Innovation in the agriculture sector and precision farming will result in the need for fewer inputs. We call this doing #MoreWithLess.

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Dear guests,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our Crop Protection conference in Brussels. This is my first event of its kind since becoming the Director General of ECPA and I am very proud to see that it is continuing to grow, and it is of paramount importance to the ECPA and ECCA membership.

If there was ever a challenging year ahead of us, I would dare to say that it is the year 2020. The European Green Deal is driving nearly all discussions in Brussels. This overreaching strategy covers many initiatives that will impact our industry in different ways: the farm to fork initiative that will proposes reductions of inputs including pesticides, a 2030 biodiversity strategy, a circular economy action plan, a clean air and water action plan, on top of a reformed Common Agriculture Policy, etc. Every industry is currently being challenged to reevaluate its operations and to propose how it can do “more with less”. Our industry welcomes the Commission’s ambition laid out in the Green Deal. However, we must acknowledge that it is very ambitious and in order to truly deliver on its goals, a science-based, and well-reasoned debate has to take place. Improved sustainability that benefits all needs careful assessment of trade-offs. We need a clear and predictable policy approach that seeks to mitigate the effects of climate change, with a resilient food production system that is affordable and feeds the increasingly growing population.

Most importantly, especially in the context of this conference, we are awaiting the final report on the REFIT exercise conducted on the Regulations 1107/2009 regarding the placing on the market of pesticides and biocides and 396/2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides. We reiterate our view that the legislation is fit for purpose and delivers on its goals to protect human health and the environment. We believe that any necessary improvements can be achieved by ensuring better implementation of the current system. Nevertheless, we are concerned that the European regulatory and political environment is not doing enough to encourage innovation within the agricultural sector. Furthermore, we see an unfortunate trend which we expect to continue in the foreseeable future, where European farmers will continue to lose vital solutions faster than viable alternatives can be introduced onto the market. This conference can play an important role in identifying measures for improvement and I hope that together, we can come up with pragmatic and constructive ideas to be submitted to the authorities.

I wish you a successful conference.

Director General
Géraldine Kutas
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We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

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                | Ben Horsbrugh, Global Gap
                | Alexandra Brand, Syngenta
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ACTIVE SUBSTANCE EVALUATION PROCESS

Chair: Hans Mattaar - ECCA

14.00 - 14.25
Key drivers in the evolving decision making process for active substances
Karin Nienstedt, DG SANTE

14.25 - 14.45
Major developments in the evaluation of active substances
Manuela Tiramani, EFSA

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Member State experience and feedback on the active substance evaluation process
Martin Strelke, BVL, Germany

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Industry experiences in the on-going active substance evaluation process
Martyn Griffiths, Bayer

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Chairman: Dominic Muyldermans, CLI
Speakers:
EFSA update on implementation: Manuela Tiramani, EFSA
Commission update on implementation: Federica Bruno, DG SANTE
ECPA view on provisions: Martyn Griffiths, Bayer
ECCA view on the impact of the GFL legislation: Manuel Duarte, ECCA

Breakout 1B: BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS
Where: Ballroom B
Chairman: Joachim Rumbolz, Eurofins
Speakers:
Commission: Isabelle Clamou, DG SANTE
Member state: Rob van Drent, CTGB
Industry: Kevin Boss, Corteva
Farmer: Paula de Vera, Copa Cogeca

Breakout 1C: STEWARDSHIP & ANTI-COUNTERFEIT
Where: Creativity on 1st Floor
Chairman: Francesca Ydraiou, HCPA
Speakers:
Public/private partnership against illegal pesticides: Aleksandra Mrowiec, PSOR
Industry stewardship overview: Volker Laabs, BASF
Danish Stewardship example: Jakob Tilma, DCPA
Implementation of SUD/Anti-counterfeit: Andrew Owen-Griffiths, DG SANTE

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END OF 1ST DAY OF CONFERENCE

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Walk to “Hotel Le Plaza” for cocktail and dinner debate
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WHOW DO WE PROMOTE AND ENSURE THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF PESTICIDES?

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   Eric Dereudre, ECPA President

19.30 - 21.30  Dinner debate: How do we promote and ensure the sustainable use of pesticides?

