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Opening session – Innovation in a time of policy change



Dr. Paul Seward

I was raised on a small farm in UK, where I developed a love for farming, nature, and the outdoor life. After leaving school, I travelled extensively, and worked on a number of farms where I further developed my interest in agriculture, and international development. I then studied Agricultural Science (Crop Science) at Leeds University, and did my PhD in Soil Science/Plant nutrition at the University of Reading (UK).

After University, I worked for a Fertilizer Company (now Yara), as a scientist in their Centre for Plant Nutrition and Environmental Research in Germany, to develop new innovative fertilizers. In 1992, I joined the Tropical Soil Biology and Fertility Programme (TSBF), based in Nairobi, where I assisted to co-ordinate soil fertility research by scientists in National Agricultural Research Institutes and Universities in East and Southern Africa. After 3 years at TSBF I returned to work in the fertilizer research Centre in Germany, but continued to advise, on a voluntary basis, a Kenyan NGO on how to improve soil fertility, how to rapidly create demand for, and how to help small-holder farmers gain access to the appropriate fertilizers to improve their food security. This proved to be successful and in 2000, I returned to live in Kenya to scale up this work in partnership with private sector Farm Input Supply Companies.

In 2003, I founded and started to work for Farm Input Promotions Africa Ltd. (FIPS-Africa) which is a not-for-profit Kenyan Company dedicated to improving the food security and livelihoods of small-holder farmers in East Africa. For 15 years, I travelled widely within the Region to work with, and learn from, numerous smallholder farmers and to assist develop a private sector-led Extension Approach to catalyze the adoption of the appropriate farm inputs to improve the productivity of a diverse range of crops and livestock. This Extension Approach, which involves the selection and training of self-employed Village-based Advisors, benefited hundreds of thousands of small-holder farmers in Kenya, and Tanzania, in a sustainable way. I have also advised private sector seed and fertilizer Companies in Nigeria, DR Congo and South Sudan on how to implement the Approach.

For the last 4 years, I have worked for the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) as Head of Extension and Capacity building, based in Nairobi. My main role has been to advise partners on implementation of a private sector-led extension approach to directly improve the crop productivity and incomes of 9 million small-holder farmers in 11 Countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

Jacki Davis



Jacki Davis is a leading commentator and analyst on European Union affairs. She is an experienced journalist, speaker and moderator of high-level events; a regular broadcaster on television and radio news; and a Senior Adviser to the Brussels-based think tank, the European Policy Centre. She has been based in Brussels for nearly 30 years, and was previously the EPC's Communications Director; editor-in-chief of E!Sharp, a magazine on EU affairs; launch editor of European Voice, a Brussels-based newspaper on EU affairs owned by The Economist Group, from 1995-2000 (now Politico); and Brussels correspondent of a British national newspaper.



Diana Lenzi

Diana is a young farmer from Tuscany where since 2008 she manages her family's winery. She cultivates and process grapes to make Chianti Classico wines, olives for EVO and ancient grains for flour and pasta. Diana has been involved and active in Confagricoltura (ANGA) since 2012, when she founded the section for Siena of which she was President for 6 years. Since then she has been President at the regional level and Vice-President at the national level from 2015 to 2019. Following that she became ANGA delegate for CEJA, targeting her experience at EU level. She is since 28 June 2021 CEJA's President.



Livio Tedeschi

Livio has been Senior Vice President EMEA & CIS at BASF's Agricultural Solutions division since 2017 and is a member of the division's Executive Management Team. Since January 2021, Livio has also been appointed as Chairman of CropLife Europe. Prior to his current roles, Livio held several leadership positions at BASF Group, including as Vice President of Global Strategic Marketing Insecticides (Agricultural Solutions division); Director of Innovation Strategy (Corporate Strategy division); Head of Marketing (Chemical Intermediates division), Head of Marketing and Product Manager (Agricultural Solutions division) and Team Leader (Global Re-search).

