

INSECTS FOR FOOD AND FEED: OPPORTUNITIES FOR TACKLING SOCIETAL CHALLENGES



1st IPIFF International Conference

21 November 2017, 8:30 - 18:30

Hotel Bloom, Brussels

Speakers' Biographies



Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis - European commissioner for Health and Food Safety.

Vytenis Andriukaitis was appointed European commissioner for Health and Food Safety in November 2014. Born in Siberia, Vytenis Andriukaitis holds degrees in medicine and history. One of the founders of the Lithuanian social-democrat party and a signatory of independence act of Lithuania, Andriukaitis was a Member of Parliament for six mandates. From 2012 to 2014 Vytenis Andriukaitis was minister for Health.



MEP Jan Huitema - Member of the European Parliament.

Jan Huitema has been Member of the European Parliament since June 2014 for the Dutch Peoples Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD). In the European Parliament, he is mainly concerned with agriculture, environmental issues and enhancing entrepreneurship. He is a member of the Agricultural and Rural Development Committee and substitute in the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee.



Ms. Sabine Jülicher - Director for Food and feed safety, innovation DG SANTE, European Commission

Sabine Jülicher is Director for food and feed safety, innovation in the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission. She is responsible for policies relating to a range of sectors such as food information & composition, food waste, food processing technologies, novel foods, biotechnology, pesticides, biocides as well as veterinary medicines & animal nutrition.



Mr. Jean Charles Cavitte - Research Programme Officer at the European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development.

Jean-Charles Cavitte is a Senior Administrator at Directorate General (DG) for Agriculture and Rural Development. Jean-Charles began working for the European Commission in Brussels in 1994. He started there as a Veterinary Inspector at DG 'Health and Consumer Protection' in the Biological Risks Unit. Then he joined DG 'Research and Innovation' - Directorate Biotechnology, Agriculture and Food, at the end of 2005 and worked there until mid-2014, managing a number of EU-funded projects related to most aspects of livestock production. At DG 'Agriculture and Rural Development', Jean-Charles Cavitte works as a Planning and Programming Officer in the Unit dealing with Research and Innovation.



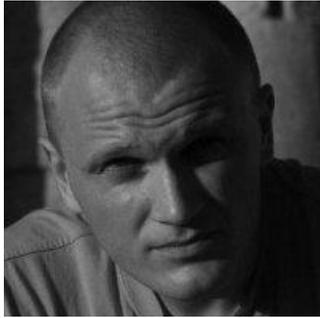
Mr. Antoine Hubert - Ynsect & IPIFF's President

Antoine Hubert is Chairman, CEO and co-founder of Ynsect, a French based company operating in the farming and processing of insects for animal feed and pet food markets. Ynsect was one of the IPIFF Founding Members back in 2012. Antoine holds the position of IPIFF President since April 2015: he chairs the General Assembly and ensures association representation towards relevant EU stakeholders such as the European Commission and professional associations.



Mr. Tarique Arsiwalla - Protix & IPIFF's 1st Vice President

Tarique Arsiwalla is the co-founder of Protix, a Dutch company commercially producing insects and products derived thereof for a variety of industry applications, including feed, food and non-food. Protix also played a leading role in the original creation of the IPIFF association back in 2012. Tarique currently acts as Vice-President of IPIFF: he is actively involved in interactions with the European Commission, EFSA and other relevant stakeholders to jointly develop the IPIFF roadmap.



Mr. Jakub Urbanski - HiProMine & Chairman of the IPIFF Strategic Task Force on 'Good Hygiene Practices'

Jakub Urbanski is Chairman and co-founder of HiProMine, a Polish tech company developing technologies for insect farming & processing for the animal feed market. HiProMine is today the largest producer of insects in Poland. Jakub is in charge of research activities on animal nutrition within the IPIFF Executive Committee and holds the position of Chairman of the Strategic Task Force on 'Good Hygiene Practices'. Jakub was one of the pioneers in research activities applied to insect farming for use as food and feed.



Ms. Heidi de Bruin - Proti-farm & IPIFF's 2nd Vice President

Heidi de Bruin is CEO and co-founder of Proti-Farm, a Dutch based company operating in the farming and processing of insects. The company has more than 35 years of experience in producing above 10 species of insects. Proti-Farm was one of the IPIFF Founding Members. Within IPIFF, Heidi act as second Vice President and holds the position of Chairwoman of the Strategic Task Force on 'Novel Foods'. Heidi has an extensive track record as Executive Board Advisor to multinationals on premium and sustainable food-based raw material management strategies and execution.



Mr. Pascal Aussignac - Michelin-starred Chef

Pascal Aussignac is a Michelin-starred chef and restaurateur. He trained with French master Chefs like Gerard Vie, Alain Dutournier and Guy Savoy. He cooks in and oversees eight award-winning restaurants in London, all of them with a slightly different culinary theme but all of them celebrating the food of France and of his beloved homeland of Gascony.