   Chair: Morten Boje Hviid, FMC

Panel discussion with:

   Irène Tolleret MEP, RENEW
   Maira Dzelzkaleja-Burmistre, NGO Latvian Farmers Parliament

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**THURSDAY**

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**SESSION 3**

**REGULATORY UPDATE ON PRODUCTS**

Chair: Hans Mattaar, ECCA

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**Breakout 2A:** TRADE & MRL SETTING
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Chairman: Stuart Rutherford, ECPA
Speakers:
Third country view on MRL harmonization:
Kieran Macdonell, Australian Mission
European regulators viewpoint:
Almut Bitterhof, DG SANTE
Crop protection industry view:
Teresa Babuscio, Bayer
Food and feed industry view:
Nathalie Lecocq, Fedil

**Breakout 2B:** ZONAL/ARTICLE 43
Where: Ballroom B
Chairman: Christian Prohaska, Austria
Speakers:
Southern zone:
Jérémy Pinte, France
Central zone:
Gabor Tokes, Hungary
Northern zone:
Raimonda Grigaite, Lithuania
The zonal system and interpreting the data protection provisions in 1107/2009
Hans Mattaar, ECCA
ECPA view on data protection
Alessio Ghiani, ECPA

**Breakout 2C:** LEGAL ISSUES
Where: Creativity on 1st Floor
Chairman: Gérardine Garçon, BASF
Speakers:
Status of scientific and technical knowledge:
Volkert Kaus, IVA
Key legal issues surrounding the future of agriculture:
Niklas Pieper, Bayer
Legal cases update:
Darren Abrahams, Steptoe & Johnson LLP

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SESSION 4*
WEAKNESSES AND POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EU LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

Chair: Hans Mattaar, ECCA

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Karin Nienstedt, DG SANTE

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MEP Ulrike Müller, RENEW

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Ian Wheals, Syngenta

15.00 - 15.15  A Member State perspective on potential legislative improvements
Ingrid Becks, CTGB, Netherlands

15.15 - 15.30  Panel discussion

15.30  Closing Remarks
Géraldine Kutas, ECPA

*Session 4 will be conducted in English and German thus, for this session we kindly ask attendees to download the Interprefy app on their mobile phones and bring their headphones with them. We will be providing translation from German to English & English to German through the app.
BECKS - Ingrid
Ingrid Becks studied biological health sciences and obtained a PhD from the University of Maastricht. As of July 1, 2019, she has been appointed as Secretary/Director of the Ctgb, the Dutch competent authority for Plant Protection Products and Biocides. She joined the Ctgb in 2003 as a human toxicologist and performed the risk assessments of active substances and plant protection products. In 2011 she became team manager and several years later she joined the management team. Formerly she worked as a human toxicologist at Numico Research, assessing the safety of food supplements.

BABUSCIO - Teresa
Teresa joined Bayer in March 2018 as Director of Agricultural Affairs, overseeing EU policies in the Crop Science Division Unit. In the immediate past ten years, she has worked in the agricultural commodities trading sector, both at EU and global level, as Managing Director of the related EU industry group and Vice President of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC). Before working in the European landscape, Teresa was a university lecturer in Rome and in the USA on food law. She also served the European Commission, DG SANCO (Legal Unit) as blue book trainee. Teresa is Italian and holds a Ph.D. in Food, Agriculture and Environmental Law together with an Executive Education diploma from the Melbourne Business School. She is speaks English, French and Spanish. Teresa is a salsa dancer and enjoys travelling, cooking and reading.

ABRAHAM - Darren
Darren enables clients throughout the chemical and life sciences supply chain to get and keep their products on the European Union market. He focuses on defense of products through strategic advice, advocacy before institutions and agencies, and litigation before EU and national courts and tribunals. He has a wealth of experience with the EU regulation of biocidal products, plant protection products (agrochemicals), REACH, classification, labelling and packaging, GM food and feed, cosmetics, endocrine disrupting properties, establishing and servicing the needs of consortia and taskforces, and Brexit regulatory strategies. He also has particular experience defending clients resisting requests for access to confidential business information. Darren is recognized Europe-wide for his Environment and Agro/Food practice by Chambers Europe, who quotes clients’ praise for his work: “he is very knowledgeable and experienced in his field - a very good communicator who is responsive and strategically savvy.

BENCH - Dave
Dave is leading the Health and Safety Executive’s work to ensure that UK chemicals regulation is operable and effective in the future. From 2011 to March 2017 he led HSE’s Chemicals Regulation Division (CRD) – the UK regulatory authority for plant protection products, biocides, CLP, REACH, and PIC. Dave has spent most of his career leading specialist teams and in strategic policy roles. He started his career dealing with risk assessment of plant protection products. Throughout his career he has been responsible for policy development and regulation in a range of areas, including genetic modification in agriculture, animal health, marine, and particularly chemicals.

