

PSM Partnerships Livestock Forum 2016

Speaker Biographies



H.E Claudio Rozencwaig, is the Permanent Representative of Argentina to FAO, IFAD and WFP since September 2014. Ambassador Rozencwaig is Chair of the IFAD's Working Group on Governance; Vicechair of the FAO Program Committee and has been Vicechair of the 39^o FAO Conference and Rapporteur of the 34^o FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and Caribbean (Mexico) From 2011 to 2014 he served as Chief of Cabinet of the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Argentina. He holds Specialization degrees from Bocconi University (Milan) and from "Fondazione di Ricerche e Studi Internazionali di Firenze". Moreover, he has conducted a research at the "Istituto Per Gli Studi di Politica Internazionale" (Italy and Argentina relations) Ambassador Rozencwaig has a bachelor degree in Law from University of Buenos Aires (Argentina). In 2008 he was designated Commendatore of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity (OSSI in the Italian acronym), granted by the President of the Italian Republic.



Jimmy Smith, a Canadian, is director general of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), a position he assumed in October 2011. Before joining ILRI, he worked for the World Bank, in Washington, DC, where he led the Bank's Global Livestock Portfolio. Before joining the World Bank, he held senior positions at the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Still earlier in his career, Smith worked at ILRI and its predecessor, the International Livestock Centre for Africa (ILCA), where he served as the institute's regional representative for West Africa and subsequently managed the ILRI-led System wide Livestock Programme of the CGIAR, an association of 10 CGIAR centres working at the crop-livestock interface. Before his decade of work at ILCA/ILRI, Smith held senior positions in the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI). Smith was born in Guyana, in the Caribbean, where he was raised on a small mixed crop-and-livestock farm. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, USA, where he completed a PhD in animal sciences. He is widely published, with more than 100 publications, including papers in refereed journals, book chapters, policy papers and edited proceedings.



Kasper Thormod Nielsen is the Director Trade Policy for Arla Foods. Kasper has worked at Arla since September 2011. He is responsible for global trade policy and food regulatory affairs. He supports the various business groups within Arla to create a sustainable business, get access to market and to ensure compliance with food regulatory affairs, including marketing law, food labelling and claims, globally. He has a background in law, but has worked intensively with food and agricultural law and policy since he graduated in 2000. First, in the Danish Agricultural Ministry, later in Brussels as consultant for the Dairy sector and now in Arla Foods



Luis Jimenez-McInnis Luis Jiménez-McInnis is Director of the Partnership and Resource Mobilization Office in the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He joined IFAD in February 2010 as Special Adviser to the President. Prior to this, Mr Jiménez-McInnis was First Officer in the Executive Office of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. As part of the Strategic Planning Unit, he was tasked with the Secretary-General's climate change agenda. Working with the UN since 1999, he has also been involved in peace and security issues in Colombia and Haiti with the UN Department of Political Affairs. Before joining the UN Secretariat, Mr Jiménez-McInnis served as Policy Analyst in the Office of Development Studies in the United Nations Development Programme. Prior to his UN career, he was the Research Associate for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. He holds an A.B. in Political Science and International Relations from Brown University and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University, both in the United States.



Hanne Søndergaard. In early 2016, Hanne Søndergaard was appointed EVP/CMO in Arla Foods and as such, she is heading Arla Foods' global Marketing & Innovation team. Hanne joined Arla's global team in 2010 as SVP for the BSM category, took on the responsibility for the Arla brand in 2011 before she in 2012 moved into the role as SVP to Global Categories & Brands. Before this, she worked 16 years in Arla UK in a number of marketing, sales and commercial roles. From 2007 to 2010, she was deputy CEO with responsible for strategy, farmer relations and corporate communications. Hanne holds an MBA in Business from Aarhus Business School and lives together with her partner in Aarhus.



