



Who: This Symposium will be hosted by MEP Pavel Poc – Vice Chair of the ENVI Committee

When: 31st January 2018, 15h00 to 19h00

Where: European Parliament, room A5E2

Simultaneous interpretation: EN, IT, FR

The symposium will be web-streamed live followed by local debates organized in a number of universities:

Switzerland: Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), (more info: www.fibl.org)

Germany: IBMA Austrian/Germany and University of Hohenheim

Spain: IBMA Spain and Universitat Politècnica de València

Portugal: Quercus and several Universities (more info: www.quercus.pt)

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee and Cake

- 15.15-15.35** Welcome by our host **Pavel Poc MEP** - Vice Chair of the ENVI Committee
- Introduction by **Michael Hamell**, Professor of Agriculture, University College Dublin - chair and moderator -

15.35-16.30 The arable sector in EU – where are we heading?

- Soil threats in Europe: Status, methods, drivers and effects on ecosystem services - **Luca Montanarella** JRC
- How pesticides are affecting earthworms - **Celine Pelosi** INRA Versailles and soil bacteria and fungi - **Fabrice Martin-Laurent** INRA

Debate: with speakers and MEPs Nicola Caputo and Pavel Poc

16.30- 17. 40 Debate: mainstreaming IPM in arable – what can achieve it now?

- Cereal farmer from France – **Jean-Bernard Lozier**
- Durum wheat producer in Basilicata and member of Cia-Agricoltori Italiani - **Leonardo Moscaritolo**

5 minutes reactions from: **Evert Hamblok** Koppert Pseudomonas product as the first successful microorganism based product widely used in arable crop, **Elisa Beitzen-Heineke** Biocare for

controlling insects' pests with drones and **Paulo Barberi** Sant'Anna University Pisa for integrated weed control based on rotations and mechanical control

17.40-18.50 Debate: integrating IPM fully into EU policy making and practices

- Tassos Haniotis, Director European Commission DG AGRI
- Paola Colombo, Director European Commission DG SANTE

Debate: with speakers and MEPs: Jytte Guteland, Karin Kadenbach

18.50 Conclusion by Michael Hamell and Pavel Poc

19.00 End of conference

Who are we? An innovative partnership consisting of:

International Organisation for Biological Control (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.

International Biocontrol Manufacturer Association (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.

Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe) is a Brussels based 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 Europe. We work to eliminate dependency on chemical pesticides and to support safe sustainable pest control methods.

For further information about some of our joint work see for instance:

Our joint publication 'IPM working with nature', giving some concrete examples on what IPM should actually mean according to the EU Directive on Sustainable Use of Pesticides:

<http://www.pan-europe.info/sites/pan-europe.info/files/public/resources/reports/integrated-pest-management-working-with-nature.pdf>

Presentations of earlier years SUD symposiums:

2017: <http://www.pan-europe.info/events/conferences/5th-annual-symposium-sustainable-use-directive-pesticides>

2015: <http://www.pan-europe.info/what-we-do/conferences/symposium-feeding-europe-while-reducing-pesticide-dependency>;

2014: <http://www.pan-europe.info/what-we-do/conferences/feeding-europe-fewer-pesticides>;

2013: <http://www.pan-europe.info/what-we-do/conferences/feeding-europe-less-pesticides>;

2012: <http://www.pan-europe.info/what-we-do/conferences/what-future-integrated-production>



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