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MON. 9^{am} – 1^{pm}
**S U A
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8TH SYMPOSIUM IN SLOVAKIA: GOING LOCAL
ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION STARTS WITH AGRONOMY
INCREASING IPM UPTAKE AND SIGNIFICANT
PESTICIDE DEPENDENCY REDUCTIONS
IN SLOVAKIAN AND ENGLISH

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The meeting will be chaired by **Karin Ulmer**, Act Alliance EU

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)
- *The Common Agricultural Policy reform – what Member States want* by the Croatian presidency of the EU

10.30 Technical session on alternatives to chemical pesticides in arable crops

- *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 Lešínský**, CEPTA
- **Lucia Pašová**, Slovak University of Agriculture, Nitra
- **Bronislava Škarbová**, Slovakian Ministry of agriculture (tbc)
- **Andrew Owen Griffiths**, DG SANTE HoU
- **Pavel Poc**, former Member of the European Parliament and PEST Committee
- **Michal Wiezik**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Martin Hojsík**, Member of the European Parliament

12.15 Debate with participants

13.00 End

Presentations of earlier years SUD symposiums:

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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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