COST IPLANTA CA15223

WG4 Meeting:

Meeting with stakeholders on RNAi socio-economic impact.

COPA-COGECA headquarter
(Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 Bruxelles, BE)
European Parliament – Room Altiero Spinelli 5E1

17 October 2018

PROGRAM

iPLANTA WG1 Meeting:
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Venue:
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Bruxelles, 17 October 2018

The COST Action - iPLANTA network, [http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15223](http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15223) is organizing a stakeholders meeting on RNAi socio-economic impact on the 17th October, 2018, in Brussels, [http://iplanta.univpm.it/node/63](http://iplanta.univpm.it/node/63). The aim of the meeting is to create links with stakeholders, inform them of the RNAi technology, introduce some pipeline results, open the discussion on the potential use of these new plants/products and how to solve problems related to public acceptance and product development.

Meeting with stakeholders in order to present the main features of RNAi technology and its impacts and collate stakeholders’ viewpoints on RNAi-based products.

**MORNING SESSION 8:30-11:00**

08:30-08:45 Registration

08:45-09:00 Welcome

9:00-11:00 – Part 1: **Panel of invited speakers:**

**Bruno Mezzetti, Jeremy Sweet**
Università Politecnica delle Marche, Italy - Chair of the Cost Action
*Introduction to the iPlanta network and RNAi technology*

**Huw Jones**
Aberystwyth University, UK
RNAi, cisgenesis and gene editing: what a role in plant improvement

**Guy Smagge, Olivier Christiaens, Clauvis Tanning**
University of Gent, Belgium
*RNAi and insects*

**Michel Ravelonandro and Piet van der Meer**
Honey Sweet Consortium
*Preparing an EU market dossier for an RNAi mediated virus resistant plum tree*

**Salvatore Arpaia and Antje Dietz-Pfeilstetter**
ENEA - Research Centre Trisaia (IT) and Julius Kuehn-Institute, Germany
*Biosafety issues associated with RNAi (HIGS – SIGS)*

**Vera Ventura**
Università degli Studi di Milano
*Trends in RNAi- based innovation*
11:00-12:30
Meeting with stakeholders

Introduction Katja Schlink
Syngenta, Ghent Belgium
An industry perspective on RNA based biocontrols

Short presentations from industries, SMEs and stakeholders

12.30- 14.00 Light Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION 14:00-16.30

Venue: European Parliament – Room Altiero Spinelli 5E1
14:00-14:30 Move to European Parliament

15:00-16:30 – Event in European Parliament

15:00-16:00 – Second Panel of Presentations
16:00-16:30 – Discussion with Second Panel

Event hosted by the European Alliance of Liberal Democrats who have kindly invited several Members of European Parliament to join.

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