Livio holds an Executive MBA from ESSEC Business School (France); a post-doctoral degree in Organic Chemistry from the Imperial College London (UK); a PhD in Organic Synthesis from RWTH-Aachen (Germany) as well as a Master of Science in Chemistry from La Sapienza University in Rome (Italy).

Livio is married and has an exceptional passion for classical music and arts.



Sébastien Treyer

Sébastien Treyer is Executive Director of IDDRI, since January 2019 (he joined the institute in 2010 as Director of Programmes). He is also Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the French Global Environment Facility (FFEM) and member of the Lead Faculty of the Earth System Governance Network. A graduate from École Polytechnique, chief engineer of the Corps of Bridges, Water and Forests, and PhD in environmental management, he was in charge of foresight studies at the French Ministry of the Environment, and played an active role in leading the interface between science and policy and scientific programming at the European Commission, the French National Research Agency, and territorial actors such as the Seine Normandy Water Agency. Sébastien Treyer speaks French, English, German, Spanish and Arabic.

Session 2 – 10 years after 1107 entry into force – Where are we?

Part 1 - Active Substances



Karin Nienstedt

Dr. Karin Nienstedt leads the Sector Pesticides – placing on the market in the unit “Pesticides and Biocides” of the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission. Before joining the European Commission in 2010, she worked in the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) as scientific officer for the PPR Panel. She also worked several years in academia and in a GLP-contract research facility on topics related to crop protection and ecotoxicology.



Jean Pierre Busnardo

Jean-Pierre Busnardo is a former European Regulatory Affairs Leader for Corteva agri-science in Brussels. An agronomist by background, he started his career in Africa where he conducted agronomic research on tropical food crops. He joined the crop protection industry in 1986 and worked for various companies before joining DuPont in 1993. He has held portfolio regulatory assignments at national, European and global levels before working in Regulatory Affairs from 2003. Jean-Pierre was a member of the Crop Protection Regulatory and Outreach Policy Team at CropLife Europe.



Manuela Tiramani

Manuela Tiramani was appointed Head of the Pesticide Peer Review Unit (PREV) of the European Food Safety Authority in January 2019. Manuela joined EFSA in 2005 as scientific officer for mammalian toxicology in the Pesticide Unit, where she afterwards took the position of team leader responsible for mammalian toxicology risk assessment and non dietary exposure assessment. Before joining the PREV Unit, Manuela has guided the EFSA FEED Unit from 2015 to 2018 for a total of 4 years. Manuela graduated from the university of Milano as medical doctor, with a focus on occupational health, industrial hygiene and toxicology.



Martyn Griffiths

Dr. Griffiths graduated from University of Newcastle Upon Tyne and obtained his doctorate in field of liquid fertilisers from Harper Adams College. His involvement in crop protection started 32 years ago with Schering. After 5 years of field development experience, he moved to Frankfurt, Germany with AgrEvo, where he held a number of positions including responsibility for registrations in China, Taiwan and Korea. With the formation of Bayer CropScience, he has worked in the EMEA Regulatory Science team in Lyon, France and his current position is Distinguished Science Fellow and Senior Regulatory Scientific Affairs Manager in EMEA Regulatory Science. He is chairman of CropLife Europe's General Food Law team and a member of the SUD review and Regulatory Policy Teams.



Ingrid Becks

Ingrid Becks studied biological health sciences and obtained a PhD from the University of Maastricht. As of July 1, 2019, she has been appointed as Secretary/Director of the Ctgb, the Dutch competent authority for Plant Protection Products and Biocides. She joined the Ctgb in 2003 as a human toxicologist and performed the risk assessments of active substances and plant protection products. In 2011 she became team manager and several years later she joined the management team. Formerly she worked as a human toxicologist at Numico Research (currently Danone), assessing the safety of food supplements.

