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Annual Conference

7 June 2023 • 09:00 - 17:00 • Royal Library of Belgium, Brussels

Agenda

9:00 - 10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 - 10:10 Opening remarks

Philip Lymbery, President of Eurogroup for Animals

Reineke Hamelers, CEO Eurogroup for Animals

10:10 - 10:40 Keynote speaker: Animal Dignity and Animal Representation: the new paradigms for advancing the interests and wellbeing of nonhuman animals

Melanie Challenger, Writer, researcher and broadcaster on environmental history, philosophy of science and bioethic

10:40 - 11:40 Panel debate: What should the new EU legislation hold for animals?

Moderator: Reineke Hamelers, CEO of Eurogroup for Animals

Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit SANTE: Animal welfare and Antimicrobial Resistance, European Commission

Tilly Metz, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Representative of the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union in Brussel

11:40 - 12:10 Coffee break 30 mins

12:10 - 12:40 Special Guest speaker: Animal Liberation Now 30 mins

Peter Singer, Professor of bioethics and author of Animal Liberation Now

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12:40 - 13:40 Panel debate: Driving the future of animal free innovation 60 mins

Benny Andersson, CEO of Djurens Rätt

Ira Van Eelen, Board member of Cellular Agriculture

Ingrid Visseren-Hamakers, Chair Environmental Governance and Politics & Co-Director Radboud Center for Sustainability Challenges

Ann De Greef, Director of GAIA

Mark Post, Chief Scientific Officer at Mosa Meat

13:40 - 14:40 Lunch 60 mins

14:40 - 14:55 Sixty Harvests Left: Why the Time is Now for Animal Liberation 15 mins

Philip Lymbery, Eurogroup for Animals President

14:55 - 15:15 Presentation of the Eurogroup for Animals' awards 20 mins

15:15 - 15:30 Fur Free Europe 15 mins

Elise Fleury, Senior campaigner, Eurogroup for animals

Thomas Pietsch, Head of Wild Animals in Entertainment and Textiles Unit, Vier Pfoten Austria

15:30 - 15:50 Winners of the Eurogroup for Animals' Awards 20 mins

15:50 - 16:00 Closing remarks 10 mins

Philip Lymbery, Eurogroup for Animals President

16:00 - 16:15 Group photo 15 mins

16:15 - 17:00 Coffee and pastries 45 mins



Philip Lymbery

President, Eurogroup for Animals

Philip Lymbery is Global CEO of Compassion in World Farming, Visiting Professor, University of Winchester, President, Eurogroup for Animals, founding Board member, World Federation for Animals and former UN 2021 Food Systems Summit Champion. Philip is an ornithologist, photographer, dedicated animal advocate and award-winning author. His critically acclaimed books, *Farmageddon: The true cost of cheap meat*, and *Dead Zone: Where the wild things were*, were the first mainstream books to show factory farming as a major driver of wildlife declines and at the heart of what needs to change to stave off the climate, nature and pandemic emergencies now facing humanity. His third book, *Sixty Harvests Left: How to reach a nature-friendly future* will be published by Bloomsbury in August 2022.



Reineke Hameleers

CEO, Eurogroup for Animals

Reineke Hameleers is the CEO of Eurogroup for Animals, the leading Pan-European animal advocacy organisation convening 81 members in the EU and all over the world. She

is very passionate about driving positive change for animals at institutional level by uniting the animal protection movement. Reineke holds a Master's degree in Arts and Science Studies from Maastricht University and her thesis was on the human-animal relationship. She has been active in animal advocacy since 2003 and worked before as Regional Director of the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals.

Reineke is also a member of the Netherlands Committee for the Protection of Animals during Scientific Purposes.



Melanie Challenger

Writer, researcher and broadcaster on environmental history, philosophy of science and bioethics

Melanie Challenger is a writer, researcher and broadcaster on environmental history, philosophy of science, and bioethics. She is the current Deputy Chair of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics and a Vice President of the RSPCA. Her books include *On Extinction: How we became estranged from nature* (2011), *How to Be Animal: What it means to be human* (2021), and *Animal Dignity: Philosophical Reflections on Non-human Existence* (2023). She is a founding member of the Animals in the Room project, which seeks to establish representation methods for the interests of non-human animals, and host of the podcast *The Psychosphere* on intelligence and agency in nature.



Andrea Gavinelli

Head of Unit SANTE G3: Animal Welfare, European Commission

Veterinarian graduated in Milan and policy official at the European Commission since February 1999. Andrea is now leading the Unit responsible for Animal Welfare policies in DG Health and Food Safety. The Unit is currently dedicated to the implementation and the reform of the EU legislation on animal welfare developed in the framework of the EU Farm to Fork Strategy to achieve more sustainable Food Systems. In his career, Andrea has been dealing with several strategic initiatives in animal health and welfare first at the Ministry of Health in Rome than at the EU Commission. For a five years period until September 2020, he also supervised the Unit in charge of the eradication of animal diseases, and he has coordinated the implementation of the European Regulation on official controls in the food, and feed area. Andrea wrote and contributed to numerous scientific and technical articles on animal welfare published at international level.



