





#357 the limitless one



#28 the gluten free one



#25 the lipstick one



#66 the very Italian one



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#954 the super caloric one





#64 the popular one



#421 the united one



#79 the party one















4<sup>th</sup> European Sorghum Congress Budapest

October 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2025



# Wednesday 8th October

# 09:00 Welcome coffee and poster delivery



## 09:30 Welcome speech

Opening of the Congress

### 10:00 Introduction conference

Introduction, Sorghum sector overview and economic information

Pierre Guillaumin - Economics & international services I **ENPSMS** 

Arthur Boy - Economic affairs officer | AGPM Martin Gomez - Development Manager | FNPSMS

### 10:20 Round table

Success Story, Sorghum in Hungary László Balogh - Crop manager | Lidea Seeds Gábor Feczák - CEO | Agroszemek Fazekas Miklós - Co-manager | Alfaseed Dr. Kovács István Dezső - Director crop trade Department I Kite Company

### 11:20 Keynote speaker

Testimony: Sorghum Checkoff: Association creation and relation with downstream of the sector John Duff - Founder | Serō Ag Strategies Florentino Lopez - Agricultural Consultant | Creando Mañana

### 12:00 Conclusion and program of the day

Martin Gomez - Development Manager | FNPSMS





### 14:00 - 16:00 Workshops

Feed - Food - Diversification Details on following pages







### 16:00 - 16:30 Break

16:30 - 17:30 Workshops Feed - Food - Diversification

19:00 Cocktail and Dinner



# Thursday 9th October

### 09:00 Welcome coffee and poster delivery



#### 09:30 Poster Session

#### 10:00 Introduction conference

Opening Sorghum ID

Martin Gomez - Development Manager | FNPSMS

### 10:20 RiSorgo: from pitchfork to fork. A three-year project to go beyond agronomic characterization and create the link between food industry and farmers.

Presentation of the RISorgho project

Monia Caramma - Sustainable Food Researcher | Monia Caramma

Tiziana Vonlanthen - Scientific Technical Assistant I Agroscope

### 10:45 Round table

## Feedback from the workshop sessions

Monia Caramma - Sustainable Food Researcher L Monia Caramma

Thierry Lecat - Business Manager Western Europe | Advanta seeds

Raphael Van Hyfte - Business Development and Marketing Manager | Semences de Provence

## 11:45 Sorghum Lobbying to international Institutions, testimony and perspectives

Testimony of international lobbying for sorghum Nate Blum - Chief Executive Officer | Sorghum United Foundation

#### 12:00 Conclusion of the congress

Closing of the Congress - Sorghum ID

12:15 Lunch



### 13:30 Dedicated time and area for B to B meeting



### 14:00 SWOT analysis for feed

Clarifying common misconceptions about sorghum through a SWOT analysis, highlighting its resilience and alignment with European sustainability goals

Thierry Lecat - Business Manager Western Europe | Advanta seeds

# 14:30 "Composition of the grain sorghum and its use in feeding industry"

Markus Wiltafsky-Martin - Managing Director | Evonik Industries

### 15:00 Nutrition for poultry & swine

Sorghum as a feed ingredient for monogastrics
Dr Varga Orsolya - R&D Manager | Bonafarm-Bábolna Takarmány Kft.

## 15:30 Sorghum in pork feeding – the main plus and contra Sorghum in pig nutrition: overview of main advantages and drawbacks

Marcin Sonta - Assistant Professor Department of Animal Breeding and Nutrition | Warsaw University of Life Sciences

### 16:00 - 16:30 Break

# 16:30 Introduction of sorghum feed, the Italian example of the Parmigiano Reggiano consortium

Gabriele Gasbarrini - Head of business development | RV Venturoli

# 17:00 Vertical integration of feed production with sorghum Strategic insight into vertically integrated sorghum-based feed production, with the Hungarian model

Dr. Kovács István Dezső - Director crop trade Department | Kite Company

### 17:30 Use of sorghum in pet food recipes

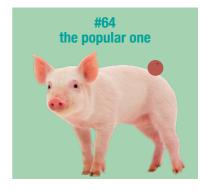
Petfood industry, recipes used to prepare the dry/wet food for pets and why sorghum is not in the recipe. The recent change in the recipe by using sorghum and feedback from end users.

