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** Rebecca Fitzpatrick | Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, IE
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 Lietaer | 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 Nancy De Briyne | Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)
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 | Parallel programme

13:35–16:00 | LiHRA market: sustainable control practices

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

Chair: Evelien Cronin | ILVO

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

SPARC partners and sponsors showcase initiatives at individual stands.
Confirmed stands: SPARC consortium members, LiHRA, LIFE MiCliFEED, INDICAL Bioscience.

13:35–14:35 | LIFE MiCliFEED workshop

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In this workshop we will discuss the potential to use parasite control as a tool for climate mitigation. Outcomes of the LIFE MiCliFEED project will be presented and we will discuss funding routes after SPARC.

Mitigating climate impact of small ruminants through parasite control and innovative feeding approaches
Smaro Sotiraki | Hellenic Agricultural Organisation (ELGO) - DIMITRA, Greece

Making Impact Last: Sustainable Communities of Practice and EU funding pathways.
Elias Demian | Environmental Economics Unit at IOBE, Greece

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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. **Venue directions ↗**

MEDIA INFORMATION

Project website: **www.wormsparc.com**

We look forward to welcoming you in Brussels.