Part 2 - Products



Markus Kruse

Dr. Markus Kruse is EU Product Registration Lead in Syngenta based in Maintal / Germany. He graduated from the University of Hohenheim and obtained his doctorate in agronomy working in the area of efficiency in use of light and nitrogen of plant production systems. His involvement in crop protection started 24 years ago with DuPont where he held positions in product development, marketing, sales and registration on country and European level for about 19 years. After two years of leading the North European Business Unit regulatory team in CORTEVA he joined Syngenta in 2019 in his current position. He is engaged in Crop Life Europe activities since almost 10 years and currently is a member of the Product Authorisation Expert group.



Mike Carroll

Mike Carroll has worked in the crop protection industry for the past 32 years with eight years previous experience in the pharmaceutical industry. Currently he is in charge of regulatory affairs at Eden Research in the UK and is piloting three active substances and two formulations through the EU and US regulatory systems at the same time. Prior to Eden Mike worked for TSG Consulting, Arysta, Dow AgroSciences and Monsanto. He has worked in the UK, Belgium, Germany and the USA and has citizenship of both Ireland and the UK.



Camilla Thorin

Camilla Thorin has a master in agriculture from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. She has been working at the Swedish Chemicals Agency since 2006, first with efficacy evaluations of plant protection products and later on with coordination and Nordic-Baltic co-operation regarding evaluation of plant protection products. Is during 2022 chair of the Northern Zone Steering Committee.



Anne-Marie Dillon

Anne-Marie Dillon is head of the Pesticide Controls Division of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, which is the Competent Authority in Ireland for plant protection product and biocide regulations. She has worked in the area of pesticide regulation for the last 20 years. She studied Agricultural Science in University College Dublin.

Session 3 – Benefits of global standards for trade



Steve Wearne

Steve Wearne has had a number of Director roles in the Food Standards Agency. He was Director of the FSA in Wales from 2007 until 2013 and then Director of Policy & Science. Steve became Director, Global Affairs in September 2019, a role that incorporates his current position of Vice-Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the global food safety and quality standards setting body.

In November 2021, Steve was elected Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

Steve is a scientist by training, with a degree in biochemistry and a spell of postgraduate research in molecular biology. Steve joined the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in 1990 and held a range of posts in food science and food policy development, before transferring to the Agency when it was launched in 2000. His first post in the Agency was head of the Private Office and Private Secretary to the first Chair of the FSA, Sir John Krebs (now Lord Krebs).



Jacki Davis

Jacki Davis is a leading commentator and analyst on European Union affairs. She is an experienced journalist, speaker and moderator of high-level events; a regular broadcaster on television and radio news; and a Senior Adviser to the Brussels-based think tank, the European Policy Centre. She has been based in Brussels for nearly 30 years, and was previously the EPC's Communications Director; editor-in-chief of E!Sharp, a magazine on EU affairs; launch editor of European Voice, a Brussels-based newspaper on EU affairs owned by The Economist Group, from 1995-2000 (now Politico); and Brussels correspondent of a British national newspaper.



Randal Giroux

Randal Giroux is a senior leader in Cargill's Food Safety, Quality, and Regulatory (FSQR) organization and currently serves as Cargill's Global Regulatory Leader. Over his 20 year tenure with the company, Dr. Giroux has held a broad range of leadership roles across R&D, Regulatory Affairs, and the Business Operations and Supply Chain (BOSC) Function. He has led Global FSQR teams in Cargill's Global Poultry Group and Cargill's Agricultural Supply Chain Enterprise (Grains and Oilseeds, Sugar, Palm, and World Trading).

Harnessing his passion and expertise in enabling a Global Food System, Dr Giroux is a recognized thought leader in agriculture, working strategically across Cargill's global food and agricultural businesses and representing Cargill broadly in the food and agricultural sector with industry, governments, and NGOs. He holds a number of leadership positions in key international and national industry associations and serves on several science and trade advisory committees.

