

SCAR Conference 2017

Research and innovation policy, state-of-play and the role of the SCAR in the European Bioeconomy

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Speakers



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Toomas Kevvai has been the Deputy Secretary General for Food Safety, Research and Development at the Ministry of Rural Affairs of Estonia since 1 April 2013. He manages the work of the Food Safety Department, the Plant Health Department, and the Research and Development Department. Toomas graduated from the Estonian Agricultural Academy in agronomics in 1987. Toomas Kevvai started his work at the Ministry of Agriculture (current Ministry of Rural Affairs) on 14 June 1994.



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Illar Lemetti is the Secretary General of the Ministry of Rural Affairs of Estonia. He has been managing the structural units of the Ministry of Rural Affairs and organises the activities of the Ministry's government and state authorities since 2 April 2016.

Illar graduated from the Estonian Agricultural Academy in agronomics in 1993 and obtained a Master's degree in agricultural sciences in soil science in 1995.



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Mike Collins is Head of the Research Partnerships Team of Defra. Following a PhD in chemistry and post-doctoral research in France, Mike worked in the chemicals and veterinary-medicines industries. During his time in Government Departments (Ministries) he has worked in a range of policy areas including pesticides, international chemicals, and science. He currently works in Defra's Chief Scientific Adviser's Office on UK and international partnerships, and represents the UK in the Horizon 2020 programme committees for Societal Challenges 2 and 5 and the EU's Standing Committee on Agricultural Research.



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Catherine Moreddu is a Senior Agricultural Policy Analyst working in the Trade and Agriculture Directorate of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Of French nationality, she holds diplomas in Agricultural Science and Economics from Agrocampus Ovest and in International Economics and Finance from Dauphine University in Paris. She is currently working on evaluating the performance of agricultural innovation systems and policies to improve productivity and sustainability in the food and agricultural sector. She published analytical reports and country reviews, and organised conferences on these topics. Prior to that, she has worked and published on a wide range of agricultural policy subjects such as evaluation of Common Agricultural Policy reforms, distribution of support, risk management, multifunctionality, the targeting of agricultural measures, and the role of agriculture in rural areas. She has also considerable experience in the measurement of support and protection levels in agriculture. She is also co-editor of EuroChoices, a Journal that disseminates the latest research, ideas and policy deliberations on agri-food and rural resource issues.



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Valérie Dehaut is currently in charge of European Affairs at the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food in the General Directorate for Education and Research. She is also National Contact Point for the Societal Challenge 2 in H2020. Formerly she worked at the Directorate for Fisheries and Aquaculture and was in charge of the implementation of a European regulation called Data Collection Framework. She studied public law in La Sorbonne in Paris. She has a Master of European Governance and Administration. She is graduated from the Regional Institute of Administration in Lille.



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Maeve Henchion is Principal Research Officer and Head of the Department of Agrifood Business and Spatial Analysis within Teagasc (the Irish agriculture and food development authority). She holds a degree in Agricultural Science from University College Dublin, awarded in 1991. She then pursued a Masters' degree focusing on the marketing of Irish farmhouse cheese and a PhD which examined selected performance indicators relating to the Irish beef industry. Her research interests span the supply chain and usually operate at the interface between social science and the physical and life sciences. Amongst other projects, she is currently a Principal Investigator in the €17 million Science Foundation Ireland funded BEACON centre (which focuses on the bioeconomy) and partner in the EU-funded CASA project. She recently coordinated the BioÉire project which was funded by the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to develop the underpinning knowledge base for the development of a national bioeconomy strategy.



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Anikó Juhász is the general director of AKI (Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Budapest, Hungary) from 2015. Master's degree in Horticultural Engineering (1997) and PhD in Management and Business Administration (2010). Seventeen years of experience in food supply chains and related policy research, especially the relevance of short food supply chains and quality schemes in Hungary. Chief planner of the Short Supply Chain Thematic Subprogram of the Hungarian Rural Development Plan (2014-2020) between 2013 and 2014. Member of the European Commission DG-Agri Agricultural Markets Task Force (2016). Member of the Advisory Group for H2020 Societal Challenge 2 "Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine, Maritime and Inland Water Research, and the Bioeconomy" (2016-2018). SCAR AKIS SWG co-chair between 2017-2018. Project and programme evaluator of FP7 and H2020 calls since 2012.



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Stefan Rauschen is head of the National Contact Point Bioeconomy in Germany. The NCP is part of Projektträger Jülich, a project management agency working on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research in the area of R&D programming in the Bioeconomy. Stefan is a delegate in the Programme Committee for SC2 in Horizon 2020 and an active member in the Steering Group of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research, currently serving as the co-chair of the Strategic Working Group Bioeconomy. He started working as an NCP in 2012 and assumed his current function in October 2014. He has a doctorate degree in biology and was a post-doc researcher from 2008 until 2011, performing field studies on the biosafety of genetically modified plants.



