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Mr. Marek Sawicki
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International Conference on
Innovative technologies in organic horticultural production

Organized in the framework of the research project
EkoTechProdukt

23-24 October 2014, Skierniewice, Poland
Program of the Conference

Thursday October 23rd 2014

Research Institute of Horticulture
Main building of the Pomology Division, Pomologiczna str. 18

9.00       Registration

9.30 - 10.40 Opening Session
Chairman: Franciszek Adamicki

9.30 - 9.45 Welcome statements
Franciszek Adamicki (Director of the Research Institute of Horticulture – Poland)
Zofia Szalczyk (Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development – Poland)

9.45 - 10.05 Invited speaker: Andrzej Hałasiewicz (Permanent Representative of Poland to FAO – Italy): FAO activities for organic farming.

10.05 - 10.25 Invited speaker: Andre’ Leu (IFOAM World President – Australia): Organic Agriculture, innovation and food security in a changing world climate.

10.25 - 10.45 Lidia Sas-Paszt (EkoTechProdukt project leader - Research Institute of Horticulture – Poland): Project achievements - new products and technologies based on microorganisms for the organic fruit production.

10.45 - 13.00 I Session:
Products and technologies for organic horticulture
Chairman: Franco Weibel


11.10 - 11.40 Coffee break


12.00 - 12.20 Ryszard Hołownicki (Research Institute of Horticulture – Poland): Application methods for bioproducts in organic fruit production.

12.20 - 12.30 Agnieszka Rutkowska (Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, State Research Institute – Poland): The rules on qualification of fertilizers and soil conditioners for organic production in Poland.

12.40 - 12.50 Kalaji Hazem Mohamed (Warsaw University of Life Sciences - Poland): “Spying” on products quality of organic farming by the use of Chlorophyll a fluorescence technique.

12.50 - 13.00 Discussion

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch Restaurant Finezja

14.00 - 16.00 II Session: Plant protection in organic horticulture

Chairman: Marco Fontanelli


14.30 - 14.50 Jolanta Kowalska (Institute of Plant Protection, National Research Institute – Poland): Can microorganisms be useful in the protection of crops?.


15.05 - 15.20 Cezary Tkaczuk (Siedlce University of Natural Sciences and Humanities – Poland): Potential of entomopathogenic fungi in biological control of insect and mite pests in organic horticultural production.

15.20 - 15.35 Barbara Łabanowska (Research Institute of Horticulture – Poland): Possibility to control the mites (Tetranychidae and Eriophyidae) on small fruits plants and in orchards with no chemicals products.


15.50 - 16.00 Discussion

16.00 - 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 - 17.00 Special session: Newly developed products

Chairman: Nikolay Vassilev

16.15 - 16.25 Selma Rogalska (Lallemand Care - France): New products based on microorganisms for the biological control of Botrytis cinerea and the growth promotion of horticultural plants.

16.25 - 16.35 Martin Bagar (Biocont Laboratory – Czech Republic): A plant resistance improver as a part of apple scab control in organic and integrated production.


16.45 - 16.55 Marcin Oleszczak (Kazgod – Poland): The search for new opportunities in the protection of horticultural plants.

16.55 - 17.00 Discussion
17.00 - 18.25 III Session: Health effects and safety aspects of organic products
Chairman: Claudia Marques dos Santos Cordovil

17.00 - 17.30 Invited lecture: Margit Laimer (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences – Austria): Functional genomics of allergen gene families in fruits.

17.30 - 18.00 Dariusz Nowak (Medical University of Łódź - Poland): Effect of organic fruits on human metabolism and health.

18.00 - 18.15 Magdalena Jasińska-Stroschein (Medical University of Łódź - Poland): Assessment of allergenicity risk of selected fruits (apple, strawberry, sour cherry) using the experimental guinea pig model.

18.15 - 18.25 Discussion

18.30 - 19.00 Poster session - Reymonta str. 18, Training and Conference Centre

19.30 Dinner – Restaurant Dworek
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8.30 - 9.30 Poster session - Reymonta str. 18, Training and Conference Centre

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9.30 - 11.50 IV Session:
Agrotechnical management of organic horticultural crops
Chairman: Andre’ Leu


10.00 - 10.20 Zygmunt Grzyb (Research Institute of Horticulture – Poland): Comparison of apple and sour cherry maidens fertilized with mineral and organic fertilizers in organic nursery.

10.20 - 10.40 Elżbieta Rozpara (Research Institute of Horticulture – Poland): The organic fruit production in Poland - chances and limitations.

10.40 - 10.55 Ewa Solarska (University of Life Sciences in Lublin - Poland): Biological agents enhancing soil fertility and plant resistance.

10.55 - 11.10 Grzegorz Doruchowski (Research Institute of Horticulture – Poland): Effect of the sprayer operating parameters on the survival rate of rhizobacteria used as biopesticides in organic fruit production.


11.25 - 11.40 Iwona Szot (University of Life Sciences in Lublin - Poland): Alternate thinning of apple with potassium bi-carbonate (Armicarb™) in organic orchards.

11.40 - 11.50 Discussion

11.50 - 12.15 Coffee break

12.15 - 14.20 V Session:
Quality and economics of organic products
Chairman: Margit Laimer

12.15 - 12.45 Invited lecture: Claudia Marques dos Santos Cordovil (University of Lisbon – Portugal): The role of organic farming in Portuguese agriculture: From where we stand to where we go.

12.45 - 13.05 Krzysztof P. Rutkowski (Research Institute of Horticulture – Poland): A comparison of quality of fruits produced under organic and integrated production.


14.10 - 14.20 Discussion

14.20 - 14.45 Closing session:
Summary and prizes awards
Chairmen: Lidia Sas-Paszt and Eligio Malusà

14.45 - 15.45 Lunch - Restaurant Finezja

16.00 - 17.00 Visit to the Institute premises (booking required)