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Gaëtan Dubois
DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Gaëtan Dubois is working at the European Commission in DG Agri. Planning and Programming Officer in the unit H5, he is especially working on Horizon 2020, the EU Research and Innovation programme. He is also involved on the European Innovation Partnership on Agricultural Sustainability and Productivity — EIP-Agri. Agro-economist by training and based on his experience, within the unit activities, he a specific focus on agro-ecology, ecosystem services, public goods and natural resources in agriculture including farming systems approaches.



Chris de Visser Wageningen UR

Chris de Visser is working as business developer at Wageningen UR and has set up the Application Centre of Renewable resources (ACRRES) in Lelystad. This Centre is involved in making multiple use of biomass and co-innovates with business partners on new biobased technologies. One of the main products studied are proteins for feed and food. Chris is also involved in a national co-operation to develop new protein crops for feed, like soya. Based on his experience, he values the integrated approach of technologies and market chain development within a sustainable context.



Dominique Dejonckheere Copa-Cogeca

Ms Dominique Dejonckheere is a senior policy advisor at Copa-Cogeca in Brussels (www.copa-cogeca.eu), an organisation that represents European farmers and agri-cooperatives. She is responsible for expressing and defending the interests of the biofuels, protein crops and dried fodder. She is involved in the food vs. fuel debate and as such represented Copa-Cogeca during the FAO civil society stakeholder consultation for the High Level Conference on World Food Security and the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy in 2008. She also represents Copa-Cogeca in the International Confederation of European Beet Growers (CIBE) and the European Oilseed Alliance (EOA).

Between 1993 and 2004 she was responsible for environmental legislation and its effect on agricultural production, set-aside and cross-compliance under the Common Agricultural Policy.

Between 1991-1993 she taught agricultural economics at a higher education agronomic institution in the province of Hainaut.

Dominique Dejonckheere holds an MSc in Agronomy (1991) from Luik University (Gembloux AGRO-BIOTEC, Belgium).





Richard David Thompson

INRA UMR 1347 Agroecology

Trained in biochemistry and molecular biology (Ph.D 1979), Richard David Thompson started postdoctoral work at the Plant Breeding Institute near Cambridge on cereal seed protein genes. He joined the Max-Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research in Cologne (1986-2001), continuing the same theme. From 2002-2010, he was Director of the INRA Research Unit for Grain Legume Genetics and Ecophysiology (UMR LEG). His current research activities involve the genetic control of seed development and composition, and the generation of legume mutant resources. He is currently coordinating an FP7-KBBE project, LEGATO, "LEGumes for the Agriculture of TOmorrow", (2014-2017, http://legato-fp7.eu/), conceived to promote the culture of grain legumes in Europe by novel varietal development, culture practices, and food uses. LEGATO will also develop tools and resources to assist breeding and exploit the breadth of genetic resources available.



Francisco J Gutierrez Gestinver

Francisco Javier Gutierrez is a Chemist with more than 15 years of experience in the development of R&D industrial projects. He has collaborated in the design and commissioning of several industrial processes for the isolation of natural products of vegetal origin such as high added value products, starch and proteins. He has also participate in several international projects aimed at the use of agrofood wastes as source of feed materials as well as in the isolation of vegetal proteins for using in extruded feeds at technical level. Other relevant details: Participant as expert in the FAO technical consultation meeting about Assessing the Potential of Insects as Food and Feed in assuring Food Security (Junary 2012); Participant as expert in the COST exploratory Workshop on Sustainable Protein Supply (March 2012)



Ruud Tijssens Agrifirm Group BV

Since 2010 Mr Tijssens is working at Agrifirm as director R&D and CSR. From January 2012 his main task was Director Corporate Affairs.

In 2011 he became Chairman of the Taskforce Sustainability of FEFAC, project leader on the transition of sustainable soy in the Netherlands and chairman of a large research consortium (Feed4Foodure) from Dutch Feed Industry, Wageningen University and Research and the Dutch Government (so-called Topsector project).