Before joining Cargill, Dr. Giroux was a National Program Manager with the Canadian Grain Commission and previous to this public service; he was a National Needs Fellow with USDA-ARS. Randal graduated with a PhD in Agriculture from the University of Guelph (OAC) and earned a Masters In Science from the University of Toronto.



Sébastien Goux

Sébastien Goux joined the European Commission in 2005 and is currently deputy Head of Unit "Multilateral international relations" of the Directorate-General Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE). His unit is responsible for the representation of the EU to the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the WTO/SPS Committee.

Sébastien previously worked for the Belgian Ministry of Health for 5 years where he was contributing to the implementation of the Novel Food legislation. He graduated as Engineer in Chemistry and Agriculture and holds a PhD in Agricultural Sciences.



Teresa Babuscio

Teresa works as EMEA Lead Public Affairs for Crop Protection and Trade at Bayer, focusing on the approval as well as the phase out of active substances in the EU, together with related trade aspects for the EMEA region (Europe, Middle East and Africa). She drives purpose, connecting with a different range of stakeholders.

Teresa is active in both Crop Life International (CLI) as chair of the Task Force on MRLs and Trade and in Crop Life Europe as Chair of the Trade Expert Group.

In the immediate past 13 years before joining Bayer in 2018, she has worked in the agricultural commodities trading sector, both at EU and global level, as Managing Director of the related EU industry group (COCERAL) and Vice President of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC). Before working in in the European landscape, Teresa was a university lecturer in Rome and in the USA on food law. She also served the European Commission, DG SANCO (Legal Unit) as blue book trainee.

Teresa is Italian and holds a Ph.D. in Food, Agriculture and Environmental Law together with an Executive Education diploma from the Melbourne Business School.

She speaks English, French and Spanish. Passive in German. Teresa is a salsa dancer and enjoys travelling, cooking and reading.



Deborah Piovan

Graduated in 1994 in Agrarian Sciences at the University of Pisa, with honors. Works as a farmer and communicator. Runs the 450 hectares family farm with her sisters, growing wheat, soy-beans, walnuts, sugar-beets, peas, peanuts President of Nogalba, walnut growers association. President of the National Federation of protein and oil crops of Confagricoltura's farmers Union. Member of the scientific Academies: Italian Society for Genetics in Agriculture (SIGA), and Georgofili Academy. Member of the general council of the Luca Coscioni Association for the freedom of scientific research. Member and Agricultural Innovation Champion of the Farmers and Scientists Network. Until Dec. 2021 spokesperson of the *Cibo per la Mente* (Food for Thought) Manifesto for innovation in farming (<https://en.ciboperlamente.eu>)

Session 4 – Innovative toolbox for the future

Part 1 - Biopesticides



Domenico Deserio

Domenico Deserio is a Policy Officer in the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission (DG SANTE). He is responsible for policies related to micro-organisms used as active substances in plant protection products. Within the EU Biopesticide Working Group, he is currently working on the amendment of Regulations concerning placing on the market of microbiological active substances and plant protection products. He holds a Master of Biotechnology from the University of Bari (Italy), and completed his thesis on food microbiology. Moreover, he achieved an advanced post graduate Master by Research of Agricultural Science at the University of Adelaide (Australia), carrying out his research on plant genomics and plant pathology.

Arne Pingel



Arne Pingel has been the elected Vice-President of the European Biostimulant Industry Council (EBIC) since 2020. EBIC's mission is to ensure biostimulant technologies are valued as integral to sustainable agriculture, while securing an enabling regulatory framework for all of them.

An experienced marketing professional with a strong focus on biostimulants, Arne leads Syngenta Biologicals' Global Biostimulant Marketing Team with the goal to make agriculture more sustainable, crops more efficient and soils healthier. His passion lies in helping growers to increase the return of their toil and investments, even when under adverse growing conditions, and to feed the world's population in an affordable and sustainable way.

