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Speakers' CVs

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Alberto D'Avino

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Alberto D'Avino is the deputy head of the Research and Innovation Unit in DG Agriculture and Rural Development, holding this role since January 2017. He coordinates the activities of the team in charge of the European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability (EIP-AGRI) and contributes to the conception of EU agricultural research policy under the Horizon 2020 framework programme. He started his career at the European Commission in 2000. Over the last years, he has had an extensive experience in various services of DG AGRI, notably in the domain of the economic analysis and the agricultural markets. Before the current position, he acted as deputy head of the unit in charge of the Analysis of Trade and International Policies, where he used to coordinate the economic analysis about multilateral and bilateral trade agreements negotiated by the EU.



Heinrich Terwitte

Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Rural affairs, Schleswig-Holstein

Germany

Heinrich Terwitte is working as head of unit in the department of agriculture. He is responsible for investment support schemes and the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership. He has previously worked with the socioeconomic extension service of the regional Chamber of Agriculture.



Anikó Seregélyi

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Anikó Seregélyi is policy officer at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) Research and Innovation unit.

She started her career at the European Commission DG TAXUD in 2007. In March 2015 she joined DG AGRI Research and Innovation Unit, European Innovation Partnership team. Among her current responsibilities are activities and events related to the EU-wide EIP-AGRI network (Focus Groups, workshops, seminars) and the EIP-AGRI contract management.

Prior to joining the Commission, she worked as EU project manager for the Hungarian Science and Technology Foundation in Budapest. She was responsible for several research supporting projects in the 5th and 6th RTD Framework Programme and for researchers' mobility issues.

Anikó Seregélyi studied Geography at the Eötvös Loránd University Budapest and has a master in European Studies, Aachen University, Germany.



Susanne Padel

IFOAM EU Organic Research Centre

UK

Susanne works at The Organic Research Centre (ORC), the UK's leading independent Research Centre for Organic Farming. She leads on knowledge exchange and is also involved in some research projects, including the H2020 thematic network project OK-net arable. Susanne has worked with organic farming systems for more than 20 years, as student, as a consultant for organic farming in North Germany, and as a researcher. She moved to the UK in 1993, joining ORC in 2009. Susanne holds a degree in general agriculture and a PhD in agricultural economics (Aberystwyth University). She has a keen interest knowledge exchange and in supporting good collaboration between farmers and researchers.



Karel Dewaele

Inagro

Belgium

Karel received a MSc in agricultural engineering in 2013 and is working as a researcher at Inagro, an applied agricultural research institute in Belgium. The department of organic production supports Flemish organic farmers with research and advice in arable and vegetable crops. Karel is part of this team of 12 and specializes in crop varieties, weed control and cultivation methods.



Bram Moeskops

IFOAM EU

Bram Moeskops is manager of the Research & Innovation Unit of IFOAM EU, the European umbrella organisation for organic food and farming. The Research and Innovation unit is responsible for the implementation of various Horizon 2020 projects related to organic farming. In particular, Bram Moeskops is the coordinator of the thematic network OK-Net Arable and the multi-actor project LIVESEED. OK-Net Arable promotes exchange of knowledge among farmers, farm advisers, and scientists, with the aim of increasing productivity and quality in organic arable cropping across Europe. The LIVESEED project aims to improve organic seed production and increase the availability of crop varieties adapted to organic agriculture. In addition, Bram Moeskops works as Senior Scientific Coordinator for TP Organics, the European Technology Platform for organic food & farming. In that capacity, he coordinated the writing of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for Organic Food and Farming (2014) and several other publications of TP Organics. Finally, Bram Moeskops is member of different advisory groups addressing research & innovation for the agri-food sector and rural development at EU level such as the permanent Subgroup on Innovation for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability and the Stakeholder Advisory Board of FACCE-JPI.

Before joining IFOAM EU in 2012, Bram Moeskops worked at the Flemish Platform for Sustainable Development, and the umbrella organisation of the Flemish North-South movement. He holds a Msc. in Bio-Science Engineering, a Master in International Relations and Diplomacy and a PhD in Soil Science.



Mario Fernández Redondo

Galician Association of agri-food cooperatives

Spain

Agricultural engineer, specialisation in rural development and agri-food cooperatives. Management of the agricultural sector. Mario has developed and implemented several environmental projects, studying cases of regional policy. He is also involved in European projects (Equal I, Equal II, IEE, H2020). Responsible for environment and engineering area of Galician Association of agri-food cooperatives since 1989. He is an advisor and consultant to support its member cooperatives in the engineering projects for agricultural and livestock farms, Environment studies, Technical and economic consultancy on farms and the agri-food industry.



Jose Luis Váz Fernandez

Verín Biocoop - "Green Brown Cows" Galicia

Spain

José Luis Vaz Fernández is the manager of Verín Biocoop, a Galician cooperative entirely devoted to the production, manufacturing and marketing processes of organic veal meat from 5 endangered ancient native cow breeds.

These 5 breeds (called cachena, vianesa, frieiresa, caldelana and limiana in Spanish) belong to the group known as "northern brown cows", a breed which had almost disappeared in the 50s – 60s of the last century and is now undergoing a recovery process due to the excellent quality of its meat and its singular features, which make these cows suitable to be bred following an organic breeding method.

José Luis Vaz was also co-founder of the Organic Agriculture Regulatory Council in Galicia and an organic livestock farmer who founded the cooperative Verín Biocoop.