Dr. Thomas Piofczyk - Project manager and senior scientist at Pilot Pflanzenöltechnologie Magdeburg

Thomas Piofczyk studied process engineering and energy management at the Otto-von-Guericke-University in Magdeburg and then he continued his studies as Ph.D. candidate with his research on coffee roasting with fluidized bed technology and roast emissions scholarship granted by the German Federal Environmental Foundation. At Pilot Pflanzenöltechnologie Magdeburg he works as project manager and senior scientist in the department of vegetable oils fields. His fields of expertise are: vegetable oil refining, insect processing and process development. Finally, he is also involved in the organization of the INSECTA conference'.



Dr. Wolfgang Gelbmann - Responsible for the coordination and the scientific risk assessment of the EFSA Working Groups on Novel Foods

In 1996, Wolfgang Gelbmann gained his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in the area of zoonoses at the Veterinary University in Vienna. After that he gained working experience for about three years in Biotechnology at the Veterinary University in Vienna and for about 4 years in the evaluation of the safety and benefit of a variety of medicines at the Austrian Medicine Evaluation Agency. Since 2003, Wolfgang Gelbmann has been joining the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) where he first working in the Unit Biological Hazards mainly on BSE and since 2006 in the Nutrition Unit, responsible for the coordination and the scientific risk assessment of the EFSA Working Groups on Novel Foods.



Dr. Jan Vaarten - Executive Director of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)

Jan Vaarten started his veterinary career in a mixed practice in the eastern part of the Netherlands. He then joined the pharmaceutical industry where he worked on the development of animal vaccines. After 11 years, he left the industry to become veterinary policy officer at the Royal Netherlands Veterinary Association. From there he went to the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture where he worked on the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases. Since 2003 Jan Vaarten is Executive Director of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), representing around 230 000 veterinarians in Europe. In 2010, Jan Vaarten was appointed Executive Secretary of the World Veterinary Association. The WVA is a federation of over 80 veterinary medical associations representing over 500,000 veterinarians across the world on six continents.



Ms. Carina Millstone - Executive Director of Feedback.

Carina worked as a sustainability consultant for Environmental Resources Management, before realising our planetary ecological crisis would not be solved in the corporate boardrooms in which it was created. A committed permaculturalist, she founded The Orchard Project, a charity working with community groups in cities across the UK to plant and nurture community orchards in public urban spaces. Carina has also conducted research into systemic change for sustainability as a Visiting Research Fellow of the Global Development and Environment Institute of Tufts University and as a Research Fellow of the Schumacher Institute.



Mr. Ole Christensen - Vice President at BioMar

Ole is the Vice President at BioMar Group with the responsibility for the EMEA Division. Ole has been working for more than 20 years for BioMar within different parts of the company. Most of his career Ole has spent managing the European BioMar R&D activities. While having a seat in the FEAC fish feed committee Ole has been chairing the sustainable feed segment in EATiP SRA before he entered the EATiP board.



Ms. Siret Surva - Counsellor for Agricultural Affairs in the Permanent representation of Estonia to the European Union

In 2009, Siret Surva gained her Master's degree in Food Technology and Product Development at Tallinn University of Technology. She then joined the Ministry of Agriculture of Estonia where she worked as a Chief Specialist for 6 years in the field of food additives, enzymes and novel food. She also worked in the European Commission as Seconded national expert before becoming part of the Estonian Permanent Representation to the EU where she was appointed as Counsellor for Agricultural Affairs.



Mr. Stephane Gentreau - Chair & Vice Chair of the IPIFF Task Force on Good Hygiene Practices and Director QHSE at Entomo Farm



Mr. Luca Bucchini - Member of the European Specialist Sport Nutrition Alliance (ESSMA)

Luca Bucchini is a food risk scientist and consultant. In 1995, he graduated in Biological Sciences in Pavia, followed by a PhD. In the United States, at Johns Hopkins University, he has specialised in risk assessment and risk policy, particularly related to genetically modified foods and allergens. Since 2003 he has been professionally engaged in labelling and advertising of food and beverages in Italy, from a technical and food crisis management point of view. Since 2014, Luca coordinates a team within a service delivery contract with EFSA, which concerns the evaluation of food enzymes. He is a member of the Board of Directors of EuroFIR and is part of several ESSNA working groups.



Mr. Javier Valle - Senior Policy Advisor at the European farmers & Agri-Cooperatives Organization (Copa-Cogeca)

Javier Valle graduated from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Oviedo in 2010. In 2011, he joined the team of the Spanish Food & Drink Industry Federation where he worked as EU Affairs Manager for 2 years. He then continued his career in Copa-Cogeca as a Policy Advisor and later as a Senior Policy advisor. His fields of expertise are: food and feed safety, consumer information, nutrition and quality of agricultural production.