As of June 2013 Mr. Tijssens is appointed to President of FEFAC.

Mr. Tijssens is 51 years old, married and is blessed with a son and a daughter.







Matthias Kroen

Danube Soya Association

Matthias Kroen was born in Salzburg in 1969. He studied Chinese studies, philosophy and history in Vienna and Taipei. Subsequently he spent one year at the Leo Baeck Institute in New York. After his return to Austria in 1995 he started working in the sales department of Molkerei Oberwart Reg. Gen. Together with Fred Kranich he established Mona Naturprodukte, one of the major suppliers in the dairy sector in Austria .

In 2000 soy production in the Oberwart dairy was started and already 3 years later a subsidiary for dairy alternatives based on soya, rice and oats was founded. Kroen became CEO of the Mona Group of companies. In 2005 Kroen and three colleagues were able to acquire 100% of the shares of the Mona Group of companies and the Oberwart Dairy. Subsequently the group decided to divest of the dairy business and focus on the non-dairy business. Today Mona accounts for about 10% of non-dairy volume in Europe and is active in over 30 markets. In autumn 2011 stepped down as CEO to concentrate on the soy associations, while remaining a major shareholder of Mona Group. The Austrian soya association was founded in 2008 as an initiative of the Austrian soy businesses. In spring 2012 the International Danube Soya association was established. Both associations elected Kroen as chairman. Kroen advocates a sustainable, regional and gm-free protein supply in Europe.

Matthias Kroen is married and lives with his wife and two sons (aged of 10 and 12 years) in Vienna.



Eduardo Augusto dos Santos Rosa

Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro

Eduardo Rosa was born on the 14 April 1957. In 1981 he finished the degree on Agricultural Sciences at the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD). In 1982 Eduardo was admitted in the Department of Agricultural Sciences and Agricultural Engineering of UTAD as assistant in lectures related to horticulture production and biology. In 1986 finished an equivalent to MSc degree on horticulture and in 1992 the PhD degree after a stay during 2 years at the Food Research Institute in Norwich (UK), under the supervision of Dr. Roger Fenwick. In 1997 he got the Catedra Professor position after a 2 days public panel evaluation. Teaching and research are concentrated on horticulture. Main research activities: secondary plant metabolites and sustainable agriculture. Has published 85 JCR papers. Index h- 22. Among other activities linked to his involvement on several national and EU projects must be stressed. He has been involved in evaluation of EU proposals and in refereeing papers in Journals of JCR being member of the editorial board of JSFA (Elsevier). He was Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations of UTAD (2002-2010). Since 2007 he is Director of a Research Unit (CITAB- http://www.citab.utad.pt/) with 225 researchers, classified by an international panel of "EXCELENT".







Roger Vickers **Processors and Growers Research Organisation**

Roger Vickers is CEO of PGRO since 5 November 2012. He was the former Commercial Director at Tozer Seeds with previously over 25 years experience at commercial roles within various sectors such as arable, horticultural and forage of the European seed and seed technology industry.



Jean-Luc Millécamps Pôle Agronomique Ouest

Jean-Luc MILLECAMPS is head of the association "Pôle Agronomique Ouest". He launched in 1995 a process of "bottom-up" for developing joint projects in agriculture, food and sea Brittany and Pays de la Loire councils.

Currently his team is in charge of two large programs in the West of France: SOS-PROTEIN and also PROFIL, this last under the flag "MILK-VALLEY".

Previously he worked in a start-up of seaweeds processing and a chamber of commerce. He also worked in Sudan and Senegal in rural development projects and in Saudi Arabia in a town building project.

He is a graduate engineer of the agriculture institute of Lille (1981) Doctor of Plant Physiology Villeneuve d'Ascq (1989) and trained in evaluation of business management (1994).

Etienne Pilorgé

CETIOM

Etienne Pilorgé is head of strategic foresight, technical watch and international department in CETIOM. CETIOM is the French technical institute (for applied research and extension) for oil and protein crops and for industrial hemp, working under the umbrella of UNIP and ONIDOL, interprofessional organisations. He is member of the Proteins EIP-AGRI Focus Group.





