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**Provisional programme of the  
IPIFF Annual Conference**

**15 November 2023  
Bedford Hotel Brussels,  
Rue du Midi 135**

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**09:00 - Morning session**

**Keynote session: 'Setting the scene'**

Introductory speech: **Ms Adriana Casillas**, *IPIFF President*

**Keynotes speeches:**

'European Commission priorities in view of strengthening the EU domestic food and feed autonomy.'

**Mr Koen Dillen**, *Head of Unit E4 'Arable crops and olive oil' at the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission*

**Mr Cillian Lohan**, *NAT Vice-president*

Video intervention by **Ms Emma Wiesner**, *Representative of the European Parliament*

'Harnessing the potential of the European insect sector in supporting EU food security challenges: an overview of the European insect producing sector agenda.'

**Mr Christian Bärtsch**, *IPIFF Executive Committee Member for 'Communication Activities'*

**Fireside chat with keynote speakers**

**10:45 - Coffee break**

'Remaining knowledge gaps and recommendations for the scaling of insect protein production in the EU: main conclusions from the European research project SUSINCHAIN.'

**Elise Hoek**, *PhD Senior Project Leader at Wageningen Food Safety Research*

'How to maximise the environmental performance of the European insect production sector, in line with EU sustainability goals and societal expectations?'

**Ms Isabel Paliotta**, *Policy Officer for Sustainable Food Systems at the European Environmental Bureau (EEB)*

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‘InsectERA, a plan for the creation of a new bioindustrial sector with insects as its central tool.’

**Daniel Murta, PhD** *InsectERA consortium Executive Commission President*

## **12:45 - Lunch buffet**

## **14:00 - Afternoon session**

### **Different perspectives in view of positioning the insect sector as a ‘reliable partner’ of the agri-food chain**

‘May insect-derived products offer new opportunities for the European meat sector? Perspective from the European poultry-producing sector.’

**Mr Paul-Henri Lava**, *Deputy Secretary-General of the Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU (AVEC)*

‘Exploring innovative and sustainable solutions for crop nutrition: testimony from a fertilisers’ manufacturing company’

**Ms Tiffanie Stephani**, *VP of European Government Relations & External Communications at Yara.*

‘Contribution of equipment providers in the development of technological solutions which are adapted to the demands of insect producers’ customers’

**Mr Julius Hamelmann**, *Key account Manager at Better Insect Solutions*

‘A Digital Twin Approach on insect bioconversion system and collaboration with feed chain operators in China: testimony by **Elvis Yu**, *Founder and CEO of INSPRO.*

**Wrap-up by Anya Sitaram**, *Moderator*

**Concluding remarks: Ms Adriana Casillas**, *IPIFF President*

## **17:00 Farewell cocktail**

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