College Dublin
09.15 - What is being done on pesticide related issues during the Italian Presidency, Silvia Nicoli, agricultural expert from the Permanent Representation of Italy
09.20 - Pesticides and retailers: the Euro Coop perspective and the Coop Denmark case study - Rosita Zilli (Euro Coop) and Malene Teller Blume (Coop Denmark)
09.35 - Pesticide impacts and alternatives - A scientific perspective - Kirsten Thompson (Scientist, Greenpeace Research Laboratories)
09.45 - Integrated pest management: the future is already here by Ilaria Pertot and Andrea Lucchi (vice presidents of IOBC-wprs)
10.00 - A serious implementation of the EU Directive on Sustainable Use of Pesticides (SUDP), ways forward - Henriette Christensen (PAN) and David Cary (executive director of IBMA)

10.15 - 10.30 - Break

10.30 - 11.40 - Success stories about farmers reducing pesticide use

- Mauro Varner, Cantine Mezzacorona (Viticulture advisor)
- August Jost (Maize grower from Austria)
- Felix Wäckers (Professor, Lancaster University, Director R&D Biobest)
- Erich Stekovics (Vegetable grower from Austria)

Questions and debate with David Baldock (IEEP), Noa Simon (Utrecht University), Pavel Poc (MEP, Vice-chair of ENVI Committee), Herbert Dorfmann (MEP) and Marco Zullo (MEP)

11.40 – 12.50 Ways forward to reduce pesticide use in the EU

- What is European Commission SANCO doing to implement the SUDP by Ladislav Miko (Acting Director General, DG Sanco)
- How can the Common Agricultural Policy, especially the Farm Advisory Service, help implementation of SUDP by Joost Korte (Deputy Director General, DG AGRI)

Panel discussions with David Baldock (IEEP), Michael Hamell (University College Dublin), Pavel Poc (MEP, Vice-chair of ENVI Committee), Nicola Caputo (ME) and Karin Kadenbach (MEP)

12.50 - Conclusion by Michael Hamell