

**Title: IBMA *Bacillus* food value chain workshop agenda**

Date: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Start Time: 09.30

Finish Time: 16.00

Location : COPA-COGECA, Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium.

- I. 09.30 **Registration** and coffee
  
- II. 10.00 **Welcome Message** (*Luc Peeters, Copa Cogeca and Willem Ravensberg, President IBMA*)
  
- III. 10.15 **The Evolution in Food Production: The Relevance of *Bacillus* species to Agriculture and IPM** (*Moderator Lucius Tamm, FiBL. Panel discussion with representatives from Valent BioSciences, CBC, Certis USA, BASF and Bayer CropScience*)
  - a) **Evolution of the biocontrol industry** (*Willem Ravensberg, President IBMA*)
  - b) **History of *Bacillus* biopesticides** (*Jacob Eyal, Certis USA*).
  - c) **Use in agriculture**
  - d) **Benefits**
  - e) **Mode of action**
  - f) **Case study: Commercial experience of using *Bacillus* in Italy.** (*tbc*)

11.25 **Coffee** and workstations
- IV. 11.45 **The Evolution of Food Safety: Navigating the Crossroads Between Epidemiology and Biological Crop Protection**
  - a) **Timeline: Knowledge, Understanding and Regulation of Food Safety** (*Rick Melnick, President BioProtection Global*)
  - b) **EFSA Opinion: Key points and recommendations** (*Andrew Brown, IBMA Chair Microbial Biocontrol Agents Professional Group*)
  - c) **IBMA response: Science behind Differentiation**
  - d) **Summary: Big Picture** (*Rick Melnick, President BioProtection Global*)

12.45 **Lunch** and workstations
- V. 14.00 **The evolution of food diagnostics: Science based solutions today and in the future.**
  - a) **Current microbial contamination protocols for food safety testing.** (*Roy Betts, Campden BRI*)
  - b) **Case study: Commercial perspective on safety testing in the food value chain** (*Luc Peeters, Copa Cogeca*)
  - c) **What the future of food diagnostics for *Bacillus cereus* needs** (*Taco Wijtzes, WFC*)
  - a) **Open floor discussion** (*Event chair, Lucius Tamm, FiBL*)
  
- VI. 15.30 **Conclusion/summary** (*Event chair, Lucius Tamm, FiBL*)