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Rolf Stratmann is a biologist (cell and molecular biology) and obtained his Diploma (2002) and Ph.D. degree (2007) at the University of Heidelberg. He works as Scientific Officer at the Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH in the department Project Management Jülich. Rolf Stratmann is the German National Contact Point for Theme 1 Health and 2 "Bioeconomy" in the 7th Framework Programme and in Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 1 and 2, as well as the Biotechnology part of Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies (pillar 2). He participated in KBBE-NET (2005-2011) and participates in the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR). He prepared and coordinates the Horizon 2020 Coordination and Support Action CASA.



Laura Devaney

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Dr. Laura Devaney is a contract research officer in Teagasc, the Agriculture and Food Development Authority in Ireland. She is currently working on WP3 in CASA with particular roles in Task 3.2 reviewing research and innovation policy in the European bioeconomy and conducting a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) of the current SCAR structure and functions. Previous to her CASA commitments, Laura was a postdoctoral researcher on the nationally funded BioÉire project in Teagasc, identifying the most promising value chain opportunities for the Irish bioeconomy. Results form part of the knowledge base currently being used to develop a national bioeconomy policy statement for Ireland. Before her time in Teagasc, Laura lectured in the Department of Geography, Trinity College Dublin where she was lead researcher of the Eating HomeLabs for the CONSENSUS project that examined sustainable consumption at the household level (www.consensus.ie). She has also conducted bioeconomy research in Nova Scotia in 2017, funded by a Dobbin Atlantic Scholarship from the Ireland Canada University Foundation, provided with support from the Irish Government. Laura is due to travel to UC Berkeley in 2018 as an EPA-Fulbright scholar to research American bioeconomy governance and development, forging further bioeconomy research connections across the Atlantic.



Külli Kaare

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Külli Kaare is Head of the Department of Research and Development at the Ministry of Rural Affairs of Estonia. The main function of the Department is to devise state research and development programmes within the field of activity of the Ministry and to organize their implementation, design, and put into practice measures for the development of the advisory system. Another function is to participate in the national agricultural research and development activities and in the evolvement of agricultural education policy. Külli Kaare has obtained an MA in Governance and Administration from Tallinn University. Külli has many years of experience in co-ordination of national funded programmes for applied research in the field of agriculture, plant breeding and also collection and conservation programme of plant genetic resources. Külli Kaare is the Estonian representative in the Standing Committee of Agricultural research (SCAR) at the European Commission and a Governing Board member of the Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI).



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Dorri te Boekhorst (1976) received her master degree in Biology from the University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Over the past fifteen years she has been doing research and managing projects covering integrated water management, sustainable development and higher education. Since 2015 she contributes as policy advisor to strategic joint programming projects, in particular FACCE-JPI, SCAR CASA and the ERA-NET Cofund Core Organic.



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Elke Saggau, Dr. agr. is Head of the unit for “European Research Affairs” in the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE) in Bonn, Germany. She has a PhD. in Agriculture – Animal Nutrition (University of Kiel, Germany). Since 2000 she is Project Manager in the department of Research & Development in the BLE and responsible for the national funding of research projects along the whole value chain. In addition, since 2009 she coordinates transnational programmes and projects in the field of food and agriculture. She is involved in several ERA-Nets (e.g. ICT-Agri, Core Organic, Sumforest; COFASP, SUSFOOD, SusAn (Coordinator)) and in EU initiatives (JPI FACCE & JPI HDHL). Since 2010, she is an active member of the Steering Group of the Standing Committee on Agriculture Research (SCAR), Member of the SCAR AKIS Group and Chair of the SCAR Foresight Group. Elke Saggau and her team are advising the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMEL) and the Federal Research Centres with regard to the EU Framework Programmes.



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Martin Greimel is a civil servant at the Austrian Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management. He is responsible for international cooperation in the field of forestry research and is Austrian expert to the H2020 Programme Committee in Societal Challenge 2 and core member of the SCAR SWG Forest. In the ERA-NET+ Woodwisdom Net plus he is deputy work package leader and co-organised the scientific evaluation and co-moderated the external expert evaluation of the proposals. As the overall coordinator of the ERA-NET Sumforest he is responsible for coordinating 23 partners from 18 countries with the aim to harmonise forest research in Europe. Within the H2020 Project Platform 2 he organised a Masterclass for Inclusiveness countries. He is deputy coordinator of the ERA-NET Cofund ForestValue. Additionally he represented Austria in the COST domain FPS where he has been elected as Vice Chair and now he is member of the COST Review Panel - RP 1 - Smart, inclusive living in a changing world. From 2004 till 2006 he was a National Expert at the European Commission in the DG Research; Dir Biotechnology, Agriculture and Food Research.



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Bettina Heimann has a doctorate in population genetics and plant-ecology from the University of Göttingen in cooperation with Rothamsted Research and INRA Dijon. She is secretary general of EURAGRI (European Agricultural Research Initiative) a think-tank where representatives from European agricultural research institutions and agricultural and research ministries meet to discuss upcoming strategic issues of agricultural research and research policy. Bettina is employed at the Department of Chemistry and Bioscience - Section of Biology and Environmental Science, Aalborg University as Special Consultant. She has many years of experience international co-operation in agricultural research.



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