Mr. Jonathan Koppert - Koppert & Member of the IPIFF Executive Committee

Jonathan Koppert is Business Development manager at Koppert Biological Systems, a Dutch company active in biological integrated pest management solutions in agriculture. He is also Managing Director of BESTICO a spin off company of Koppert operating in the farming and processing of insects for feed and pet food markets. Koppert was one of the IPIFF Founding Members. Within the association, Jonathan is in charge of EU authorization & registration procedures. Jonathan is also Board Member of the Dutch Insect Farming Association VENIK.



Mr. Paul Vantomme - Former Senior Expert at Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Paul Vantomme is an agricultural engineer by profession. Since 1978 he has worked at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on international projects in the field of Agroforestry. He coordinated the program of FAO to promote "non-wood forest products", such as wild mushrooms and aromatic plants. His goal was to promote the contributions of the forest areas to the food security. Next to that, as FAO Edible Insects Project coordinator Paul Vantomme has been involved in activities aimed at promoting insects as an alternative source of proteins.



Mr. Heinrich Katz - Hermetia & IPIFF Treasurer

Heinrich Katz is Managing Director and main shareholder of Hermetia Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG, a German based company rearing Black Soldier Fly for animal feed and pet food markets mainly. Hermetia is also involved in R&D activities in the field of insect rearing and the production of derived products. Hermetia was one of the IPIFF Founding Members. Within the association, Heinrich holds the position of Treasurer since April 2015. He is also President of Katz Biotech AG, a German stock based company rearing insects and mites for biological pest control and ecotoxicological tests.



Dr. Jean-Philippe Deslys - Head of Unit at CEA

Jean-Philippe Deslys, MD (1985), PhD (1993), is a research director at CEA (Commissariat à l’Energie Atomique) since 2003 and specialist of prion diseases. He is author or co-author of more than 110 articles published in international scientific journals and focused on the main applied research aspects in this field. He is also at the origin of the main diagnostic test for BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) screening. Environmental factors are suspected to favor prion mechanisms which are now recognized as involved in the main human neurodegenerative diseases which could impact future strategies of efficient recycling with zero waste. His team developed a specific know-how in decontamination to avoid recycling of prions in food or feed stuff and he notably participated to the insect project DESIRABLE to evaluate low-cost original sanitizing techniques able to secure animal by-products which could be used to feed insects (*hermetia illucens*).



Dr. Oliver Schlüter - Project Manager at ATB

Oliver Schlüter received his Ph.D. in food technology at the Berlin University of Technology. Since 2003, he is a senior scientist at the Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering Potsdam e. V. (ATB). Dr Schlüter is the coordinator of the research program on “Quality and safety of food and feed”, head of the ATB working group on food safety and vice-head of the Department of Horticultural Engineering. His research work focuses on emerging technologies in primary food production (fruits, vegetables, milk, meat, edible insects) and fresh food processing (high pressure, ozone, plasma etc.), optimisation and innovation of processing steps along the food chain of perishables (e.g. RFID-technology), and non-destructive quality and safety monitoring (fluorescence image analysis, flow cytometry, biosensors, etc.).”



Ms. Anne Deguerry - General Secretary of ASEAN Food & Feed Insects Association (AFFIA)

Anne has a strong experience as entrepreneur in various field of activity in marketing, art, and design development along with social and environmental impact volunteering. In 2001, she also created and managed her own law firm in Madagascar. She joined Entofood in 2014 to be in charge of Ethic, Marketing and Communication of the company. She has been elected as General Secretary of AFFIA in November 2016.

Moderators



Mr. Geoff Meade - Meade Davis Communications

Geoff Meade is a journalist with over 35 years' experience of covering EU affairs, and an experienced speaker and conference moderator. He was awarded an MBE for services to the British community in Belgium in 2016. Geoff is the former Europe Editor of the Press Association, the UK's national news agency, and still regularly broadcasts on radio and television. He is best-known in Brussels for the annual Press Revue, an evening of comedy with songs and sketches about what's happening in the EU which draws huge crowds every year. Geoff writes most of the sketches and stars in many of them, performing alongside a small troupe of current and former Brussels journalists.



Mr. Edwin Hecker - Managing Partner at Schuttelaar & Partners

Edwin Hecker worked for 20 years in the Government of the Netherlands. In 1997 he was appointed Chairman of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants, a position he held until 2003. Within this assignment, he contributed at WHO and FAO to the development of reports on risk assessment, risk management and risk communication and visited China and Thailand more than 10 times. Edwin was appointed Deputy Director of the Department of Veterinary and Food Affairs in 2000, and as Director of the Minister's office in 2003. At Schuttelaar & Partners, Edwin is Managing Partner on the Board of Directors.

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.