BITTERHOF - Almut
Almut Bitterhof, a food chemist by education, works in the European Commission, in the area of food safety since 1999. She is currently deputy Head of Unit in the unit “pesticides and biocides” in the Directorate-General for Health - DG SANTE, dealing in particular with issues related to pesticides residues in food/feed. She is the chair of the residues section of the respective Regulatory Committee with Member States, the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, section Phytopharmaceuticals, which is in charge of setting maximum residue levels for pesticides in food and feed. Previously she already worked in the same Directorate-General in the area on contaminants legislation, as well as in a horizontal unit dealing with matters related to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and in the Directorate of DG SANTE dealing with audits and inspections. When she joined the Commission in 1999 she came from the private sector heading a unit dealing in particular with product development and analytical methods.

BOJE HVIIID - Morten
Morten is Director of Government Affairs, EMEA, for FMC Agricultural Science Company, responsible for external government liaison, NGO outreach and government-business interface. Based at the European Headquarters and Innovation Center in Copenhagen, Morten spends significant time in Brussels as chairman of the Advocacy Experts Group of the European Crop Protection Industry and member of Trade- and Agricultural committees of American Chamber of Commerce EU. Previously, as political advisor and Public Affairs Director in DK and Brussels, Morten has extensive experience in management, public affairs and communications from multinational corporate world as well as public sector and politics. From 1995 to 2006 Morten was personal advisor and press secretary to the Danish Minister of Food and Agriculture (Henrik Dam Kristensen), the Minister of Defence (Hans Hækkerup) and finally the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Mogens Lykketoft) before serving a four-year period as
personal advisor to the Chairman of the Socialdemocratic Party in Denmark (Mogens Lykketoft, Helle Thorning-Schmidt). In 2006 Morten pursued a professional career as a public affairs consultant to larger enterprises and from 2008 as Director of Public Affairs and Communications and part of the leadership team of British American Tobacco, Northern Europe & Baltics. Later, Morten become director of the BAT Brussels Representation, Head of EU Affairs, and member of the European leadership team for Legal and External Affairs. Born in Copenhagen August 30th 1966 and married to fashion designer Frederikke Hviid, with whom he has three children; Albert, 22 years old, Anna-Lucca, 19 years old and Stella-Stine, 9 years old.

BEREND - Klaus
Dr. Klaus Berend joined the European Commission in 1994 and is currently Head of Unit in the European Commission’s Directorate-General Health and Food Safety, responsible for the implementation of the Pesticides and Biocides legislation. Before, he was Head of Unit in the European Commission’s Directorate-General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship & SMEs, in charge of the implementation of the EU Regulation concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH). Previously, he was Head of Unit in DG Enterprise & Industry, responsible for EU legislation on the Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP), Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), detergents, fertilisers, drug precursors, explosives and pyrotechnic articles. The Unit also dealt with the sustainability and competitiveness of the chemicals industry in the European Union. Earlier, he was Deputy Head of Unit in the Commission’s Directorate General for Environment, Unit Biotechnology & Pesticides, where he co-ordinated the work concerning biocides, plant protection products and the Community’s participation in the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent (PIC). He studied chemistry at the universities of Heidelberg, Freiburg, and Stanford, and obtained a PhD in polymer chemistry from the University of Freiburg (Germany).

BOSC - Kevin
Kevin Bosc is EMEA Leader in Product Advocacy and Approvals at Corteva Agriscience. Based in Brussels, he is engaging with stakeholders on EU policy and regulatory issues and an active member of ECPA and IBMA. Prior to joining Corteva, Kevin served as the Policy and Regulatory Affairs Manager for COCERAL, the EU grain trade association, and previously worked in London as a regulatory advisor for the food industry. A French native, Kevin obtained his Master of Laws (LLM) from University College London and his Master’s degree in Economic Law and Global Governance from Sciences Po Paris.

BRAND - Alexandra
Prior to her appointment as Chief Sustainability Officer, Alexandra Brand was Regional Director of Syngenta’s crop protection and seed operations across Europe, Africa and the Middle East – a region with sales of 3.8 billion dollars and approximately 3,000 employees. Alexandra joined Syngenta in late 2015. Before joining Syngenta, Alexandra held various positions in the BASF Group, including senior vice president of its global Animal Nutrition business unit, vice president of the Global Marketing Pharma Ingredients unit as well as chief of staff for BASF’s chief executive officer. Alexandra gained international experience through her role as director of BASF’s Sub Regional Operating Manager Intermediates in South Asia, with its headquarters in Mumbai, India. She began her professional career in global research at BASF. Alexandra studied chemistry at the Technische Universität in Darmstadt, Germany, from 1990 to 1998 and completed her studies with a doctorate.