Cristian Andrei - CEO | United Petfood









# WORKSHOP FOOD

### 14:00 Sorghum farming

Key insights on integrating sorghum into regenerative agriculture, boosting biodiversity and soil health, and its role in both animal feed and human food

Dr. Zoltán Gergácz - Chairman of the Board / Agricultural Engineer | Kányai and Nágocsi Agricultural Ltd

## 14:30 Sorghum breeding

General aspect and specific about food purpose, focused on protein content

Jöel Alcouffe - Head of Sorghum Breeding | RAGT 2n

### 15:00 Sorghum milling

The crucial aspect of sorghum flour: milling, pregelatinization, flakes

Beatrice Saggiorato - Sales Account and Operations Manager | La Veronese Molino e Riseria Martini

### 15:30 Sorghum transformer / innovation

How innovate with sorghum-based products by asserting clean label and healthy formulations: the ORI approach

Mohamed Zellama - Founder and CEO | ORI Sorgho Smartfood

## 16:00 - 16:30 Break

# 16:30 Sorghum food processing evidence that sorghum is a strategic ingredient for the food industry

From breakfast to dinner, a huge variety of Sorghum food Monia Caramma - Sustainable Food Researcher | Monia Caramma

### 17:00 Sorghum food case history

Experience sharing: pasta, crackers, other product implementation on French Market

Aurelien Amir - Co-founder | Vieille Graine

### 17:30 Buyers and supermarkets POV

Aventure bio. Will talk about the selection process of sorghum products in large retailers and the importance of shelf rotation

Online speaker - Simon Le Fur - Co-founder | Aventure Bio









# WORKSHOP DIVERSIFICATION

### 14:00 Sorghum as a quality summer forage

Ideotypes seed varieties (mono vs multicut, BMR, PPS, feed value) and uses (milk, livestock, industrial use), silage management (silo, cut etc.)

Dr. Jóvér János - Chief Plant Breeder, PhD | Alfaseed

### 14:30 Sorghum breeding

Sorghum breeding for heterosis and perenniality at INCRISAT: Progress and outlook

Ephrem Habyarimana - Principal scientist / Sorghum Breeding | ICRISAT International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics

### 15:00 Bioenergy production, which variety to use?

Varieties ideotypes depending on final use, and Brazilian examples

Rafael Parrella - Researcher | Embrapa Milho e Sorgo

### 15:30 Biogas in Europe: focus on EU regulation

Short video: RED II and RED III European Directives, and link with sorghum as a resource

Online speaker - Grazia Vascello - Policy Advisor | European Biogas Association

### 16:00 - 16:30 Break

# 16:30 Sorghum as a livestock for Biogas production in Europe

Summer cropping dedicated to biogas production: interests and limits, cost efficiency, crop rotation Bertrand Duprat - Farmer | Association Agriculteurs Méthaniseurs de France

# 17:00 Bioethanol: International overview

Worldwide overview:  $1^{\rm st}$  generation ethanol application,  $2^{\rm nd}$  generation advancements and efficiency. Alcohol to Jet technology project.

Francis Borges - Global Head, Sustainable Value Chains | Advanta Seeds

# 17:30 Round table: exchanges around global vision of sorghum development towards bioenergy production

What are the main constrains in the different areas and how to overcome them? Why did sorghum become popular in those areas?

John Duff - Founder | Serō Ag Strategies

Francis Borges - Global Head, Sustainable Value Chains | Advanta Seeds

Rafael Parrella - Researcher | Embrapa Milho e Sorgo Miklós Fazekas - Co-manager | Alfaseeds













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