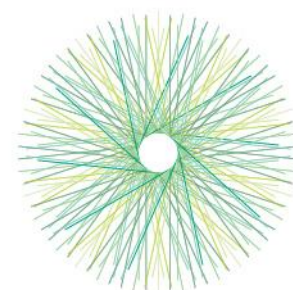


# Speakers' CVs

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## In order of the programme



### Rob Peters

#### European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Rob Peters joined the European Commission in 1988 and has mostly worked on policy analysis, development and implementation in the field of agriculture and rural development in DG AGRI. Since 1st of January 2014 he is head of the newly created Research and Innovation unit, AGRI-H5, with responsibility for agricultural research and the European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability.



### Jeroen Dewulf

#### Ghent University

Jeroen Dewulf graduated in 1998 as a veterinarian from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Ghent University, Belgium. He immediately started working as researcher at the Herd health department of the faculty. In 2002 he finished his PhD on the epidemiology and control of classical swine fever. In that same year he received a master of science degree in veterinary epidemiology from the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands (Cum Laude). He became diplomat in the European College of Veterinary Public Health in 2005.

Since 2006 he is associated professor in Veterinary Epidemiology at the **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Ghent University**. In 2014 he was appointed as full professor in Veterinary Epidemiology. His main research interests are quantitative epidemiology and control of zoonoses with a specific emphasis on antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial use in animal production as well as the prevention of epidemic and endemic diseases with a focus on the application of **biosecurity measures**.



### George Gunn

#### Scotland's Rural College Scotland's Rural College SRUC

George Gunn is Professor of Population Medicine and Zoonoses at Scotland's Rural College (formally SAC), is a Research Team Leader and Head of Veterinary Epidemiology based at Inverness, Scotland, UK. He is current Director of the Scottish virtual Centre of Expertise on Animal Disease Outbreaks (EPIC). He is also a Visiting Professor in Veterinary Epidemiology at University of Glasgow.

As a research project manager working at national and international levels George has formed part of the senior management teams for the EC BVD Network, EC ParaTB Tools Project and led a Defra (UK) funded project 'An

integrated approach to biosecurity on UK cattle and sheep farms; evaluating existing measures for endemic diseases against exotic threats'. He has extensive experience of working with industry and helped initiate several cattle health programmes including HI-Health, Premium Cattle Health Scheme and Cattle Health Certification Standards (CHeCS). He also helped establish abattoir based pig health surveillance schemes within the UK. George is increasingly involved in senior level policy development. With others he has pioneered new approaches which combine epidemiology with socioeconomic factors to examine how infectious diseases fit within the biological, economic and social context of farming and the human food chain. [www.epicscotland.org](http://www.epicscotland.org)

### Célia Lesage



#### **GDS Doredogne (FESASS)**

As Manager of network of TB surveillance in Dordogne (France) since November 2014, Mrs. Célia Lesage is member of GDS (grouping of breeders) and in charge of sampling analyzes of wildlife (badgers and wild boar) and awareness campaign among farmers about biosecurity measures in order to eradicate Tuberculosis.

She is graduated of PhD in parasitic Epidemiology of Reims University. During this thesis she worked on the epidemiological study of pulmonary protostrongyliasis of hare, which is a parasitic disease being increasing in the Southeastern of France since 2004.

She worked before in National Hunting and Wildlife Agency (ONCFS) on tularemia of hares to evaluate prevalence and human health risk. [c.lesage@elevage24.com](mailto:c.lesage@elevage24.com)

### Daniel Pearson



#### **Aviagen Ltd (AVEC Poultry)**

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Daniel Pearson was born in North Queensland, Australia. He graduated from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science in 1981.

In 1984 he moved to UK where he began working as a veterinarian in the poultry industry for Marshall's Chunky Chicken, a large fully integrated company located in Scotland.