BRUNO - Federica
Federica Bruno is part of the legal team of the Pesticides and Biocides Unit at DG SANTE. Federica is primarily working on legal issues related to the approval of active substances in both the Pesticides and Biocides sectors, and she is part of the team that worked on the proposal leading to Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 on Transparency and Sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain. Her academic background is a master’s degree in Law and an LL.M in Law and Government of the European Union, both obtained at LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome. Before joining the Commission she worked in the legal department of a multinational firm.

CLAMOU - ISABELLE
Isabelle Clamou is Policy Officer at the European Commission DG SANTE department. She has previously worked as Director Regulatory and R&D Policy Europe for Amgen, as well as Director for Regulatory Affairs for EFPIA. She has attended University of Lille and University of Provence.

DE VERA - Paula
DEREUDRE - Eric

Eric Dereudre is the business director of Northern Europe for Corteva Agriscience™. This unit includes the seeds and crop-protection activities in France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Benelux, Denmark, Scandinavia and the Baltic countries. Eric started his career in 1995 in France and has 25 years of experience in the agro-industry in which he held various managerial positions serving Ag-markets in Europe and globally. Eric Dereudre is President of the European Crop Protection Association (ECPA), a professional association which brings together stakeholders in plant protection. Graduated from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure Agronomique (ENSA) in Rennes, France, he also holds an MBA (Master of Business Administration) from the University of Northwood in Midland, Michigan USA. Through his training and his personal links with the agricultural sector, Eric Dereudre has an in-depth knowledge of agriculture. His experience and professional background subsequently strengthened his global vision of agricultural issues. His involvement in professional associations and volunteering activities allows him to put his knowledge and convictions at the service of a modern, competitive and sustainable European agriculture, by combining economical, societal and food-supply needs with agronomic constraints.

DUARTE - Manuel

Manuel Duarte is an independent consultant and, in parallel, holds the position of Regulatory Director for ECCA. His background is agronomy with a master in crop protection. After graduating (1988), he joined a Portuguese company, Agroquisa, where he occupied several positions from field trials manager, regulatory manager to marketing project manager. In 2004, he joined Sapec (now Ascenza) as insecticide product manager. In 2007, he moved to Sapec’s Technical Department, becoming its director since 2010, until he left the company. In January 2019, he founded his own independent consulting company.

DZELZKALEJA - BUMISTRE - Mairia

M.Sc.Econ Maira Dzelzkaleja – Burmistre is Vice-chairwoman of Latvia’s biggest producing farmers’ organisation – “Farmers’ Parliament” (Zemnieku Saeima), which main objective is to represent farmers interests both on national level and EU level. Maira has extensive experience in the chairmanship of farmer representative organisations as a senior elected farmer leader with qualifications in EU Agriculture policy, plant production and agriculture-environment related questions, as well as extensive experience in working together with relevant representative farmers’ and agri-cooperative organisations in the European Union (former Vice-President of Copa - Chairwoman of the Copa-Cogeca Working party on Rural Development). Professional competences focus on issues related to sustainable and competitive farming, EU agriculture and rural development policies within the EU. She is one of the leading experts in agriculture with more than 20 years’ experience combining both theory and practice in the family farm – Vilcini -1. The farm operates intensively using the most advanced technologies, but at the same time taking care of resource efficiency and the environment. The farm was a Latvia winner in the competition between Baltic States farmers’.

GARÇON - Gérardine

Dr. Gérardine Garçon is head of Global Regulatory Legal & Contracts at BASF Agricultural Solutions. She joined BASF corporate legal in Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Germany in 1996 and was delegated several years to the BASF Brussels office. Gérardine is an expert in European and international laws, with a focus on risk regulation and crop protection law. She chairs the legal team of the European Crop Protection Association and is as well chairperson of the legal team of the German Crop Protection Association (Industrieverband Agrar). Gérardine holds a law degree from the Saarland University and a LL.M. from its Europa Institut. She obtained her PhD in 1997 with a thesis on the legality of trade embargoes of the European Union under European and public international law. Gérardine regularly publishes and gives presentations in the area of regulatory laws and the freedom of information legal framework / Aarhus legislation.

GHIANI - Alessio

Alessio Ghiani is Legal Affairs Manager at the European Crop Protection Association. He has previously worked on EU and competition law at K&L Gates and served in international and EU institutions.

