1st IPIFF International Conference
21 November 2017, 8h30 - 18h30
Hotel Bloom, Brussels

Final programme (16 November 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
- Mr. Geoff Meade (Meade Davis Communication), Moderator

9:40 -10:20  Keynote speeches

- Mr. Vytenis Andriukaitis, Commissioner for Health & Food Safety, Member of the European Commission
- Ms. Siret Surva, Counsellor for Agricultural affairs, Estonian Presidency
- Mr. Jan Huitema, Member of the Committee on Agriculture & Rural Development, Member of the European Parliament
Session 1 - Looking ahead: EU opportunities for an innovative & sustainable sector

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

- ‘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. Jean-Charles Cavitte, Research Programme Officer in DG AGRI, European Commission

- ‘How the insect sector may seize EU opportunities: short outline of IPIFF priorities’, Mr. Tarique Arsiwalla, IPIFF Vice President

- Q&A session with the audience

11:10 - 11:40  Coffee break & insect producers’ exhibition

11:40 - 13:00  Focus on food & feed safety Regulations: ‘how to translate EU requirements on the ground’?

- ‘The legal framework in the EU for production and use of insects as food and feed - state of play and outlook’, Ms. Sabine Jülicher, Director for ‘Food & Feed Safety and Innovation’ in DG SANTE, European Commission

- ‘Introduction to the IPIFF draft Guidance on Good Hygiene Practices’, Mr. Jakub Urbanski & Mr. Stephane Gentreau, Chair & Vice Chair of the IPIFF Task Force on Good Hygiene Practices

- ‘Insects for food consumption: risk assessment in the context of novel food applications’, Mr. Wolfgang Gelbmann, Senior scientific officer, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

- ‘IPIFF priorities & roadmap regarding the implementation of the new EU novel food legislation’, Ms. Heidi de Bruin, Chair of the IPIFF Task Force on ‘novel food’

- Q&A session with the audience & wrap up by moderator

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 - 14:35  Introduction by Mr Edwin Hecker (Managing Partner at Schuttelaar & Partners), Moderator

14:35 - 15:25  The vision of scientific researchers: ‘translating knowledge into market applications’

- Research activities in Germany: Pilot Pflanzenöltechnologie Magdeburg (PPM) & Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering and Bio economy (ATB), Dr. Thomas Piofczyk (Project Manager in PPM) & Dr. Oliver Schlüter (Project Manager in ATB)

- Presentation of the ‘DESIRABLE’ project in France: Dr Jean Philippe Deslys (Head of Unit in CEA)

- Q&A session with audience

15:25 - 16:05  Testimony from several ‘interested parties’: ‘how to meet consumers & societal demands’

- ‘Experience sharing by a chef’, Mr. Pascal Aussignac, Chef at ‘Club Gascon’ (Michelin-starred French restaurant in London)

- ‘Insects as animal feed: opportunity or risk for the circular economy’, Ms. Carina Millstone, Executive Director at Feedback Global

- Q&A session with audience

16:05 - 16:35  Coffee break & insect producers’ exhibition
Session 3 - Panel debate: how to foster positive externalities & cooperation with partners along the chain

16:35 - 17:35 Testimony from several ‘interested parties’

*European Specialist Sports Nutrition Alliance*: Mr. Luca Bucchini, ESSNA member

- *European farmers & Agri-Cooperatives Organization (Copa-Cogeca)*: Mr. Javier Valle, Senior Policy Advisor

- *European Feed Manufacturers Association (FEFAC)*: Mr. Ole Christensen, FEFAC representative to the EATIP platform

- *Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)*: Mr. Jan Vaarten, Secretary General

- Q&A session with the audience

17:35 - 18:15 Building cooperation at international level

- ‘The contribution of insect producers to global challenges’, Mr. Paul Vantomme, Senior Forestry Officer, *Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*

- ‘Priorities and roadmap for a joint collaboration between regional insect producers’ organizations’, joint discussion between Paul Vantomme & *NACIA, AFFIA (Ms. Anne Deguerry), AAIS & IPIFF (Mr. Heinrich Katz) associations.*

Closing remarks

18:15 - 18:25 Wrap up by moderator

18:25 - 18:30 Closing remarks by Mr. Jonathan Koppert, *Member of the IPIFF Executive Committee*

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 40 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.