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Speakers



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Ministry of Agriculture, HU

Mr. Zsolt Feldman is the Deputy Secretary of State for Agricultural Economy at the Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary. Beyond the operation of the agricultural support systems of Hungary and the European Union and of the supply chain of agricultural products, he manages technical issues related to agricultural production and also coordinates the Hungarian implementation of the CAP. In recent years, through these activities, the agricultural compensation scheme could be renewed and the renewal of the governmental system of agricultural research was possible. He manages the digitization issue of the agriculture by governmental side. Beside the management of various programmes for agricultural sectors – pig, horse, fruit and vegetable sector – he oversees the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre, and the Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, and supervises activities related to the national herd of horses and supervises the Agricultural Marketing Centre Ltd.



Liutauras Guobys

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Mr. Liutauras Guobys works as a Policy Officer at the Bioeconomy Directorate, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (EC). He is responsible for the Secretariat of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR). He is also a member of the European Commission Task Force on the Bioeconomy Strategy and is responsible, in close coordination with colleagues from other services and Directorates-General of the EC, for elaborating parts of the Strategy related to investing and financing of the bioeconomy actions. Throughout his career at the European Commission, European Parliament, Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas), European Economic and Social Committee, Liutauras Guobys has been involved in a broad range of activities of the EU, including Bioeconomy, Research, Innovation, Space, Transport, Energy, ICT, Industry, SMEs, Regional, Trade, Development policies, EU budgetary control, as well as international cooperation and inter-institutional collaboration and coordination.



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Szonja Csuzdi

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Ms. Szonja Csuzdi, Head of Department for International Affairs in the National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Hungary, has been involved in international R&D activities since 2001 especially in EU Framework Programmes related fields. At present she acts as Coordinator of the H2020 National Contact Points in Hungary and is a delegated member of the Strategic Configuration Programme Committee in H2020. She has also been involved in the planning and managing of specific national schemes supporting the Hungarian participation in the EU Framework Programmes. During the Hungarian EU Presidency in 2011 she took part in the coordination and implementation of research and innovation policy related chapters of the presidency programme. Besides the activities connected to the EU FP she worked as National Project Coordinator of the EUREKA and EUROSTARS Programmes since 2006. She coordinated the preparation and implementation of the Hungarian EUREKA chairmanship programme in 2011-2012. She graduated at the Faculty of Arts University of Pécs in 1997 (MA in History) and she obtained a specialized degree in European Studies at the Corvinus University of Budapest in 2005.



Barna Kovács

Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU

Mr. Barna Kovács is currently working as counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU. He has been appointed as the General Secretary of the BIOEAST Initiative. Between 2009-2017, he worked as scientific and policy officer in the European Commission. Mr. Kovacs was secretary for the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research. His responsibilities covered research project management and policy definition, contributing to conceptual reflections, strategic documents and new approaches for the implementation of the Bioeconomy Strategy. In the period of 2004-2009 he worked in Brussels in the European Parliament. Upon obtaining his PhD degree and teaching at the Budapest University of Economic Science and Public Administration, in 1999-2004 he worked at the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and Hungarian Statistical Office. His scientific background covers management and business administration focusing on localized agri-food systems and the socio-economic aspects of the bioeconomy.



Rolf Stratmann

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Mr. Rolf Stratmann is a scientific officer in the department Project Management Jülich. He is a Biologist (in cell and molecular biology), obtained his diploma in 2002 and PhD in 2007 at the University of Heidelberg. He works as 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 the KBBE-NET (2005-2011) and in SCAR (ongoing). Rolf prepared and coordinates the Horizon 2020 Coordination and Support Action CASA.



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Márta Gergely

Chamber of Agriculture, HU

Ms. Márta Gergely graduated as an “Agricultural Environmental Management Engineer” in Hungary. She also studied environmental sciences in Sweden and therefore she is very familiar with the relationship between agriculture and the environment. She developed an extensive network of contacts through the EU as she worked for 7 years at the Ministry of Agriculture, dealing with Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), completed a placement at European Commission (DG AGRI) and also served a short term at the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU in Brussels in the field of rural development and agriculture. In 2016, she participated also at the ‘Climate-KIC Pioneers into Practice’ Programme and received mentoring to be able to better promote the approach of sustainability in her future career. Currently, she is working at the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture as an expert in issues concerning CAP, the bioeconomy and Horizon2020 projects. She is also a member of the SCAR Bioeconomy Working Group.



Anikó Juhász

Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, HU

Ms. Anikó Juhász is the general director of AKI (Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Budapest, Hungary) from 2015. She has her master’s degree in Horticultural Engineering (1997) and her PhD in Management and Business Administration (2010). She has 17 years of experience in food supply chains and related policy research, especially the relevance of short food supply chains and quality schemes in Hungary. She was a chief planner of the Short Supply Chain Thematic Subprogram of the Hungarian Rural Development Plan (2014-2020) between 2013 and 2014 and a member of the European Commission DG-Agri Agricultural Markets Task Force (2016). She is a 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). Finally she is SCAR AKIS SWG co-chair (2017-2018) and a project and programme evaluator of FP7 and H2020 calls since 2012.



Martin Greimel

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Mr. Martin Greimel is a civil servant at the Austrian Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism. 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 he was 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 was 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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Andrea Györffy

National Food Chain Safety Office, System Management and Supervision Directorate, HU

Ms. Andrea Györffy has been involved in R&I activities for 16 years. Graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Budapest, she conducted research in molecular biology and obtained PhD degree in veterinary sciences. In government administration, she has been involved in knowledge management for 4 years. She is the national delegate to the Food Systems Strategic Working Group of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research as well as the alternate member of the European Food Safety Authority's Advisory Forum on behalf of Hungary.