GRIFFITHS - Martyn

Dr. Griffiths graduated from University of Newcastle Upon Tyne and obtained his doctorate in field of liquid fertilisers from Harper Adams College. His involvement in crop protection started 26 years ago with Schering. After 5 years of field development experience, he moved to Frankfurt, Germany with AgrEvo, where he held a number of positions including responsibility for registrations in China, Taiwan and Korea. With the formation of Bayer CropScience, he has worked in the European Regulatory Affairs team in Lyon, France and his current position is Senior Regulatory Policy Manager in EMEA Regulatory Science. He is chairman of ECPA Regulatory Policy Team.
HANIOTIS - Tassos

Tassos Hariotis is Director for “Strategy, Simplification and Policy Analysis” in the DG for Agriculture and Rural development of the European Commission. During his 30-year career in the European Commission he has also held posts as Acting Director for Direct Payments, Head of Unit in the Agricultural Policy Analysis and Perspectives Unit and the Agricultural Trade Policy Analysis Unit in DG AGRI, as Deputy Head of Cabinet of former European Commissioner for Agriculture Franz Fischler, and as Agricultural Counsellor in the European Commission’s Delegation in the US. Tassos holds Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia in the U.S., and a B.A. in Economics from the Athens University of Economics and Business in his native Greece, and was a visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Agricultural Studies, Wye College, University of London. A member of the Executive of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium during 2012-14, Tassos currently represents the European Commission in the G20’s Rapid Response Forum, which he will Chair in 2020-21.

HORSBRUGH - Ben

As Team Leader Key Account & Membership Management at GLOBALG.A.P. A.P., Ben Horsbrugh is a member of the organisation’s Business Development and Marketing team. GLOBALG.A.P. is an internationally recognized standard with the mission of bringing together farmers and retailers in the production and marketing of safe food, protecting scarce resources, and laying the foundations for a sustainable future. Having worked in the international fresh produce industry for the past 25 years, Ben has a strong insight into the development of market requirements related to good agricultural practice, food safety and sustainability.

JÜLICHER - Sabine

Dr 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, veterinary medicines & animal nutrition as well as the farm to fork strategy of the European Green Deal. She holds a veterinary degree from the Free University Berlin and completed her thesis on microbiology and food safety. Moreover she holds a postgraduate qualification in food hygiene.

KAUS - Volker

Dr. Volker Kaus is head of units legal and plant protection products economic affairs of IVA, the Agrochemical business association in Germany. He joined IVA in October 1989. Volker is in particular an expert in European and German Plant Protection Law. He is member of the ECPA Legal Affairs Expert Group (LAEG) and the ECPA Revision Project Team (RevPT). Volker holds a law degree from the Frankfurt University. He obtained his PhD 1993 with a comparison of the data protection rules in the EU and the German plant protection law. Volker regularly publishes and gives presentations on all topics related to plant protection.

KUTAS - Géraldine

Géraldine Kutas, former head of international affairs at the Brazilian Sugarcane Industry Association (UNICA), took reins of the European Crop Protection Association (ECPA) as of September 2019. At UNICA, since October 2007, she was responsible for defining and leading the organisation’s international activities becoming one of the key voices during the recently agreed EU-Mercosur trade deal. Geraldine has over 15 years of experience in Public Affairs working in Belgium, France, Brazil, Costa Rica, the US and China. In her work she has achieved the removal of trade barriers and secured optimal regulations for various sectors of the agribusiness. She brings to the job a wealth of knowledge in agricultural and international trade policies, coupled with her passion for sustainability and climate change. Géraldine holds an MA in Foreign Affairs from Georgetown University (Washington, DC) and a Ph.D. in International Economics from l’Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). She speaks French, English, Portuguese, Spanish and Italian.

LAABS - Volker

Volker Laabs currently works for the Agricultural Solutions Division of BASF SE (based in Limburgerhof, Germany), heading the global product stewardship group for crop protection and pest control products and serving his company also as water expert. In his role at the industry association ECPA (based in Brussels, Belgium), he is chairman of the Stewardship Management Team, member of the Water Expert Group, and vice-chairman of the TOPPS Water Protection multi-stakeholder project. Before joining BASF SE, he worked as assistant professor at Bonn University (Germany), heading the trace residue analytical organic laboratory and the research group on organic soil pollutants of the Chair of Soil Science. Previously, he was a study director for Covance Laboratories GmbH (Münster, Germany), conducting environmental fate and analytical studies. Volker Laabs received his diploma degree in geoecology (soil science major) as well as his natural science doctorate from Bayreuth University, Germany.
LECOOQ - Nathalie

Nathalie Lecocq is Director General of FEDEAL, the Brussels-based association representing the EU vegetable oil and protein meal industry and supporting common industry activities related to food and feed safety, sustainability and environment, supply chains and trade, nutrition/health and labelling. French citizen, she graduated in agro-economics from the Bonn University in Germany and has about 30 years of experience in representing European agri-food sectors towards the EU institutions and international organisations, having held positions in different EU agri-business associations with responsibilities areas of agricultural policy, international trade negotiations and regulations, industry competitiveness and association’s communication.