Currently based in Switzerland, and with 27 years of experience in agriculture, Arne has worked in Europe, Japan, the Middle East and China.



Virginie Alavoine

Virginie ALAVOINE is a veterinarian by training and she quickly decided to move towards a career in the service of public health. So she joined the administration in 1992 as a veterinary public health inspector.

Virginie devoted the first part of my career to the implementation as closely as possible to the actors and operators, of health policies, animal welfare, food safety, economic protection of consumers, fairness of transactions in health and the protection of plants, economy of the agricultural and agri-food sectors and training in agricultural professions. In post since September 2019 at the General Directorate for Food, she manages the health actions department. This service draws up regulations and the conditions for their implementation in the areas of food safety, animal health and well-being, plant health and protection. Plant protection obviously concerns the rules for the use of plant protection products and in particular the protection of users and local residents and the development of alternative solutions for integrated crop protection.

Benoit Hartman



As head of biologics research and development (R&D) for Bayer, Division of Crop Science, Benoit Hartmann leads the company's effort to identify and develop innovative biological solutions for global agriculture markets. He serves as a senior vice president and is a member of the global R&D leadership team at Bayer. His > 25 years of experience with Bayer includes leading teams involved in the development of fungicides for horticulture and row crops, he most recently headed the company's global fungicide research activities. Benoit is the author of more than 60 publications and patents and has given 20 lectures at universities and international conferences. He earned a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Grenoble in France, did postdoctoral studies at the University of Texas in Austin, TX.

Jennifer Lewis



Jennifer Lewis is Executive Director of the International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association (IBMA). She is keen to show the world that biocontrol is a cornerstone of IPM that can be used successfully and profitably in all crops worldwide. She advocates for a tailor-made biology focused regulation with dedicated expert evaluators for biocontrol that could speed up the availability of biocontrol for European farmers.

An agronomy graduate with an MBA and an alumnus of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, Jennifer has held senior marketing, regulatory and general management positions in the UK and Europe with both biological SMEs and leading multinational crop protection companies. She has worked on the environmental effects of pesticides in Brazil, US, UK and Australia.

She lives in the UK with her family and an assortment of animals.



Doris Marquardt

Dr. Doris Marquardt, European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Unit B2, Research and Innovation. Dr. Doris Marquardt works for the European Commission, in the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development since July 2019 focussing on the digitalisation of the agricultural sector and rural areas and at Research and Innovation. She completed her PhD in agricultural policies at the Martin-Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany and holds a diploma (Msc) in Environmental Planning from the Technical University of Munich, Weihenstephan. She held positions at the European Environment Agency, the German Permanent Representation, the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the European Network for Rural Development Contact Point, the Germany-based Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe, the Center of Rural Economy in Newcastle, United Kingdom, and the European Academy in Bolzano, Italy. She has experiences in the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy in several EU Member States, including Romania, Italy and Germany. She served as expert in policy design, agriculture, and rural and regional development in the wider European region in projects commissioned by, e.g. the World Bank, UNEP and FAO.



Rose O'Donovan

Rose O'Donovan has been Editor of AGRA FACTS since March 2010, having previously served as Deputy Editor on the agricultural publication for nearly three years. Prior to working as a journalist, she dealt with international relations on the EU satellite navigation programme at the Galileo Joint Undertaking. Following the completion of a Master of Science at University College Cork (Ireland), Rose moved to Brussels in 2004 to work as an intern in the Cabinet of former European Parliament President, Pat Cox. Hailing from a farming background in West Cork, Rose has a keen interest in the evolution of Irish & European agricultural & trade policy and regularly appears as a moderator in the Brussels' conference circuit.