Antonio Rota, Mr. Rota's hold a degree in Animal Production Sciences from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Milan (Italy). His career includes twenty-seven years of professional experience in pro-poor farming systems and livestock development, working with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, NGOs and private consulting firms, mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. His career with IFAD began in 2000 as a consultant, leaving in 2004 to re-join FAO as Livestock Adviser in Afghanistan, where he was responsible for the implementation of the "Rural Poultry Production" and "Integrated Dairy Schemes" Development Projects. He re-joined IFAD in 2006 as Lead Technical Specialist on Livestock Development. Since then, Mr. Rota has been particularly proactive in promoting (i) livestock as a tool for poverty

reduction with smallholder producers and pastoralists, (ii) the integration of livestock-crop systems and conservation agriculture principles as means for sustainable livestock intensification and (iii) climate smart livestock value chain development models throughout IFAD funded projects



H.E. Dr. Hinrich Tholken currently serves as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN Organizations in Rome. Dr. Tholken studied medicine in Germany and United Kingdom and holds a Medical Degree (M.D.) of the University of Heidelberg. After two years as a researcher and medical officer in Heidelberg he joined the German Foreign Service in 1989. He collected first political experiences during the German reunification process as a member of the parliamentary team of the Foreign Office. His foreign postings include Namibia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United States and France. In the Foreign Office during his most recent assignment from 2010 to 2015 he lead Germany's initiatives on the implications of Climate Change and enhanced competition for Natural Resources on Foreign and Security Policy. His main activities comprised the initiation

of a UN-SC debate on Climate Change and Conflict in 2011, a regional project on transboundary water cooperation in the Aral Sea Basin



Riccardo Negrini undertook his Ph.D. in "Animal Health and Production of Tropical and Subtropical areas" in 2000 with a thesis on the genetic variability of an endangered cattle breed estimated by molecular markers. He spent part of his Ph.D. working at the molecular genetic laboratory of the Institute of Animal Health [UK] gaining experience in the application of a variety of molecular approaches to study animal population genetics. Since 2004 he has been senior researcher in Animal breeding and Genetics at the Institute of Zootechnics where he contributed to several European and National projects. In 2010 he took the position of Technical Director of the Italian Breeder association with the responsibility of the national beef and dairy production recording systems. In 2014 he took the position of

Technical Director of the Italian Sheep and Goat Association. In 2015 he took the position of Technical Director of the Italian Rabbit Association. His scientific interest is in using high-resolution molecular markers to test hypotheses of relatedness within animal population, to examine how genetic diversity is distributed within and among domestic breeds, to infer the demographic history of populations, changes in effective population size and patterns of gene flow and admixture. He has also participated in several international and national research projects as Econogene, Resgen, Trace, Globaldiv, and Nextgen funded by EU and i Selmol e Innovagen funded by Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. More recently he has focused on the application of novel genomic tools for the identification of quantitative traits and on the integration of molecular information into breeding programs. He is authors or co-authors of more than 40 publications on peer reviewed Journals. His h index, according to Scopus database is 19.



Brian Lindsay, is UK based and operates a consultancy business bridging the gap between food companies and farming in a quest for mutually beneficial approaches to sustainability challenges. Brian is the Dairy Sectors Global Lead for Sustainability. Currently Brian holds the post of Development Director for the dairy Sustainability Framework, a programme of the GDAA, launched in November 2013. Brian also coordinates the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform's work on sustainable dairy and beef production.

Brian has also completed 2 terms as the Environment Representative on the IDF's Science and Programme Coordination Committee.



Dr Juan José Grigera Naon, Ingeniero Agrónomo (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina), Master of Science in Animal Production (University of Reading, UK), Ph. D. in Animal Nutrition (University of Reading, UK). Cattle Farmer. Member of the Board of Sociedad Rural Argentina, Director of the Institute of Economic Studies and International Negotiations, Sociedad Rural Argentina, Chairman of the Committee of Beef Production , Sociedad Rural Argentina. Former Vice President of Meat and Meat Products Committee, International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Member of the Board of the Argentine Beef Promotion Institute (IPCVA). Member of the Board of International Meat Secretariat (IMS). Member of the Sustainable Meat Committee of IMS. Member of the

Specialized Section of Meat, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Professor of Beef Cattle Production, Faculty of Agronomy, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Former Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Agronomy, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Camillo de Camilis, Program Manager and Scientific Adviser, Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance (LEAP) Partnership, FAO



Abdou Fall is the Programme Manager for the Milky Way to Development within the Billital Maroobé Network, which represents 500.000 pastoralist livestock breeders and milk producers in 9 West African countries (Togo, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Niger, Mali, Nigeria, Mauretania, Tchad and Benin). Billital Maroobe forms a regional reference point for livestock farmers and pastoralists, and works to defend their economic, political, social and cultural interests. Abdou Fall is a Capacity Building Expert and a Nutritionist and Food Engineer by

profession. He has more than 20 years of experience in supporting rural development, particularly within nutrition and food security.



