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EUROPEAN PALM OIL CONFERENCE

5 AND 6 OCTOBER 2016

WARSAW, POLAND



Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The European Palm Oil Alliance ([EPOA](#)) is pleased to invite you to the European Palm Oil Conference 2016 (EPOC 2016). The conference is organised with the support of [IDH](#), the Sustainable Trade Initiative.

This year's theme is:

Palm Oil: an innovative ingredient for a sustainable future

The conference will be held on **5 and 6 October 2016** at the Sofitel Hotel Warsaw, Poland, located close to the city centre. Attending the conference is free of charge. Places are limited, so please register before 19 September 2016. Your participation will be confirmed after registration, latest by 19 September 2016. The conference will be held in English.

Functionality, nutrition and sustainability

Theme of the conference is the functional role of palm oil in food, also including the nutritional and sustainability aspects. EPOC 2016 will offer new insights, ideas and sustainable solutions for food applications.

Meet the experts and experience the product

This year we included an additional expert pre-conference meeting on 5 October for building knowledge and more in depth conversations. The program on 6 October will present workshops and lectures aiming at sharing experiences and information. Both days will provide excellent networking opportunities. You can register for both days, or for one day only.

Participants

This conference is especially suitable for food manufacturers, retailers, nutritionists, sustainability experts, policy makers and representatives from NGO's working in the Eastern Europe region.

Confirmed speakers

Prof. Dr. Sebastiano Banni, Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of Cagliari

Prof. Dr. Ir. Ingeborg Brouwer, Nutrition for healthy Living with special emphasis on fatty acids, VU University Amsterdam

Sietse Buisman, Strategic Sourcing Manager Tropical Oils, Cargill B.V. Refined Oils Europe

Paula Byrne, European Sustainable Palm Oil Advocacy Group and Sustainability and CSR Director CAOBISCO

Laurent Cremona, Global Director, Ferrero Group

Dr. Ir. Gerrit van Duijn, Consultant and Chairman Benelux Lipid Network

Prof. Dr. Ir. Eckhard Flöter, Professor in Food Science, Berlin Institute of Technology

Daphne Hameeteman, Sustainability Manager, Wilmar Europe

Inge E. Næsset, QA & Sustainability Director, NorgesGruppen ASA

Prof. Dr. Ir. Ivonne Rietjens, Professor in Toxicology, Wageningen University

Cecile Schneider, Manager European Policy, Conservation International

Ben Vreeburg, Director Sustainability, IOI Loders Croklaan

More speakers to follow.

For registration click here: **REGISTER**

EPOC 2016 will give you the opportunity to:

- learn about the natural origin of the oil of the palm fruit
- experience the versatile properties and functional benefits of palm oil
- understand the relevance and technical implications of trans fatty acid replacement by palm oil
- learn about the latest developments in the nutritional and health debate on palm oil
- discuss progress and address hurdles in achieving 100% sustainable palm oil in Europe in 2020
- increase your knowledge on sustainable palm oil, certification and traceability
- get the latest insights and perspectives on sustainable palm oil from non governmental organisations, industry and governments
- meet the experts and ask your questions individually at specifically organised rendezvous

Please find the draft conference program below:

5 October

12.00 Registration and lunch

13.45 Parallel breakout session on **Nutrition** addressing:

- policy

- latest insights

- trans fatty acid replacement

Parallel breakout session on **Sustainability** addressing:

- policy

- traceability
- certification schemes

15.00 Coffee break

16.00 Continuation of parallel breakout sessions on Nutrition and Sustainability

18.00 Meet the expert sessions and Reception

6 October

8.30 Meet the expert sessions and Registration with coffee

9.30 Key note presentations

10.20 Coffee break

11.10 Workshops:
- making chocolate fillings
- making cookies
- virtual palm oil plantation tour

12.20 Functionality of palm oil. Recap workshops.

12.35 Lunch

13.35 Presentations and panel debate addressing consumer perception, sourcing and latest developments on nutrition and health

14.45 Coffee break

15.35 Presentations and panel debate addressing sustainability, market reality, retailers' perspective, perspective NGO's and Government policy

17.00 Reception



Warsaw is the capital of Poland and an economic, political, and cultural hub. It is a friendly city, with an unforgettable history, a fascinating collection of neighbourhoods and landmarks and an open and hospitable atmosphere.

EPOA is a business initiative to create a balanced and objective view on the nutritional and sustainability aspects of palm oil.

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