Peter Lengyel

Ministry of Agriculture, HU

Mr. Peter Lengyel is deputy head of the Department of Angling and Fisheries Management of the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary and leads the Aquaculture Development Unit within the department. He graduated as an ecologist from the University of Debrecen, Hungary in 1998, and started working as a researcher at the Fish Culture Research Institute, HAKI (currently Research Institute for Fisheries and Aquaculture of the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre, NARIC HAKI). Starting from 2003, he took an active role in the establishment and coordination of the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Central and Eastern Europe (NACEE), an international NGO registered in Hungary whose membership currently comprises 38 institutional and individual members from 9 countries. From 2006, he held various administrative positions at HAKI (NACEE coordinator, foreign relations officer, programme secretary). Since 2010, he has been also the general secretary of NACEE. He became the head of the Aquaculture Development Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture in 2014, and he was appointed deputy head of the Department of Angling and Fisheries Management in 2017. Mr. Lengyel is a member of the SCAR-Fish strategic working group.



Zoltán Pásztor

University of Sopron, Innovation Center, HU

Mr. Zoltán Pásztor is director of the Innovation Center and full time researcher at the University of Sopron. His main research fields are improving energy efficiency of residential buildings and utilization of forest and agricultural raw materials and forestry measurements. He was the professional leader and manager of several successful research projects developing new technologies and new equipment. Beside scientific activity, Mr. Pásztor has a wide range of industrial development experience and has been solving technical problems of companies for twenty years. He is member of the Chairmanship of Hungarian Federation of Forestry and Wood Industries.



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Adrienn Somosné Nagy
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Ms. Adrienn Somosné Nagy is biologist, specialized in horticultural biotechnology and bioeconomy. She is the managing director of PILZE-NAGY LTD. At the company she is responsible for innovation and research and development activities. During the last 20 years she took part in numerous international and Hungarian developmental projects in bioenergy, biogas, agricultural waste management and mushroom cultivation area. Currently she takes part in the “AGRIFORVALOR” project (H2020). She is board member of the Hungarian Biogas Association and secretary of the Working Committee of Horticulture of Regional Committee in Szeged at Hungarian Academy of Sciences. She is member of the EC “Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel” in the period of 2016-2020. She was involved in the finalization of the Bioeconomy Stakeholder’s Manifesto.



Béla Halasi-Kovács
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Mr. Béla Halasi-Kovács is the director of NAIK Research Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture (HAKI). He has twenty years of experience in pond aquaculture management and fisheries management of Hungarian surface waters. His research area is the community ecology of fishes. As the director of HAKI, he organizes the research strategy in the institute. The major research directions in the institute are the aquaculture technologies development, fish genetics, fish feeding, fish immunology and hydrobiology, including the nutrient cycling of fish ponds, their ecosystem services and fisheries management of natural surface waters. Besides organizing the research activities, he also leads the innovation and extension works of the HAKI. Béla Halasi-Kovács is an honorary associate professor of Szent István University, Faculty of Agricultural and Economic Studies and Member of the Board of the Hungarian Aquaculture and Fisheries inter-branch organisation (Ma-Hal).



Ákos Kiss
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Mr. Ákos Kiss is working as Safety Health and Environmental manager at Heineken Hungary. He coordinates Health and Safety, Fire & Catastrophe Prevention and Environmental issues of Heineken Hungary OpCo, including the operation and the investment activity of breweries, logistic and primary/secondary distribution. He is responsible for the waste and by product management of breweries and coordinates implementation of Heineken’s global environmental program in Hungary. Before, Ákos Kiss worked as environmental and safety expert, supporting investments in the Central and Eastern European region.



Ákos Koós
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Mr. Ákos Koós is head of the Department of Biology Based Energy Production. He completed his studies in chemistry in 2004 and graduated from the University of Szeged. Between 2004 and 2010, he worked as researcher for the Reaction Kinetics Research Group of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, where he conducted the study of heterogeneous catalytic processes, using instrumental analytical techniques (e.g. XPS, MS, GC). In 2010, he became a research fellow at the Department of Industrial Microbiology of the Ltd.’s Institute for Biotechnology (BAY-BIO) and from January 1, 2014, he is heading the Department of Biology Based Energy Production. In addition to algae biotechnology, his main research areas are: development for the oil and gas industry and studying the processes in microbial fuel cells.



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Mr. Ákos Kristóf is Deputy Head of the Department for Agriculture and Head of the Research, Development and Innovation Unit at the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary. He received his MSc degree in agricultural sciences. He has sixteen years of experience in various fields of government administration (research and innovation, training and education, financial accounting and reporting), as well as being the national delegate to the SCAR, since 2012.



Zsófia Kunya
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Ms. Zsófia Kunya has been working for three years as research and innovation officer in the department for Agriculture at the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary. She has an MSc degree in agricultural sciences. Delegated to the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research, she has experience in the Steering Group activities. On behalf of the Ministry, she is a delegated expert to the Horizon2020 Programme Committee Societal Challenge 2. She is the Hungarian contact person of the BIOEAST initiative.



Floor Geerling-Eiff
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Ms. Floor Geerling-Eiff has an M.Sc. degree in Communication science and an M.Sc. minor certificate in public administration from the University of Amsterdam. She has been working for Wageningen University and Research since 2000, starting as a trainee and following her career as a researcher, project manager and research programme manager. Floor is specialized in communication and innovation studies and knowledge management with particular focus on multi-actor networks and triple helix partnerships in agricultural knowledge and innovation systems (AKIS). In CASA Floor contributes to WP2 as facilitator for the SCAR-AKIS strategic working group and to WP1 as co-organiser of the SCAR national meetings.