Pierre Ferrari, As president and CEO of Heifer International, Pierre Ferrari joined in 2010 with more than 40 years of business experience. Ferrari has a keen interest in sustainable and ethical development and the methods needed to get there. He is a marketer and entrepreneur and more recently, a social venture developer. He worked for many years with Coca-Cola USA, before deciding in 1995 to focus his energies and business acumen on social issues and to use his skills and aptitude to help, invest in and partner with people living in material poverty to help them achieve self-sufficiency, independence and health, goals that directly align with Heifer's empowerment-oriented mission. Ferrari is also a former chair and current Board member of Ben and Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream, which seeks to meet human needs and eliminate injustices, focusing on children and families, the environment and sustainable agriculture on family farms. As part of his service with Ben & Jerry's, Ferrari led the board to firm up its global commitment to fair trade by 2013 with its vanilla, cocoa and coffee farmers, etc., a course that matches well with Heifer's work with smallholder farmers. Ferrari holds a master's degree in Economics from The University of Cambridge and a MBA from Harvard Business School.



Anne-Marie Neeteson represents the International Poultry Council, the international organisation of the poultry meat sector. Anne-Marie is Global Vice President Welfare and Compliance of Aviagen Group, a global primary breeder of meat chickens and turkeys. Before Aviagen, Anne-Marie has led the European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders, the EC recognised technology platform FABRE TP and set up a Code of Good Practice based on sustainability Code-EFABAR. Anne-Marie is a graduate from Wageningen University (Netherlands, animal breeding and genetics, and animal behaviour). She is married and has two grown up sons.



Laurence Rycken is a Technical Manager at the International Dairy Federation, Brussels, Belgium where she provides scientific, technical and strategic direction in an international setting. A nutritionist and registered dietician from the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium, she has proven experience in facilitating the collaborative work of global nutrition experts and intergovernmental organizations. She ensures the objectives of the different working groups are met and fit into the overall policy of the Federation. In 2008-2009 she engaged in a humanitarian project in the Democratic Republic of Congo on the "Evaluation and prevention of iodine deficiency in Kapalowe, Lubumbashi, RDC". As the only nutritionist in a multidisciplinary environment, she bridged the

diverse disciplines and translated the scientific information into practical guidance on more nutritional local eating habits.



Mary Ann Binnie is Manager of Nutrition and Food Industry Relations with the Canadian Pork Council. In this role, Ms. Binnie leads the Council's nutrition strategy and communications, which includes health professional partnerships, nutrition advocacy and technical affairs. Ms. Binnie is the Chair of the International Meat Secretariat's Human Nutrition and Health Committee.



Thomas Pavie is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and has a M.Sc. in Veterinary Public Health from ENSV, the French OIE Collaborating Centre for Training of Official Veterinarians. He also attended the FSIS Meat and poultry inspection seminar for international government officials (USDA, Washington). He is an experienced and versatile regulatory affairs specialist and adviser for agriculture and food, with 20 years of professional experiences both in Industry and Public administration. Is able to turn complex objectives into well-accepted results through a business oriented approach. Known for pioneering, connecting people and strategic insights in relevant international networks. Motivated planner and organiser, he works efficient

and effective in a multicultural environment.



Carel du Marchie Sarvaas is Executive Director of HealthforAnimals, the global animal medicines association. HealthforAnimals represents the top 10 global companies (Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, Ceva, Elanco, Merck/MSD, Merial, Phibro, Vétoquinol, Virbac, Zoetis) and 29 national associations. Carel has been a government affairs and communications professional for 25 years. He joined in 2014 HealthforAnimals after holding the position of Director at EuropaBio, the Biotechnology Association. Prior to EuropaBio, Carel worked at international consultancies and

think tanks in Brussels and Washington DC. He is Dutch national, married, has four

children and holds degrees from the University of Leiden and the Johns Hopkins University.



Dirk-Jan Verdonk is the Head of Programmes at the Dutch office of World Animal Protection. Since 2008, he works on multiple animal welfare issues related to sustainable development and responsible business conduct and has been involved in, amongst other processes, ISO26000, Rio+20 and the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems of the Committee on World Food Security. In the Netherlands, he is chair of the Animal Coalition, a platform of 17 animal welfare organizations working together to advance animal welfare in national policy. Verdonk holds a PhD in cultural history from Utrecht University. His dissertation on the history of human-animal relationships through the lens of food was awarded the research prize Praemium Erasmianum for outstanding dissertations in the fields of the Humanities, Social Sciences and Law.