MACDONELL - Kieran

Kieran has been the Counsellor (Agriculture) at the Australian Mission to the EU since January 2019. In this role he covers all aspects of Australia’s agricultural trade relationship with the EU, member states and European institutions. Prior to this appointment Kieran was based in Canberra working in the head office of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment. During his time at the Department Kieran has worked on agricultural policy for the diary, wool, red meat and cropping sectors. He was also responsible for Australia’s international fisheries engagement, including overseeing Australia’s efforts to combat IUU fishing, and worked on Australia’s frontline biosecurity system. Kieran has also worked as an adviser to three Australian Agriculture Ministers.

MATTAAR - Hans

After graduating at Wageningen Agricultural University in 1984, Hans Mattaar joined Rhône-Poulenc Agro, in the position of Regulatory Affairs Expert for the Netherlands. From this position he moved on to the European Team as a coordinator for European regulatory affairs in 1992. During his career he expanded his area of interest from science to law, and from there it was a small step to politics. He held the position of European Public & Governmental Affairs (PGA) Manager and Regulatory Strategy Manager for the last 7 years of his corporate career, while RPA became Aventia CropScience and then became part of Bayer CropScience. In January 2008 he left Bayer to pursue a career as Senior Advisor with Pappas & Associates, Attorneys at Law, in Brussels. In his current role he provides strategic and regulatory advice to businesses who operate in a regulated environment, both on operational and on organisational issues. In parallel to that he holds.

MEEUSSEN - Jeroen

Jeroen Meeussen is a plant pathologist by training. On 1st September 2015 he started work as coordinator for the new EU Minor Uses Coordination Facility. From October 2010 till July 2015 Jeroen Meeussen has been working in Brussels for the European Commission (DG SANTE) on pesticide issues, including ‘minor uses’ and biopesticides. Before that he worked as the EU coordinator for plant protection products for the Dutch Board for the Authorisation of Plant Protection Products and Biocides (Cggb). Since 2005 he chairs the Expert Group on Biopesticides (EGBP) as part of the Pesticide Programme of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

MROWIEC - Aleksandra

Aleksandra Mrowiec - a graduated lawyer that combine legal knowledge with 13 years of experience in communication and project management. Highly skilled at relationship-building with different stakeholders. As a part of the Polish Crop Protection Association (PSOR) she promotes principles of responsible purchase and use of pesticides as well as a waste container management among farmers. Starting from 2007 she contributes to the nationwide campaign dedicated at raising awareness about illegal pesticides. She also coordinates trainings and campaign “Buying counterfeits, you lose many times” organized jointly by customs, market control authorities and the industry.

MÜLLER - Ulrike

Since July 2014, Ulrike Müller represents the FREIE WAHLER [FREE VOTERS] at the European Parliament. She is a member of the RE-NEW EUROPE Group. Ulrike Müller is her group’s spokesperson for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) and member of the Committee on Petitions (PETI). She is a substitute member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). During the previous term, she was ALDE spokesperson on the Special Committee on EU Authorisation Procedure for Pesticides (PEST). Since December 2017, Ulrike Müller is the chair of the Delegation for relation with Australia and New Zealand (DANZ). She is also a substitute member of the Delegation for relations with South Asia (DSAS) and of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (DACP).

MUYLDERMANS - Dominic

Dominic Muyldermans studied law in Leuven and Strasbourg, and obtained a Masters of Law (LL.M) from University College London. He has been an attorney in the Intellectual Property Department of the law firm Allen & Overy. He has been senior counsel at Bayer CropScience and is now work-
functions within Bayer AG Crop Science Division. He joined Bayer in 2006 and previously managed major pharmaceutical US product liability litigation proceedings for Bayer, held global responsibilities in Bayer’s compliance function and counseled various business and product supply units within Bayer’s Pharmaceuticals, Consumer Health and Crop Science Divisions. Before Niklas joined Bayer he had worked from 1999 through 2006 as attorney in private practice and most of this time with the international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. He graduated and holds a PhD in law from University of Cologne.

