

PROGRAMME

Building the future of sustainable worm control in grazing ruminants

04 DECEMBER 2026

09:00-16:00

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Hendrik Conscience Building · Koning Albert II-laan, 15

Morning session | 09:00-12:30

Auditorium

TIME TOPIC & SPEAKERS

08:30-09:00

Registration

09:00-09:10

Welcome and introduction

Prof. Georg von Samson-Himmelstjerna | Freie Universität Berlin

09:10-09:30

An EU Strategy for Livestock

Brigitte Misonne | Head of Unit AGRI E3, DG AGRI, European Commission

09:30-09:50

Irish Presidency to the EU and parasite control

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09:50-10:10

Policy recommendations from SPARC

Johannes Charlier | Kreavet, BE

10:10-10:30

**Sustainable worm control:
SPARC tools and lessons learned**

Prof. Laura Rinaldi | University of Naples Federico II, IT

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-11:20

SPARC Ambassadors share experiences from the field

Marieke De Louw | De Louw Veterinair Advies, NL

Bruce Thompson | Dairy farmer, IE

Ruggero Amato | Veterinarian, IT

11:20-11:35

**European Communities of Practice and anthelmintic resistance:
Fireside chat with the SPARC coordinator**

Leen Liettaer | ILVO, BE

11:35-12:25

Panel discussion:

Q&A session moderated by Prof. Georg von Samson-Himmelstjerna

Kevin Harrison | Farm manager and Deputy Chair of SCOPS | UK

Gustavo Sabatini | Boehringer Ingelheim

Suzanne Keeling | Beef + Lamb, NZ

FVE representative - to be confirmed

12:25-12:30

Close of morning programme

Prof. Georg von Samson-Himmelstjerna

PROGRAMME & PRACTICAL INFORMATION

An afternoon of exchange

Lunch break | 12:30-13:30

Offered by Livestock Helminth Research Alliance (LiHRA) and Boehringer Ingelheim.



Afternoon session | 13:35-16:00

Pierre and Marie Curie room, first floor (1B15)

Meet SPARC Ambassadors, discover sustainable worm control approaches, sponsors and initiatives and network over local European specialties.

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LiHRA market: sustainable control practices

SPARC partners and sponsors showcase initiatives at individual stands

Registration and travel

REGISTRATION

Participation is free, but registration is required before 15 November. [Register here: The event registration form](#) ↗

VENUE AND ACCOMODATION

To help you prepare your trip, you can find information how to reach the venue or suggested hotels [here](#).

VISITOR INFORMATION

Look for the event signs inside the building. The final afternoon room and any updated directional details will be inserted once confirmed. [Venue directions](#) ↗

MEDIA INFORMATION

Project website: www.wormsparc.com



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