Anne Alix

Anne Alix worked in the area of plant protection products risk assessment for 22 years. After a PhD in Integrated Pest Management at the University of Rennes, Anne joined the French National Institute on Research in Agronomy (INRA) as an ecotoxicologist in the scientific unit for the risk assessment of crop protection products. Anne was nominated head of the Environment and Ecotoxicology risk assessment unit at the French Agency on the safety of Food (AFSSA, now ANSES), where she initiated scientific collaborations with the pesticide unit of EFSA. Anne then joined the French Ministry of Agriculture as the deputy head of the Section for Regulation of Plant Protection Products and fertilizers, in charge of the implementation of risk mitigation measures for pesticides and of post registration monitoring. Anne joined Dow AgroSciences, now Corteva Agriscience, in 2011, as Policy and Risk Management Leader for Europe, Middle East and Africa.



Daniel Azevedo

Daniel Azevedo is a Director in the Commodities and Trade team of Copa and Cogeca, an agricultural lobby representing almost 70 national farm organizations and cooperatives in Europe. He is a natural resources engineer graduated in the University of Évora (Portugal) currently the coordinator of Copa and Cogeca Task Force on agricultural technology. He has previously been working for DG Agriculture and Rural Development after specializing on agro-environmental measures in SLU university (Sweden). Mr. Azevedo comes from a family producing wine and olive oil in Vila Real (Douro Region) in Portugal.



Peter Hloben

Dr. Agr. Peter Hloben born in 1978 in Prague, Czech Republic (former Czechoslovakia). Has a background is mechanical engineering and business with machinery studies. In 2007, he obtained a doctorate degree in agricultural engineering at university of Bonn. (PhD thesis topic: Direct Injection of Plant Protection Products in Combination with Automatic Weed Detection Systems). He has been working for Deere & Co since 2006 as a Product Engineer for sprayer solution systems. Since 2012 he is responsible for Product Safety & Compliance for the JD Crop Care platform products (Sprayers, Tillage and seeding Equipment) in Europe & CIS. Chairman of project team (PT24) ,“Application Technology” at CEMA (European Association of Ag. Equipment Manufacturers) dealing with EU Regulations (e.g. Machinery Directive, Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive).



Corné Kempenaar

Dr. Corné Kempenaar is senior researcher precision agriculture at Wageningen University & Research, dept. Agro Systems Research, and Professor Smart Farming at Aeres University of Applied Sciences in Dronten. He has an MSc in plant protection and a PhD in Biological Weed control. During his ca. 30-year research career, he contributed to the development of several precision agriculture applications, such as variable rate crop protection, fertilizer use and seeding, and autonomous navigation in arable crops. This all has resulted on several apps on Akkerweb GIS data platform. Currently, he is coordinating public private R&D projects on precision farming (PA2.0, DISAC and PA4.0). He also coordinates the National Fieldlab Precision Farming (NPPL) and involved in the Farm of the Future project. Since 2020, he is board member of the Dutch Pesticide Admission Authority CTGB.

Session 5A: SUD state of play and expectations



Andrew Owen-Griffiths

Andrew OWEN-GRIFFITHS is Head of the Unit 'Plants and Organics' in DG Health and Food Safety of the European Commission responsible for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive and achieving the F2F targets on pesticide use and risk reduction. The Unit is also responsible for audits carried out in Member States and exporting countries on other aspects of pesticide legislation, but also Plant Health, GMOS, Biocides, Contaminants, Organic Farming and Geographical Indicators. He qualified in the UK as an Environmental Health officer and has worked in food safety implementation in both private and public sectors in the UK and Dubai before joining the European Commission in 2000. When not working he runs, canoes and tries to keep the Directorate Football team in order.



Pedro Gallardo

Pedro Ignacio Gallardo Barrena is a fourth generation farmer in Andalusia, southern Spain. The agricultural activity has about 250 hectares and the main crops are: sunflower, rapeseed, wheat, durum wheat and broad beans.

Born in Puerto Real, he lives with his two children on the farm. He studied Business Administration at the University of the UCA and since 1996 acquired technical knowledge about agriculture at ASAJA. His family has been a member of ASAJA for three generations. He is the President of ASAJA Cádiz, Vice President of ASAJA National, Vice President of COPA (COPA-COGECA) and many other working groups.