Diego Rubiales

Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, CSIC

He is President of the International Legume Society and was President of the European Grain Legume Association and member of the Executive Committee of the Int. Parasitic Plant Society. He has co-authored a total of 254 articles in Journals with IF on various aspects of disease resistance and management during his career, with special focus on disease resistance

(http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Diego_Rubiales). He has directed 21 successful PhD and 6 Master theses. In addition to these research activities, he has lead pea and faba bean breeding programmes, resulting in 2 faba bean and 3 pea cultivar submitted for registration. He has a H index of 31 (Isi Web of Knowledge core collection).

He has extensive experience in participation and coordination of research both at EU and Mediterranean level. He has been coordinator of a FP5 EU project (EUFABA), of a FP7-ARIMNet (MEDILEG), of COST action (COST849) and of a FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IOF, and WP leader in a FP6 EU Integrated Project (GLIP), in a FP6-ERANet (LEGRESIST), in two F7 projects (ABSTRESS and LEGATO) and in one Australian GRDC project. He has lead 16 Spanish research projects and 13 projects for bilateral projects with North African countries.



Tim O' Donovan

Teagasc - Irish Agriculture & Food Development Authority

Tom O' Donovan is from a dairy, beef and arable farm in southern Ireland. He attained Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Agriculture from University College Dublin, Ireland. He specialised in Animal & Crop Production and completed my Masters thesis on agronomic aspects of sugarbeet production. Tim has worked as an dairy and crops advisor with Teagasc (Irish Agriculture & Food Development Authority) since 1998. In 2005 he became a specialist crops advisor supporting front line advisors. His main roles in Teagasc include: providing technical support to Teagasc tillage advisors and the wider tillage industry, compiling the Teagasc Tillage Crops Report and Teagasc Crops Costs & Returns as well as speaking at farmer's tillage information events. He is currently completing a PhD by research on Rumex obtusifolius control in grassland.

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Zoltan Pulay

UBM Feed Kft

Zoltan Pulay graduated in Agriculture at Gödöllő Agricultural University-Hungary in 1985 and post-graduated in Economics and Trade in 1990. He spent a year in Wisconsin at a dairy farm as trainee of the U.S. Holstein Association in 1986. Zoltan worked as agronomist at Környe State Farm and joined Ralston Purina Int'l in 1993. He holds several position as director of purchasing & logistics, formulation and strategic sourcing lead in Purina, Agribrands Int'l and Cargill Animal Nutrition for 21 years in Hungary and Eastern Europe. He joined UBM Feed as director of purchasing in 2014. His wife Andrea practices as attorney in law, daughters Flora and Blanka are University and High School students in Hungary. He likes horses and outdoor activities.





Denis Chereau IMPROVE

Denis Chéreau holds a Ph.D. in microbiology obtained at INRA in Dijon in 1986, on the production of single-cell protein by solid state fermentation. He participated in the creation of the Lyven SA specialized in the production and marketing of enzymes obtained by solid state fermentation for fruit juices, bread-making and animal feed markets. He then worked in the starch industry as technical manager in France and the USA and became plant manager for 9 years in 2 Tereos Syral's wheat and corn plants in Picardy and Alsace. He is currently general manager of IMPROVE SAS first European R&D centre dedicated to vegetal proteins valorisation. IMPROVE started its operational activity end of 2013, employing already 11 scientists and technicians. IMPROVE is contracting with companies working in the food, feed, cosmetic or agrobiobased chemistry in or outside Europe.

IMPROVE is located in Amiens, 1 hour north of Paris



Caroline Schrandt
EIP-AGRI Service Point

Caroline Schrandt is a member of the EIP Service Point and also works in the Netherlands as a project manager of national and international projects in the field of land consolidation, water management and rural development. She is also a trained facilitator.

She graduated at the Wageningen University as agricultural engineer in land and water management.