



## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### 9.00 start of meeting

- Welcome by **Drahoslav Lančarič**, the Vice Rector of the university,
- **Michal Wiezik**, co-host, Member of the European Parliament (EPP),
- **Martin Hojsik**, co-host, Member of the European Parliament (Renew Europe)

### 9.30 Keynote speeches

- *A pesticide perspective on the EU Green Deal* by **Ladislav Miko**, Head of the European Commission's Representation in Slovakia
- *The Common Agricultural Policy reform and how it will ensure the needed Ecological Transition* by **Jorge Antunes**, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski, agriculture and rural development (remote tbc)
- *Healthy soil for a healthy planet* by **David Powelson**, Lawes Trust Senior Fellow, Rothamsted Research

### 10.30 Technical session on alternatives to chemical pesticides in arable crops

- *European researchers towards pesticide free agriculture* by **Christian Huyghe**, French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE)
- *The organic sector in Slovakia*, **Lucia Paľšová**, University of Nitra
- *How I reduced my pesticide use by 50% in 5 years and what it means for me* by **Jean-Bernard Lozier**, French IPM farmer
- *How I reduced by pesticide use by 100% converting to organic farming practices* by Slovak organic farmer

### 11.30 How to ensure serious pesticide use reductions in Slovakia

- **Daniel Lešinský**, CEPTA
- **Bronislava Škarbová**, Slovakian Ministry of agriculture (tbc)
- **Andrew Owen Griffiths**, DG SANTE HoU
- **Michal Wiezik**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Martin Hojsík**, Member of the European Parliament

## 12.15 Debate with participants

## 13.00 End

This symposium will be web-streamed in Slovakian and English on our websites:

[www.ibma-global.org](http://www.ibma-global.org)

[www.pan-europe.info](http://www.pan-europe.info)

**Presentations of earlier years SUD symposiums:**

<https://www.pan-europe.info/events/annual-symposium>

### **Who are we? An innovative partnership consisting of:**

**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. IOBC/WPRS fosters research and practical application, training and information exchange, especially of all methods including biological control as part of integrated pest management. 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.



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