Title: IBMA Bacillus food value chain workshop agenda

Date: Tuesday 28th 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)