Tilly Metz

Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Tilly Metz became active in Luxembourg politics in 2001. She was spokesperson for the Greens in Luxembourg from 2004 to 2009, and was elected mayor of the municipality of Weiler-la-Tour in 2005. In October 2017, she was elected member of the municipal council of the City of Luxembourg and in July 2018 she became a Member of the European Parliament. As a member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, a member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, a substitute on the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and as Chair of Commission of Inquiry into the protection of animals during transport, Ms Metz is fighting, among other things, for better coordination of health policies at EU level, for a sustainable reform of agricultural policy and for more European standards strict rules on animal welfare, as well as for the promotion of alternative methods to animal testing, a subject that is particularly close to his heart.



Peter Singer

Professor of bioethics and author of Animal Liberation Now

Peter Singer was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1946, and educated at the University of Melbourne and the University of Oxford. After teaching in England, the United States and Australia, he has, since 1999, been Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics in the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University. In 2021 he was awarded the Berggruen Prize for Philosophy and Culture, and in 2023, he shared, with Steven Pinker, the BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Prize for the Humanities. Singer first became well-known internationally after the publication of *Animal Liberation* in 1975. (*Animal Liberation Now*, the first fully revised and updated version since 1990, will be released in May/June). Some of his other well-known books are: *Practical Ethics*, *The Expanding Circle*, *Rethinking Life and Death*, *Ethics in the Real World*, and *Why Vegan?* In 2012 Singer was made a Companion of the Order of Australia, the nation's highest civic honour. Since 2021, he has been a founding co-editor of the *Journal of Controversial Ideas*.

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Benny Andersson

CEO, Djurens Rätt

Benny Andersson has been involved in the animal advocacy movement since the late 1990s. In 2000 he left a future career in the bank sector to become a grassroots coordinator at Djurens Rätt, the leading animal advocacy organization in Sweden. He has been one of the driving forces to get Djurens Rätt, founded in 1882, aligned with the new millennium. Benny and his team have put Djurens Rätt in the national social media map in Sweden being ranked as one of the most powerful players in social media in all categories. Impact driven and with a steady growth of supporters, Djurens Rätt has taken animal issues more into the mainstream.



Ira Van Eelen

Board member of Cellular Agriculture

Ira is a designer with a history of working in event design, healthcare ICT, marketing and think tanks. She is proud to be able to work on two passions. Cultured meat as legacy from my father and preventive oral health care as a gift to her son. She is the chairman of the "Invitromeat Foundation" founded by her father, Willem van Eelen in 2002, member of JUST's advisory board, Senior consultant of CAS, Co founder of KET Food Europe, writer of the foreword to the Dutch, French and German translation of Paul Shapiro's book "Clean Meat".



Prof. Ingrid Visseren-Hamakers

Chair Environmental Governance and Politics & Co-Director Radboud Center for Sustainability Challenges

Prof. dr. Visseren-Hamakers serves as chair of the Environmental Governance and Politics group at Radboud University. Her research is especially focused on transformative global environmental governance, and aims to contribute to both academic and societal debates on how societies and economies can become sustainable, and how such transformative change is, and can be, governed. The research of Prof. Visseren-Hamakers has in particular contributed to the conceptualisation of the relationships between governance systems, among others by coining the concept of Integrative Governance. Current research themes include partnerships, tourism & conservation, landscapes, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and (the relationships between) animal, food, forest, and biodiversity governance.



Ann De Greef

Co-founder and Director of GAIA

Co-founder and Director of GAIA (Global Action in the Interest of Animals), the largest Belgian animal rights organisation with an extensive experience in conducting campaigns against organised animal abuse, and in lobbying for greater respect for animals at different levels: local, regional, national and international. Ann de Greef has been working in close collaboration with other European and international animal rights organisations, in order to create a common front against animal suffering.



Mark Post

Chief Scientific Officer at Mosa Meat

Dr Mark Post, MD/PhD, has had several academic appointments at Utrecht University, Harvard University, Dartmouth college, Eindhoven University of Technology and Maastricht University. He currently is professor of Sustainable Industrial Tissue Engineering at Maastricht University. He is visiting professor at Harvard, University of Modena and faculty at Singularity University. His main research interest is the engineering of tissues for various applications. Tissue engineering for Food has led to the development of cultured beef from bovine skeletal muscle stem cells. The same technology is used to culture leather. Dr Post co-authored 190 papers in leading peer-reviewed scientific journals and received during his career over 50 million dollars in funding and awards from different sources including government, charity and industry. He is a frequent speaker at international events on innovation in the agrifood sector. He presented the world's first hamburger from cultured beef in August 2013 for which he received the World Technology Award from AAAS/Times/Forbes. Dr Post is CSO and co-founder of Mosa Meat and of Qorium, two companies that aim to commercialise meat and leather applications of tissue engineering. Together, these companies have received over 80 million euro of investment.



Elise Fleury

Senior Campaigner, Eurogroup for Animals

Elise has a background in Communications and European Politics. She's worked for 10+ years at Eurogroup for Animals, leading on campaigns to build strong engagement from the network to achieve collective success for the animals. True believer in the power of people, individually and collectively. Proud mommy of 1 cat (Nina), 1 dog (Lilou) and 1 Horse (Valina)