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Knowledge shared to support legislative change and consumer acceptance of insect protein in animal feed

The PROteINSECT project team is this week presenting on safety, quality, sustainability, legislation and consumer acceptance at the 'Insects to Feed the World' Conference in Ede, The Netherlands (14th -17th May 2014).

- Elaine Fitches (Co-ordinator of PROteINSECT) chairs the first Oral Presentations session on research projects, during which Rhonda Smith (of PROteINSECT) will reveal the results of the PROteINSECT survey on acceptance of use of insects for animal feed and ultimately human food.
- Adrian Charlton from PROteINSECT opens the second morning of Conference with his presentation on safety and quality, which is followed by Rose Pryor presenting on the project's work to promote legislative change.
- On Friday, Bart Muys also from PROteINSECT, shares work on generic life cycle assessment of proteins from insects.
- Waste utilisation, special challenges in Africa (Ghana & Mali) and mass production systems of housefly will also be addressed by PROteINSECT partners.

More information about these presentations, plus other information from the Conference, is available on Twitter using the hashtag #insects2014. Further information about the PROteINSECT project is available at www.proteinsect.eu

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Notes for Editors:

1. PROteINSECT survey on production and use of insect protein for animal feed can be accessed here <http://www.proteinsect.eu/index.php?id=2>

2. PROteINSECT's summary report on current European legislation concerning insect protein and animal feed is available to view and download from the project website <http://www.proteinsect.eu/index.php?id=3>
3. Partners in the PROteINSECT project are:
 - FERA - Food & Environment Research Agency, UK Tel +44-1904-462564
Dr. Elaine FITCHES - Coordinator, expertise in entomology and food safety
 - CAB International UK - Expertise in entomology
 - Nutrition Sciences NV Belgium -Global producer of feed concepts and functional feed ingredients (FFIs)
 - Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Belgium - Expertise in Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)
 - Minerva Communications Ltd, UK - Expertise in Food Policy and Science Communication
 - Eutema Technology Management GmbH & Co KG Austria - Expertise in Science Communication
 - Grantbait Ltd UK - Maggot Farmer
 - Guangdong Entomology Institute China -Expertise in Entomology, especially rearing of insects
 - Huazhong Agricultural University China -Expertise in Entomology, expertise in fly rearing and prepupae collection
 - Fish for Africa - Ghana Limited by Guarantee Ghana -NGO promoting sustainable Aquaculture in Africa
 - Institut D'Economie Rurale Mali - Expertise in sustainable Agriculture in Africa
 - The University of Stirling UK - Expertise in Entomology and Fish feeding trials

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