Sunday 13 September 2015

17h30 – 19h30  Welcome drink and Registration

Monday 14 September 2015

8h00 – 9h00  REGISTRATION

9h00 – 10h00  Opening of conference

Joost Baert  Convener welcome
Guido Van Huylenbroeck  Dean of Faculty Bioscience Engineering, Ghent University

Video: Agriculture, fodder crops and grassland in Belgium

Joris Relaes  General Administrator of ILVO
Beat Boller  President of EUCARPIA
Dirk Reheul  Ghent University and chairman of the EUCARPIA Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses Section
Annette Schneegans  DG AGRI Research and Innovation

10h00 – 10h30  COFFEE BREAK

10h30 – 13h15  Session 1: Scarcity of natural resources
Chair: Mike Humphreys  co-chair: Isabel Roldán-Ruiz

10h30 - 11h15  Áslaug Helgadóttir (Iceland), Liv Østrem (Norway), Rosemary Collins (United Kingdom), Mike Humphreys (United Kingdom), Athole Marshall (United Kingdom), Bernadette Julier (France), François Gastal (France), Pillippe Barre (France), Gaetan Louarn (France)
Breeding forages to cope with environmental challenges in the light of climate change and limited resources

11h15 – 12h30  Short presentations of offered papers

12h30 – 13h15  Meeting authors of presentations

13h15 – 14h15  LUNCH

14h15 – 17h30  Session 2: Scarcity of breeders
Chair: Piet Arts  co-chair: An Ghesquiere

14h15 – 15h00  Fred van Eeuwijk (The Netherlands), Steven Maenhout (Belgium)
Recent advances in conventional and genomic breeding methods for perennial crops

15h00 – 15h30  COFFEE BREAK

15h30 – 16h40  Short presentations of offered papers

16h40 – 17h20  Meeting authors of presentations
Tuesday 15 September 2015

8h30 – 12h30  Session 3: Scarcity of land  
Chair: Christian Huyghe  co-chair: Alex De Vliegher

8h30 – 10h00  Feeding value debate  
Moderator: Joost Baert  Reporter: Hilde Muylle & Frederik van Parijs

Introductions by:
Joséph Robin  
*Current status of feed quality breeding and testing in North America*

Vincent Gensollen  
*Evaluation of feeding value for variety registration on National Lists*

Johan De Boever  
*Important feeding value parameters in animal nutrition*

10h00 – 10h30  COFFEE BREAK

10h30 – 11h45  Short presentations of offered papers

11h45 – 12h30  Meeting authors of presentations

12h30 – 13h30  LUNCH

13h30 – 14h45  Breeding debate  
Moderator: Dirk Reheul  Reporter: Jonas Aper

14h45 – 15h25  Breeding idea  
Moderator: Mathias Cougnon

15h25 – 15h45  COFFEE BREAK

15h45 – 16h45  Parallel workshops

**Workshop 1: Genomic selection and association mapping**  
Chair: Philippe Barre  
Reporter: Hilde Muylle & Tom Ruttink

**Workshop 2: Phenotyping**  
Chair: Thomas Altmann  Co-chair: Peter Lootens  
Reporter: Tom De Swaef

16h45 – 17h45  Parallel working group meetings

**Working Group 1: Multisite rust evaluation**  
Chair: Franz Schubiger  
Reporter: Tim Vleugels & An Ghesquiere

**Working Group 2: Festulolium**  
Chair: Mike Humphreys  
Reporter: Marc Ghesquiere
17h45 – 18h45  Board meeting

Wednesday 16 September 2015

8h00 – 9h00  Session 2 (contd.): Scarcity of breeders
Chair: Piet Arts  co-chair: An Ghesquiere

Torben Asp and Niels Roulund
Towards genomic selection in perennial ryegrass from a scientist’s and a plant breeder’s point of view

9h00 – 24h00  Mid-conference tour

Breeding and breeding research at Ghent University and ILVO
Dairy farms in the Westhoek
Visit of Tyne Cot War Grave Cemetery in Passendale and Deutscher Soldatenfriedhof in Langemark
Conference dinner at Rodenbach Brewery

Thursday 17 September 2015

8h30 – 9h30  Conclusions of parallel workshops and working groups

- Genomic selection and association mapping: Philippe Barre
- Phenotyping: Peter Lootens
- Multisite rust evaluation: Franz Schubiger
- Festulolium: Mike Humphreys

9h30 – 11h30  Session 4: Scarcity of focus
Chair: Agnes Van den Pol  co-chair: Gerda Cnops

9h30 – 10h15  Paolo Annicchiarico, Charlie Brummer, Beat Boller, Dirk Reheul
Improving focus of forage breeding research

10h15 – 10h45  COFFEE BREAK

10h45 – 11h10  Short oral presentations of offered papers
11h10 – 11h30  Meeting authors of presentations

11h30 – 11h50  Awards offered papers and breeding idea

11h50 – 12h20  Business meeting

12h20 – 12h30  Meeting impressions by Milka Malenica

12h30 – 12h45  General conclusions and meeting closure

12h45 – 13h45  LUNCH