PINTE - Jérémy

Jérémy Pinte is currently Head of the Coordination Unit for Pesticides, Fertilisers and Beneficial Arthropods, and Assistant to the Director of Regulated Product Assessment at the French Agency for Food and Environment Safety and Occupational Health (Anses). He graduated as an agriculture and food engineer, followed by a professional training in public law. He obtained a PhD in food packaging safety. Before joining Anses, he worked as a policy officer at the French Ministry in charge of Agriculture (2009-2015) and at the European Commission (DG SANTE) (2015-2018).

PROHASKA - Christian

I studied at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (Vienna) Food- and Biotechnology (1984 – 1993). From 1994 to 2000 I worked for different public bodies (Federal Institute for Food Control and Research; Federal Chancellery; Department for Toxicology; Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management) dealing with various risk assessment issues in the field of plant protection products (risk assessment for consumer; evaluation of plant protection products with respect to residue behaviour; fate and behaviour of plant protection products in the environment with respect to drinking water contamination). In 2000, I completed a postgraduate programme in toxicology at the Medical University Vienna, Institute for Cancer Research. In 2002, I started to work in the field of toxicology at AGES (deputy head of department of toxicology) dealing with risk assessment for operator, bystander and worker; evaluation of plant protection products with respect to toxicology as well as classification and labeling. By 2005, I became head of the Department of Residue Behaviour at AGES. I am member at EU Commission WG “post approval issues” (chair since 2019) and national contact point for zonal evaluation (central zone Steering Committee).

ROEDERER - Jeanne

Dr. Roederer studied Physics and Chemistry of Materials at the Sciences University of Nancy (France). She is working in ADAMA (former- ly Makhteshim-Agan) for more than 25 years and served various positions, starting in Israel as Product Registra-
RUMBOlz - Joachim
Joachim Rumbolz is a regulatory project manager and team leader at Eurofins Agro-science Regulatory. As a consultant, he has supported the approval of active substances (micro-organisms and natural substances including plant extracts) used in plant protection products in the EU. In his present role, he advises companies in the development and commercialisation of biopesticides from a regulatory perspective, aiming at sustainable registration strategies. Joachim holds a PhD in phytopathology from the University of Konstanz. His postgraduate research at the University of Basel and the University of California at Davis focused on various aspects of the biology and epidemiology of grapevine diseases.

RUTHERFORD - Stuart
Stuart Rutherford is Director of Water & Environmental Affairs at the European Crop Protection Association (ECPA). His primary responsibilities include supporting ECPA expert groups on food residues/food-chain issues, water, and operator exposure. He also maintains all related relations with the EU, other international bodies, stakeholders and NGOs. Previous professional experience includes an emphasis in EU environmental legislation, particularly in the area of water issues. Mr Rutherford comes from an educational background in Marine Environmental Sciences, and he received a Master’s Degree in Marine Zoology at the University College of North Wales in the UK.

STRELOKE - Martin
Dr Martin Strelko is the head of the Department of Plant Protection Products at the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) in Germany. He completed his PhD in zoology and entomology at Hanover University. Dr Strelko has 25 years of professional experience in the field of risk assessment and risk management in the context of authorisation procedures for plant protection products in Germany and the EU.

TILMA - Jakob
Jakob Tilma is the Communications Manager of the Danish Crop Protection Association (DCPA) and has since 2019 been the Chair of ECPAs Communications Expert Group (CEG). Jakob Tilma holds a journalism degree and has prior to his employment at the DCPA been the Communications Director at the Danish farmers union Landsforeningen for Baeredygtigt Landbrug. Jakob Tilma has in the DCPA used stewardship initiatives to make the plant protection industry in Denmark an evident part of the debate on the use of pesticides in modern agriculture. This has been done by disrupting the way the industry stands out in the public sphere. The DCPA demo farm has for the past years set the scene for important debates on the future of food and the role of the farmer as a manager of natural resources. With the #BornholmInBloom project DCPA succeeded in bringing green NGO’s, the Danish Beekeepers Association, farmers and the crop protection industry together to work on bettering conditions for insects in Denmark.

TIRAMANI - Manuela
Manuela Tiramani was appointed Head of the Pesticide Peer Review Unit (PREV) of the European Food Safety Authority in January 2019. Manuela joined EFSA in 2005 as scientific officer for mammalian toxicology in the Pesticide Unit, where she afterwards took the position of team leader responsible for mammalian toxicology risk assessment and non dietary exposure assessment. Before joining the PREV Unit, Manuela has guided the EFSA FEED Unit from 2015 to 2018 for a total of 4 years. Manuela graduated from the university of Milano as medical doctor, with a focus on occupational health, industrial hygiene and toxicology.

