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CONFERENCE

Health Checks and Smart Treatments for Our Plants

15th July 2015 EXPO Milan – EU PAVILION

DRAFT AGENDA

EXPO site opens its doors at 10:00

- 10:30 – 11:00** Registration and welcome coffee
- 11:00 - 11:20** **Welcome**
"EU funded Research on Plant Health and Plant Protection"
KBBE programme
Panagiota Mylona, Project Officer
European Commission, DG RTD, Unit F3 - Agri-Food Chain
- 11:20 – 11:35** ***"EU policies promoting sustainable plant protection"***
Patrizia Pitton, Policy Officer
European Commission, DG SANTE Unit E3 – Pesticides and Biocides
- 11:35 – 11:55** ***"Developing tools to protect Europe from invasive pests"***
Neil Boonham, Coordinator of QDetect project
Fera, Sand Hutton, York, UK
QDetect: Developing quarantine pest detection methods for use by national plant protection organisations (NPPO) and inspection services
- 11:55 – 12:25** ***"From SharCo to MARS: A translational research path to solve a major phytosanitary problem"***
Véronique Decroocq, Coordinator of SharCo and MARS projects
Institut National De La Recherche Agronomique (INRA), FR
SharCo: Sharka Containment
MARS: Marker Assisted Resistance to Sharka
- 12:25 – 12:55** ***"Management of invasive pests and diseases: achievements and progress of PALM PROTECT and DROPSA"***
Neil Audsley, Coordinator of PALM PROTECT and DROPSA projects
Fera, Sand Hutton, York, UK

PALM PROTECT: *Strategies for the eradication and containment of the invasive pests Rhynchophorus ferrugineus Olivier and Paysandisia archon* Burmeister

DROPSA: *Strategies to develop effective, innovative and practical approaches to protect major European fruit crops from pests and pathogens*

12:55 - 13:15

Questions

13:15– 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 14:55

"Lessons learnt from PURE, an FP7 project for IPM in Europe"

Françoise Lescourret, Coordinator of PURE project

Institut National De La Recherche Agronomique (INRA), FR

PURE: Pesticide Use-and-risk Reduction in European farming systems with Integrated Pest Management

14:55 – 15:15

"CO-FREE: four crops, three years - where are we now"

Annegret Schmitt, Coordinator of CO-FREE project

Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI), DE

CO-FREE: *Innovative strategies for copper-free low input and organic farming systems*

15:15 – 15:35

"Healthy plants through biological control"

Jürgen Köhl, Coordinator of BIOCOTES project

Stichting Dienst Landbouwkundig Onderzoek (DLO), NL

BIOCOTES: *Biological control manufacturers in Europe develop novel biological control products to support the implementation of Integrated Pest Management in agriculture and forestry*

15:35 – 15:50

Questions

15:50 – 16:15

Coffee

16:15 – 18:30

Demonstrations

Tangible outputs on exposition by the members of the project consortia.

This activity includes demonstration of prototype devices, "hand on" demos, videos, exhibition of traps, exhibitions of resistant plant material to pests and diseases etc.

18:30 – 19:30

Cocktail

Networking event