Daniel has continued served the poultry meat chicken industry in the UK and has extensive experience in all aspects of broiler meat production. He is a past president of the British Veterinary Poultry Association, a member of the European Poultry Veterinary Study Group, a member of the Red Tractor Farm Assured technical committee for chickens and has served on a number of UK poultry steering committees, including projects on Notifiable Disease, Campylobacter, Salmonella, Gut Health and Leg Health, working closely with DEFRA (Agriculture Ministry) and FSA (Food Standards Agency).

He is currently employed as the Veterinary Health Director for Aviagen (Europe): a primary breeding company supplying stock for broiler production around the world.



### Carlos Piñeiro

#### **PIGCHAMP PRO EUROPA SL**

September 2000 onwards: CEO in PigCHAMP Pro Europa, S.L.

Expertise in: Data management and productivity analysis in the livestock business. Applied research – CRO services (health, nutrition, production and environment) for companies. Public funding projects management (EU Framework Programs, Eurostars, H2020, etc.). Customized training and education

#### Memberships.

Board member of the European College of Porcine Health Management  
Group Member TFRN (Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen) belonging to UN-ECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe)  
Spanish Technical Working Group Member for discussion and drafting of the IPPC-DEI (Industrial Emissions Directive) directive



### Pilar Gumma Solernou

#### **DG Agriculture and Rural Development**

Pilar Gumma Solernou graduated in Veterinary Medicine in Barcelona University in 1990. She worked in food safety for the Catalan Government for 10 years. She moved to the European Commission in 2002, first in DG Health and Consumers (working first in audit and then in enforcement) and after that she joined DG AGRI. At the moment Pilar Gumma Solernou works in unit H5 in the EIP team.



### Jean-Charles CAVITTE

#### **DG Agriculture and Rural Development**

Short CV December 2014

Jean-Charles Cavitte holds a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Ecole Nationale des Services Vétérinaires, Maison-Alfort, France. He is a Senior Administrator at the European Commission, Directorate General (DG) for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Following positions with the French Veterinary Services, Jean-Charles began working for the European Commission in Brussels in 1994. He started there as a Veterinary Inspector, before managing veterinary legislation related to zoonoses at DG 'Health and Consumer Protection' in the Biological Risks Unit. He joined Directorate General (DG) 'Research and Innovation' – Directorate Biotechnology, Agriculture and Food, at the end of 2005 and worked there until mid-2014, managing a number of EU-funded projects related to most aspects of livestock production.

At DG 'Agriculture and Rural Development', Jean-Charles Cavitte works as a Planning and Programming Officer in the Unit dealing with Research and Innovation. He looks into the scientific and policy developments in the area of livestock.

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### Frank van Holst



#### **EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT**

Frank is a Dutch expert involved in several activities of the EIP-AGRI Service Point. He has experience in rural development projects and is specialized in land use and land structure related issues. As Task Manager for the workshop, he supports DG AGRI in the organization, the preparation and the facilitation. He is very interested in the topic of biosecurity but he is not an expert in this field. His main skills related to the workshop are process management and facilitation of effective knowledge exchange between experts of different countries. He brings in experience of coordinating interregional cooperation projects and networks aimed at knowledge exchange and improvement of (government) approaches. He organized and facilitated various international seminars and workshops.

### Quico Onega



#### **EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT**

He is Research and Science Policy Officer at the Service Point of the European innovation partnership 'Agricultural productivity and sustainability' (EIP AGRI Service Point).

He works as researcher and lecturer at the Land Laboratory at University of Santiago de

Compostela (Galicia-Spain). He's been involved in several projects related to land policy design and improvement of land development instruments both at local, regional and international level. He participates in the Master on Sustainable Land Planning, coordinating and lecturing in courses dealing with Land Development Instruments, Rural Development Policies and Conflict Negotiation and Resolution. He has different publications in the realm of land management, rural development and agriculture, with innovation and institutional change as cross-cutting issue.

From 2007 until 2009 he was involved in the creation and development of the Land Bank of Galicia, being its first Managing Director.

He has practical experience in agriculture as he is part-time farmer (sheep farm) and co-partner of a small company for Direct to Consumer Lamb Marketing.