He currently owns a herd of 100 heads of vianesa cattle breed in a mountainous region of Galicia with a surface area of 100 ha.



Francesca Bampa

LANDMARK project WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY

The Netherlands

Francesca is a research officer at the Department of Soil Biology and Biological Soil Quality, Wageningen University and Research in THE NETHERLANDS. Since July 2015 she is in charge of the Administration of the European H2020 funded project LANDMARK (call SFS-04-2014 Soil quality and function). Francesca spent the first 18 months of the project in France collaborating with the Chamber of Agriculture (APCA) project partner organising workshops in order to harvest stakeholders knowledge on soil quality and soil functions. At the moment she is visitor scientist at the Slovenian project partner Jozef Stefan Institute (JSI) in Ljubljana, dealing with the modelling of soil functions. Her main research interests include soil quality, soil metadata, soil policy, soil carbon dynamics in agricultural soils, land use and management, soil education and awareness, project management. Previously [2014-2017] Francesca worked for TEAGASC at the Soil Quality and Classification sub-programme at Johnstown Castle Environment Research Centre, Wexford, Ireland. Her main duties were the LANDMARK and the national SOIL STATUS and PROTECTION projects. From 2011 until 2014 she was a scientific officer in the former SOIL action of the Joint Research Center of the European Commission in Ispra, Italy. Francesca's PhD from the Doctoral School of Crop Science, University of Padova, Italy, focused in a multi-scale study on soil organic carbon sequestration options in agricultural soils and it was granted and conducted at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.

CVs - EIP-AGRI Service Point team



Claude Saint-Pierre

Main facilitator

Claude Saint-Pierre is a consultant advising public stakeholders in the agricultural sector and in sustainable development policies. Claude has a dual consulting career, in France where her work focuses on European programmes, and in Asia as social and institutions expert for donor agencies. She has worked extensively on farm advisory services. Her scope of work is change facilitation through innovative projects and new approaches to evaluation. She acts as a facilitator between stakeholders, paying special attention to balanced roles for the public sector, the private sector and civil society. Claude is based in Montpellier, France, where she is co-manager of Tercia consultants, a consulting firm specializing in strategy studies for the sustainable management of local resources (land, agriculture and land use planning). Claude graduated from AgroParisTech, Paris, with a major in farming systems.



Willemine Brinkman

Task Manager / Facilitator

Willemine Brinkman is the deputy team leader of the EIP-AGRI Service Point. Since 2007, she has worked in various executive agencies of the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, formerly the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. She previously coordinated the European Tropical Forest Research Network, bringing research closer to policy and practice. Ms Brinkman studied tropical forestry and agronomy at Wageningen Agricultural University, and worked as an advisor in forestry and agriculture in an integrated rural development project in the Philippines.



Emilie Gätje

Facilitator

Emilie Gätje is a nutritionist, who qualified from the Justus Liebig-Universität, Gießen in 2000. Before joining the EIP AGRI Service Point she worked several years as scientific officer for the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) in Berlin and the Federal Office of Food and Agriculture (BLE) in Bonn - mainly in the field of health-related consumer protection. Within the service point she works as Innovation and EU Research Policy officer and was i. a. involved in the organisation of several focus groups like the one on "Animal husbandry, reduction of antibiotic use in the pig sector" and "Diseases and pests in viticulture", the seminar on "Promoting creativity and learning through agricultural knowledge systems and interactive innovation" and the preparation of several EIP AGRI brochures and newsletter articles.



Ann-Sophie Debergh

Facilitator

Ann-Sophie Debergh is a team member of the EU network facility of the EIP-AGRI Service Point. She holds a Master's degree in Bioscience engineering (Land and Forest management) and an Advanced Master in European integration and development. Since 2008 she is working as a Rural Development policy officer at the Flemish Land Agency (VLM). She coordinates a platform "harvestable landscapes" in Flanders which focuses on the local and regional valorisation of biomass from forest, nature and landscape management. Throughout these years Ann-Sophie was trained and gained experience in the facilitation of interactive sessions and workshops at policy and project level.



Céline Karasinski

Facilitator

She started in June 2014 as policy officer for the European innovation partnership 'Agricultural productivity and sustainability' (EIP-AGRI Service Point). She is working part-time for the EIP-AGRI Service Point.

She works since 2009 for the Chamber of Agriculture of Deux-Sèvres in France. During this period she was involved in short food supply chain in agriculture and agritourism.

From 2012, she works as leader Group of regional rural network for Consular Chambers. In this unit she is responsible for organisation of meetings and conferences, coordination of working groups and help to the cooperation projects of the Local Action Group. She participates of the French rural network's meetings and conferences.

From 1998 to 2009, she was agricultural adviser in charge of transfer of enterprise and installation of young farmers.

Céline Karasinski is Agricultural engineer, specialist of environment and ecology; she studied at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie of Toulouse (France).



Sarah Beigel

Communication officer

As part of the EIP-AGRI Service Point's communication team, Sarah coordinates the EIP-AGRI newsletter and the Service Point standard email. She works on publications, contributes to the content of the EIP-AGRI website and offers support for events.

Sarah is British, currently living and working in France. She has a masters in International project management, and experience taking part in international cooperation projects aimed at knowledge exchange and she had organised a number of international meetings and events within her role as European project officer for AC3A (French Chambers of Agriculture).