Awards during the professional career:

Most innovative project for young farmers in ASAJA SPAIN: "Early sunflower sowing" project, organized by ASAJA, Madrid, January 23, 2014.

Most innovative project at the 2nd EPP European Congress of Young Producers, European Parliament Brussels, January 29, 2014.



Thierry de l'Escaille

Thierry de l'Escaille studied first at the Faculté Universitaire Saint-Louis, Brussels (1976-78), where he obtained the Diploma in Law, and then at the Université Catholique de Louvain (1978-1980), where he obtained the Licence en droit. Since 1979 Thierry de l'Escaille has been running a family farming enterprise active in Belgium and the Netherlands, in particular in vegetables, sugar beet, potatoes, cereals and flowers. Founder of Agriland in 1985. Since 1994, Thierry de l'Escaille is Secretary General of the European Landowners' Organization (ELO) and part of various other organisations.



Anja Klatt

Anja studied biology in Bochum and Tübingen and has a PhD in molecular biology. She started as a researcher in the pharmaceutical sector of BASF. Meanwhile Anja has more than 20 years of experience in the agriculture industry working in the area of public affairs covering the plant biotechnology and the crop protection field. She has been a member of various committees in EuropaBio and ECPA and is now chairing the team dealing with the Sustainable Use Directive in CropLife Europe.



Sebastian Zwan

Attaché in Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU responsible for plant health, phytosanitary issues, GMO & NBT, food safety and animal welfare. Polish civil servant trained at National School of Public Administration with an experience of working in Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration. Graduated from law studies at the University of Warsaw having specialised in EU law.

Session 5B: Key features of the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability



Otto Linher

Mr Otto Linher is a senior expert in the European Commission, DG Internal Market, Industry, Enterprise and SMEs, REACH Unit. He deals with the implementation of the EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and in particular the planned revision of the REACH Regulation. Previously he dealt with the implementation of the REACH regulation, in particular files related to authorisation, restrictions and the relations to the European Chemicals Agency, competitiveness aspects of the chemicals industry, classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals, waste legislation and a number of other environmental files.



Pasquale Falcigno

Pasquale Falcigno is the Global Regulatory Affairs – Global Regulatory Manager Inerts – Crop Protection at BASF based in Switzerland.



Blanca Serrano Ramon

Dr. Blanca Serrano is currently Director at the European Council of the Chemical Industry (Cefic) dealing with Product Stewardship issues related to Nanomaterials, Polymers, Microplastics and the Classification, labelling and Packaging Regulation (CLP). She joined Cefic in 2015 and has extensive experience in chemical regulatory affairs from her previous role as Product Stewardship Coordinator in FEIQUE, the Spanish Chemical Industry Association.

Dr. Serrano has published a number of scientific articles in peer reviewed journals and two patents. She received her PhD in the Technical University of Eindhoven (The Netherlands) in 2008 as part of the Polymer Technology Department, specializing during that time in nanotechnology.



Giulia Sebastio

Giulia Sebastio is Scientific and Regulatory affairs manager at DUCC - the Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-ordination group. DUCC is a platform of 11 associations, including CropLife Europe, re-presenting downstream industries. The objective of the group are to contribute with a common voice to the implementation of REACH and CLP.

Giulia is a Chemist and has been involved in key REACH and CLP topics for over four years. Before this, she was in the food sector, and also worked at Syngenta in Singapore.

As DUCC manger she aims to bring together the voices of all DUCC members towards cooperation and a unified voice.



Richard Garnett

Dr Richard Garnett has been involved in many aspects of the crop protection industry in Europe and globally from product development through product management to regulatory management. He is currently a consultant on regulatory policy to several organisations including CropLife International. Richard is based in the UK.

