

INSECTS FOR FOOD AND FEED: OPPORTUNITIES FOR TACKLING SOCIETAL CHALLENGES

A close-up photograph of a vibrant green grasshopper perched on a large, light-green leaf. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, creating a natural and fresh atmosphere.

1st IPIFF International Conference

21 November 2017, 8h30 - 19h30

Hotel Bloom, Brussels

Provisional programme (14 July 2017)

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:30 Welcome coffee & insect producers' exhibition

Introduction and welcome

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- Mr Antoine Hubert, *IPIFF President*
- Moderator

9:40 - 10:20 Keynote speeches

- EU Commissioner for Health & Food Safety, Mr V. Andriukaitis, *European Commission*
- '*Priorities of the EU insect production sector*', Mr Tarique Arsiwalla, *IPIFF Vice President*

Session 1 - Looking ahead: EU opportunities for an innovative & sustainable sector

10:20 - 11:30 Focus on main EU policy orientations & interactions with insect production

- *'EU Member States priorities to boost innovative projects in the agri-food sector: opportunities for EU insect producers?'*, *Estonian Presidency representative* (tbc)
 - *'Potential of insects as a new source of protein & contribution to the Circular economy'*, *Member of the European Parliament* (tbc)
 - *'How can EU policies boost innovative projects in the area of insect production: outline of EU research funding opportunities on alternative proteins for food & feed'*, *Mr Louis Mahy*, Research Programme Officer in DG AGRI, *European Commission*
 - Q&A session with the audience
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11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break & insect producers' exhibition

12:00 - 13:00 Focus on food & feed safety Regulations: 'how to translate EU requirements on the ground'?

- *'Overview of the current EU framework & regulatory roadmap'*, *Ms Sabine Juelicher*, Director Food & Feed Safety' in DG SANTE, *European Commission*
- *'Insects for food consumption: risk assessment in the context of novel food applications'*, *European Food Safety (EFSA) representative* (tbc)
- *'Presentation of the IPIFF draft Guidance on Good Hygiene Practices'*, *Mr Jakub Urbanski*, *Chair of the IPIFF Task Force on Good Hygiene Practices*
- Q&A session with the audience

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break & insect products tasting.

Session 2 - Brainstorming: how to best connect insect production model(s) with market & societal needs?

14:30 - 14:40 Introduction by Moderator

14:40 - 15:40 Testimony from several 'interested parties'

- *'The vision of scientific researchers'*, *Insecta & Insectinov* projects representatives
- *'A macro-economic perspective'* by a specialized market analyst (tbc)
- *'Experience sharing by a chef'* (tbc)
- *'The perspective of a livestock farmer'*, Mr Jan Huitema, *Member of the European Parliament*
- Q&A session with audience

15:40 - 16:10 Coffee break & insect producers' exhibition

Session 3 - Panel debate: how to foster positive externalities & cooperation with partners along the chain

16:10 - 16:20 Introduction by Moderator

16:20 - 17:30 Testimony from several 'interested parties'

- *Representative from the EU retail sector* (tbc)
- *European farmers & Agri-Cooperatives Organization (Copa-Cogeca)* (name to be confirmed)
- *European Feed Manufacturers Association (FEFAC): Mr Niels Alsted*, Chairman of the Fish Feed Committee
- *Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE): Mr Jan Vaarten*, Secretary General
- Q&A session with the audience

17:30 - 18:15 Building cooperation at international level

- *'The contribution of insect producers to global challenges'*, *FAO representative* (tbc)

- *'Priorities and roadmap for a joint collaboration between regional insect producers' organizations'*, joint statement by *NAIEC, AFFIA & IPIFF representatives*

Closing remarks

18:15 - 18:25 Wrap up by moderator

18:25 - 18:30 Closing remarks by Mr Antoine Hubert, *IPIFF President*

18:30 - 19:30 Cocktail & insect products tasting

The International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed (IPIFF) is a non-profit organisation which represents the interests of the insect production sector towards EU policy makers, European stakeholders and citizens. Composed of 39 members, most of which are European insect producing companies, IPIFF promotes the use of insects and insect-derived products as top tier source of nutrients for human consumption and animal feed.