

SUPD Symposium 2015 “Feeding Europe while reducing pesticide dependency”

19 November 2015, 9:30 - 17:00
European Parliament - Room: JAN 4Q2

4th Symposim “Feeding Europe while reducing pesticide dependency”

European Parliament, JAN Entrance on the Solidarosc Esplanade, Brussels: Room JAN 4Q2

Hosted by: **Pavel Poc**, Member of the European Parliament

Simultaneous interpretation: EN-IT, EN-NL

09.30-09.50 Welcome by **Michael Hamell**, Professor of Agriculture, University College Dublin (chair and moderator) and **Pavel Poc**, Member of the European Parliament

09.50-10.50

- o **Ladislav Miko**, Deputy Director General DG Santé, European Commission report on the implementation of the Sustainable Use Directive
- o **Anita Conijn**, Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, Head of Unit Plant health and Phytosanitary Market access, Pesticide policies - the Dutch example
- o **Vincent van Bol**, Coordination of the Belgian Federal Reduction Plan of Pesticides, Federal Belgian Ministry of Health, The way forward for Belgian towns – a way to ensure serious implementation of the SUD

Questions and answer

10.50-11.05 Coffee break

11.05-11.45 Sustainability and innovation a business perspective

- o **Willem Ravensberg**, producer of biological control products
- o **Philippe Rothgerber**, fruit and wine grower
- o **Rosita Zilli**, Euro Coop

Questions and answer

11.45-13.00 Sustainable use of pesticides as a growth model for Europe

- o **Wyn Grant**, University of Warwick, The Benefits of Sustainable Agriculture
- o **Jesper Lund Larsen**, Danish workers union, Healthy workers a key in Europe’s growth model

Debate with respondent MEPs **Pavel Poc**, **Jytte Guteland**, **Javor Benedek**, **Damiano Zoffoli**

13.00-14.30 Lunch



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- 14.30-15.30 Towards sustainable apple growing – Current reality and farmers’ success stories**
- o **Claudio Ioriatti**, and **Alberto Dorigoni**, IOBC-WPRS, History of biocontrol and IPM on apple, outlook on future research challenges
 - o **Marco Contiero**, Greenpeace Agriculture Policy Director, Pesticide use in European agriculture - apple production as a case study
 - o **Alessandro Dal Piaz**, Freshfel, Director of Assomela and Italian apple grower, How field practice uptakes research innovation
 - o **Danny Billens**, Belgium, organic apple grower
- Debate with respondent **MEPs Herbert Dorfmann, Marco Zullo** – also participating **Alessandro Rossi**, European Commission DG AGRI, Unit on horticultural products
- 15.30-15.45** Coffee break
- 15.45-16.45 Implementation of the Sustainable Use Directive**
- o **Henriette Christensen**, PAN Europe, time for a serious revision of National Action Plans
 - o **David Cary**, IBMA, The low-risk concept in regards to the Sustainable Use Directive
- Debate with respondent **MEPs Karin Kadenbach, Pavel Poc, Rosa d’Amato** – also participating **Patrizia Pitton**, European Commission DG SANTE
- 16.45 Conclusion by Michael Hamell**
- 17.00** End of symposium



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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.

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