Olivier Espeisse, Olivier Espeisse is currently a Government Affairs Director for Elanco Animal Health in EU and Africa. His functions include numerous assignments for trade association and contacts with the World Health Organization, the World Animal Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, Codex Alimentarius, the European Commission and Parliament and many other governments. He has graduated from the Maisons-Alfort veterinary school in 1981, and from Bowling Green State University (Ohio) as an MBA in 1989. After several years of dairy practice in Normandy, he has moved to Elanco Animal Health where he developed wide experience in regulatory, marketing, technical support and management across Europe. His areas of expertise are antibiotic resistance and residues of veterinary medicines.



Nico van Belzen, Since May 2012, Dr. Nico van Belzen is Director General of the International Dairy Federation, which represents the dairy sector worldwide, especially towards intergovernmental organizations. From 2003-2012, he was the Executive Director of the European branch of the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI Europe), which facilitates scientific cooperation on food safety and nutrition between government, academia and industry. He represented ILSI Europe, and sometimes ILSI worldwide, towards EFSA, EC, FAO, WHO etc. From 1998-2003, he held R&D management positions at DMV International, the business-to-business division of Campina, where he established a new laboratory to study the efficacy of bioactive ingredients and was involved in product development, biochemical and physical analyses of food ingredients and pharmaceutical excipients and marketing support. From 1994-1998 he was research group leader at the department Hematology, Erasmus University Rotterdam (NL), using rearranged immunoglobulin genes as markers for B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. At the same university, from 1990-1994 he was research group leader at the department Pathology where he cloned cancer-related genes, e.g. Drg1/NDRG1 that is now used in cancer diagnostics. He received a PhD in cell biology from the University Utrecht (NL) in 1990



Ruairidh Petre (pronounced Rory Peter) Executive Director, Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef. Ruairidh is Scot with a background in animal production and farm management; his early career was in commercial farming and ranching in the UK, New Zealand and Australia. He has an MSc in Tropical Animal Production and Health from the Veterinary faculty in Edinburgh, and prior to that studied agriculture, also in Edinburgh, with specialisations in livestock. After his time in farm management, he worked in India on dryland farming systems, followed by Pakistan and Afghanistan where he directed a veterinary training and support program covering much of Afghanistan. He then moved to Netherlands, where he worked with a consulting firm securing financial support for agricultural investments in Africa, Asia and South America. This was followed by a move in 2007 to Southern Africa where he directed a regional farmer support programme, predominantly concerned with access to markets for small scale producers. At that time he became involved in the formation of the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef from 2010 onwards and was the first president of the organisation until he left Southern Africa in 2012. He is now based in the Netherlands again and is the Executive Director of the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, where he has overseen the development of global principles and criteria for sustainable beef, and is now working with national roundtables to create a benchmarking system to extend the work of GRSB into all major producer countries.



Ian McConnel, A 5th generation beef producer, Ian gained a Bachelor of Science in Animal Studies at the University of Queensland and then spent a year at Colorado State University supporting meat science and genetics research. Ian joined the Queensland government extension service in 2003 as a sheep and cattle extension officer in remote western Queensland and then continued in south east Queensland. Ian pioneered innovative extension and outreach tools in remote Australia and led the trialing and development of remote animal management systems. Ian Joined WWF-Australia in 2012 to lead their Australian Beef industry engagement and in 2014 began as global commodity lead for beef coordinating the WWF networks development of markets for sustainable beef. Ian is a current board member of the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef. Ian is a past Australian Rural Youth Ambassador and Beef Industry Rising Champion and a passionate 'advocate' for the role of sustainable agriculture in a modern world.



Adolfo Brizzi, is currently the Director of the Policy and Technical Advisory Division (PTA) in IFAD. In that capacity he provides oversight of the technical support to country programs, country policy dialogue and the pursuit of strategic and global partnership initiatives. Before joining IFAD in early 2012 he worked for 22 years in the World Bank in various Managerial and technical positions in the Agriculture and Rural Development sector, including Sector Manager for the South Asia Region. Before the Bank he worked 8 years with FAO, mostly in Africa. His experience spans over Africa, Latin America and Asia. He has been involved in a range of advisory and investment-related activities covering agriculture, natural resources management, rural livelihoods, community driven development, irrigation, rural finance and agribusiness. He holds a master degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Gembloux, Belgium, and a master degree on Environmental Sciences from the Fondation Universitaire Luxembourgeoise of Arlon, Belgium.