

# Congress Programme

## Thursday, 31 May 2007

- 10.00 – 12.00 Registration at Hotel Sofitel, Ghent  
12.00 – 14.00 Lunch and continued registration  
14.00 – 14.15 Welcome by the President of the Congress, Prof. Dr. ir. Jan Daelemans  
14.15 – 14.30 Opening of the Congress by the President of EPP, Per Bach Laursen  
14.30 – 15.10 'Traceability in the Belgian pig production' Dr. ir. Luc Debruyckere, Unit-Manager I&R, Animal Health Care Flanders - DGZ  
15.10 – 15.50 'The Belgian pig production and health policy' Dr. Frans Castryck, Unit-Manager, Veterinary and Epidemiological Support, Animal Health Care Flanders - DGZ  
15.50 – 16.20 Coffee break and panel presentations  
16.20 – 17.00 'The Belgian and EU policy on food and feed safety: an overview' Dr. Piet Vanthemsche, Vice-President of the Boerenbond, former CEO of the Belgian Food and Safety Agency - FAVV  
17.00 Continued panel presentations  
19.00 Reception and dinner at Hotel Sofitel  
21.00 Short boat trip in the old heart of Ghent – Departure at Portus Ganda



## Friday, 1 June 2007

- 08.30 – 10.00 Departure of the busses to Brussels  
Meeting at Hotel Crowne Plaza  
107 Rue de la loi – Wetstraat, Brussels  
10.00 – 10.40 'The future policy of the European Commission on Animal Welfare'  
Denis Simonin, Legislative Officer,  
Animal Welfare and Feed, DG-Agri, EC  
10.40 – 11.20 'An Alternative way of castration'  
Dr. Jim Allison, Technical Director,  
Pfizer Animal Health  
11.20 – 12.00 'The European pig meat market, situation and outlook' François Prévost,  
Principal administrator, Economics of  
Agricultural Markets – Animal  
Products, DG – Agri, EC – European  
Commission  
12.00 – 14.00 Lunch  
14.00 – 15.00 General Assembly  
15.00 – 18.00 Visit of Brussels  
18.00 Dinner at the Cellar of Slaughterhouse  
Cureghem (near Brussels)  
21.30 Trip back to Ghent

## Saturday, 2 June 2007

- Meeting room at Hotel Sofitel Ghent  
Chairman: Dr. Frans Castryck  
09.00 – 09.30 'The Belgian pig meat market'  
René Maillard, Manager of the Belgian  
Meat Office - VLAM  
09.30 – 10.00 Virtual visit of pig farm number 1  
10.00 – 10.30 Virtual visit of pig farm number 2  
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break  
11.00 – 11.30 Virtual visit of pig farm number 3  
11.30 – 12.00 'Pig manure processing in Flanders, why and how?' ir. Isabelle Vermander,  
Advisor, Flemish Coordination Center  
for Manure Processing - VCM  
12.00 – 13.00 Lunch  
13.30 – 17.30 Visit of a pig farm and a pig manure  
processing plant in West-Flanders  
19.00 Closing Banquet in the 'Lakenhalle' in  
the Belfrey of Ghent

## Sunday, 3 June 2007

- 09.00 – 10.00 Visit of the historic heart of Ghent  
10.00 Departure of busses to the airport

## Partner Programme

### Thursday, 31 May 2007

- 10.00 See Congress Programme  
15.00 – 17.00 Guided visit in Ghent  
19.00 See Congress Programme

### Friday, 1 June 2007

- 09.00 Departure to Brussels  
10.30 Visit of the European Parliament  
12.15 Lunch on promenade in Brussels  
18.00 See Congress Programme

### Saturday, 2 June 2007

- 09.00 Departure to visit West Flanders  
19.00 See Congress Programme

### Sunday, 3 June 2007

- 09.00 See Congress Programme

## General Information

1. **GENT** is the local name of the town Ghent

2. **Language**  
English

### 3. Insurance

Please note that the organisers do not provide any insurance for the participants. If we have to change the programme, for any reason, no refund will be possible.

4. **Registration form** (see separate page or on internet)

All participants are requested to fill in the registration form enclosed with this invitation. You can find the registration form also on the internet at [www.pigproducer.net](http://www.pigproducer.net). Please return the registration form by post, fax or mail as soon as possible to EPP's Head Office

## 5. How to reach Sofitel Ghent?

**5.1. By train:** to station **Gent Sint-Pieters**. From there **tramway 1** (direction Evergem) until **Korenmarkt**.

**5.2. By plane:** from airport Brussels-Zaventem by train (see 5.1). On Thursday special busses from 10 to 12.30.

**5.3. By car:** Ghent is on the Junction E17-E40. Follow direction **Gent Centrum** (Town Hall or Belfrey).

## 6. Registration fee

Congress fee for **EPP-members**, accompanying persons and press:

1. EPP-member, full programme including hotel (3 nights, double room) and all meals, per person:
  - Sofitel\*\*\*\*: 550,- Euro (single room: 805 Euro)
  - IBIS\*\* hotel: 475,- Euro (single room: 610 Euro)
  - Non-members pay 100 Euro extra
2. Full programme and all meals but no hotel:
  - EPP-Member: 295,- Euro
  - Non-EPP Member: 395,- Euro

For details and non-member fees, please see the registration form. Sofitel is the Congress Hotel.

**Important:** Registration should be made as soon as possible. Payment should be made before **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. An extra charge of 30 Euro will be due for late registration after **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

## 7. Cancellation

We have to charge 20 % of the registration fee for cancellation before April 20<sup>th</sup> 2007. For cancellation between April 20<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 we have to charge 80 %. No refund is possible after May 10<sup>th</sup> 2007.

## 8. Methods of payment

Please calculate your total participation fee as described on the registration form. Kindly forward your full payment in Euro either by money transfer, cheque or credit card, free of all bank charges to EPP. **Please include your name and "EPP-Congress 2007"**.

**Account:** After registration you will get the account information.



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## PROGRAMME

31<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007

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