TOKES - Gábor
Since November 2010, he has been the head of Hungarian Authorization – responsible for both PPPs and Yield Enhancers. Previous to his current role, he graduated as Biological Engineer on the Budapest Technical University. He gained his University doctor title at the Agricultural University of Godollo, in the topic of Growth regulators in cereal production. Gábor organized the system for efficacy trials of plant growth regulators in the Hungarian plant protection network. He edited the Hungarian guidance for growth regulators and fertilizers, and for 20 years he coordinated the Hungarian efficacy trials of such products. Since the first proposals he actively took part in the discussions about the new authorisation regulation (1107/2009 EC). Since 2006 he has been dealing with authorization matters and has been member of the Post Approval Issues working group.

TOLLERET - Irène
Irène Tolleret is a member of the European Parliament elected on the Renaissance list, which belongs to the Renew Europe Group. She is a member of the Committee on Agriculture as well as the Committee on Women Rights and Gender Equality. A wine-grower by profession, Tolleret is the former mayor of Fontanes in France and former vice-president of the group of communes of Grand Pic Saint Loup (France).
**VAN DRENT - Rob**

Rob van Drent is senior policy officer at Ctgb, the Dutch organisation responsible for the authorisation of plant protection products and biocides. He is involved with Ctgb’s contribution to sustainable plant protection, specifically in the area of biopesticides, low-risk plant protection products and innovative application techniques. Before joining the Ctgb, Rob worked as a national expert for the European Commission in the Pesticides Unit of DG SANTE, where he worked on similar topics.

**WHEALS - Ian**

Ian Wheals is British, and resident in France for the last 18 years. Ian studied Chemistry at the University of Birmingham in the UK before joining the crop protection industry in 1989 as an environmental scientist with one of Syngenta’s legacy companies. Ian started his regulatory career in the early 1990s as Europe transitioned from national registration systems to the first EU-wide process with implementation of 91/414/EEC. From 1997 Ian gained experience in regulatory roles in the US and globally, before focussing back on Europe from 2007 as the 91/414 review programme was completed and the 1107/2009 legislation developed and introduced. Ian is currently Head EAME Regulatory Policy for Syngenta Crop Protection AG based in Basel, Switzerland. Ian is a member of the ECPA Regulatory Policy Team and chairman of a cross-functional ECPA project team that has sought to constructively contribute to the 1107/2009 & 396/2005 REFIT and PEST procedures.

**WILLIAMS - Janet**

Janet Williams is the Head of Regulatory Science for the UK and Ireland at Bayer CropScience Ltd, based in Cambridge, UK and is also the current Chair of the UK Crop Protection Association (CPA), Policy and Regulatory Group. Janet has a Masters’ degree in Toxicology from the University of Kentucky in the USA and has worked for Fisons, Rhone-Poulenc, Aventis and Bayer in agrochemical regulatory affairs for over 30 years. She is in regular contact with the Chemicals Regulation Division (CRD) of UK Health and Safety Executive and the Pesticides Registration and Control Division of the Ireland Department of Agriculture. She is one of the key industry contact points for the UK Brexit policy on pesticide and biocide regulation.

**WILLIAMS - Mark**

Mark Williams is a Policy Officer in the Pesticides and Biocides Unit at DG SANTE. Mark is working primarily on the implementation of Regulation 1107/2009, focussed on the approval of substances and the decision making process for new substances, renewals and confirmatory information in addition to working on the development of new guidance, including most recently for emergency authorisations, and the implementation of the Plant Protection Products Application Management System (PPPAMS). Before joining the Commission he worked at the Health and Safety Executive in the United Kingdom and has a background in biochemistry and biomedicine.

**YDRAIOU - Francesca**

Francesca Ydraiou is an agronomist MSc, holder of maîtrise special title in phytopharmacology and phytopharmacology. She worked both as a public servant (Ministry of Agriculture in Greece) and for the private sector (industry of plant protection products) before becoming the director-general of the HCPA in 1997. During this period, she has dealt with matters of national and European legislation concerning plant protection products sector as well as with the implementation of programmes for the protection of PPP users and water, the collection of empty PPP containers, raising awareness on risks of illegal pesticides, in cooperation with municipalities, institutes, services and farmers. She has attended numerous seminars, conferences and workshops primarily as speaker as has also lectured at the Agricultural University of Athens, the University of Aegean and the Medical School of Athens. Francesca Ydraiou is a member of the Entomological and Weed Science Society of Greece.
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