



## Food safety and security of plant products

Symposium 08/12/2023 - Preliminary program

Pacheco auditorium  
 Finance Tower  
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9:00	Registration
9:30	Welcome Lieve HERMAN ( <i>ILVO, Chairwoman SciCom</i> )
9:40	Introduction Pieter SPANOGHE ( <i>UGent, SciCom</i> )
<b>Session 1:</b>	<b><i>Challenges of the plant food chain</i></b> <b>Moderators: Pieter SPANOGHE, François VERHEGGEN</b>
09:45	Green Deal: the basics for a paradigm shift in plant production What/Why is the Green Deal? Goals? What effects on plant production in the EU? Claire BURY ( <i>EU Commission, DG SANTE</i> )
10:05	How climate change influences the face of plant health How current stressors on plant health become more prominent due to climate change. Barbara DE CONINCK ( <i>KU Leuven</i> )
10:25	Coffee break
10:45	Local production & global trade – part 1 Outsourcing vs autonomy ? A Walloon perspective on food autonomy. Philippe BURNY ( <i>CRA-W</i> )
11:05	Local production & global trade – part 2 Agriculture in Flanders, can it be done differently? Erik MATHIJS ( <i>KU Leuven</i> )



11:25	<p><b>Food prices: an economic and social reality</b></p> <p>Xavier GELLYNCK (<i>UGent</i>)</p>
<b>Session 2:</b>	<p><b><i>Plant food chain adaptation: which solutions to new constraints</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderators: Jeroen MEERSMANS, Olivier WILMART</b></p>
11:45	<p><b>Alternatives to reduce pesticides: the case of the neonicotinoids</b></p> <p>What are neonicotinoids? Are they harmful? What alternatives?</p> <p>François VERHEGGEN (<i>ULiege</i>)</p>
12:05	<p><b>Precision farming</b></p> <p>What is precision farming? How can it help to face the current challenges on the plant production chains? Food safety – which possible effects on plant health?</p> <p>Wouter MAES (<i>UGent</i>)</p>
12:25	<p><b>Vertical or urban farming</b></p> <p>What is vertical and urban farming? Which fraction of our food needs could it cover? Food safety – which possible effects on plant health?</p> <p>Charlotte PROVÉ (<i>UGent</i>)</p>
12:45	Lunch
<b>Session 3:</b>	<p><b><i>Impact &amp; Assessment of related emerging risks</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderators: Claude SAEGERMAN, Xavier VAN HUFFEL</b></p>
14:00	<p><b>Protein transition: plant toxin risks associated to lupins</b></p> <p>What are the risks of a transition to plant proteins? Which food safety aspects should be considered in the context of protein transition and starting from the example of lupins?</p> <p>Liesbeth JACXSENS &amp; Sofie SCHRYVERS (<i>UGent</i>)</p>



14:20	<p><b>Loss of biodiversity: a driver for loss of both quality and quantity in plant products?</b></p> <p>What is biodiversity loss? How is it occurring? How is it affecting plant products?</p> <p><b>Arnaud MONTY</b> (<i>ULiege</i>)</p>
14:40	Coffee break
<p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>15:00</p>	<p><b>Roundtable discussion with stakeholders</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Virginie Claes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farmers' association - Aurélie Noiret (Agrofront)</li> <li>• Fresh produce or processing industry representative – Noémie Van Bogaert (Belgapom, Vegebe en Fresh Trade Belgium)</li> <li>• Plant protection products industry representative – Peter Jaeken (Belplant)</li> <li>• Consumers' association - Nathalie De Cock (Testaankoop)</li> <li>• Academic representative - Pieter Spanoghe (UGent, SciCom)</li> <li>• AFSCA/FAVV representative – Herman Diricks (CEO FAVV)</li> </ul>
15:50	<p><b>Conclusions of the symposium</b></p> <p>What are the main takeaways from the symposium?</p> <p><b>Pascal VEYS</b></p>