Session 6A: Cumulative Risk Assessment



Jane West

Jane West is currently the Head of EAME Regulatory Portfolio for Syngenta Crop Protection AG. Jane studied Agricultural Entomology and Crop Protection Technology prior to starting her career in field development in one of the legacy companies of Syngenta. For the last 25 years Jane has worked in Crop Protection Regulatory Affairs, initially in the UK and then at the European level. Jane has been a member of the CropLife Europe Regulatory and Outreach Policy Team for the past 10 years.



Bennard van Ravenzwaay

In 1988 he received his degree as doctor of Environmental Sciences/Toxicology at University of Wageningen. 1985 - 1987 Preparation of doctoral thesis at the German Cancer Research Centre (DKFZ) Heidelberg (FRG); 1979 - 1985 Study of Environmental Hygiene/Toxicology, University of Wageningen. He worked for 34 years at BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, the last 20 as Senior Vice President of the Department for Experimental Toxicology and Ecology, which included as of 2019 also the metabolome solution provider, BMS, former Metanomics GmbH. He is an associate professor for Reproduction Toxicity of the University of Wageningen, Netherlands.

He is Chairman of the scientific committee Member of the European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology (ECETOC). Moreover, he is member of editorial boards of "Archives of Toxicology", "Chemical Biological Interactions" and "Toxicology Letters". He was Member of the board of trustees of Health and Environment Science Institute (HESI) from 2012 - 2018. He is a Member of the German Society for Pharmacology and Toxicology and a European registered toxicologist as well as SOT-Member. He has a teaching assignment at the University of Kaiserslautern (for industrial toxicology) since 2006.

He is an author of more than 230 peer reviewed papers. Since January 2022 he is an independent consultant for environmental sciences.



Luc Mohimont

Luc Mohimont is a chemical engineer. He worked for the former Belgian Ministry of Agriculture in the area of the registration of plant protection products. He joined EFSA in 2004 and has been coordinating the PPR Panel from 2011 to 2018. His main activities have been dedicated to cumulative risk assessment, from the development of methodologies until their implementation in retrospective assessments.



Stephanos Kirkagalis

Stephanos Kirkagalis works at the European Commission (DG SANTE) as Policy Officer for pesticide residues. He deals with MRL reviews, the EU multi-annual control programme, developments in cumulative risk assessment and the working programmes of the EU Reference Laboratories.



Christian Sieke

Christian Sieke works in the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) since 2003, primarily in the field of pesticide residues dietary risk assessment. He is experienced in normal and cumulative dietary exposure assessments, both on national and European level, involving Monte-Carlo based probabilistic modelling as well as the development of deterministic models used in regulatory context. In addition, he acts as a long-year independent expert in the FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide residues (JMPR), either as Panel Member or Chairman of the Meeting, and member of OECD Residue Chemist Experts Group (RCEG). In previous years, he was involved in the outline of the pesticide residue food monitoring programme for Germany and most recently in the sampling design for pesticide residues in the first German total diet study (BfR MEAL).”

Session 6B: Will the future framework unleash the potential of New Genomic Techniques in the EU?



Irene Sacristán Sánchez

Irene Sacristán Sánchez is head of unit for Biotechnology in the Directorate General Health and Food Safety of the European Commission. She joined the Commission in 2003, spending several years working on the development and negotiation of pharmaceutical legislation. Most recently, Irene was head of the policy development and legislative unit in the European Anti-Fraud Office. Before joining the Commission, she worked as a lawyer in Madrid.



Camilla Liput

Camilla Liput, EMEA Public Affairs Manager for Seeds and Traits for Bayer Camilla has close to 10 years of experience in matters of science, regulatory affairs, issue management and government relations. She closely follows policy developments and advocates for science-based regulations of emerging technologies and existing biotechnologies. She currently chairs the CropLife Europe genome editing working group.



Ana Judith Martín de la Fuente

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Session 8: Conclusions from the event



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