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SEMINAR on FARM-SAVED SEED

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AGENDA OF THE SEMINAR

09:00 – 09:20

INTRODUCTION

09:00 – 09:10 Opening address by Toomas Kevvai, Deputy Secretary General for Food Safety Research and Development, Ministry of Rural Affairs of Estonia

09:10 – 09:20 Welcome by Francesco Mattina, Vice-President of the CPVO

MORNING SESSIONS

09:20 – 09:25 Introduction by the moderator
Jens Weibull, Administrative Council (AC) member for Sweden

09:25 – 10:00 **Plant industry in Estonia/Baltic States**
Margus Ameerikas, Development Manager of the Baltic Agro AS

10:00 – 10:20 **Introduction to the EU Plant Variety Protection (PVP) system**
Dirk Theobald, Senior Advisor at the CPVO

10:20 – 10:40 **The EU system of Farm-Saved Seed**
Francesco Mattina, Vice-President of the CPVO

10:40 – 11:00 **Benefit of a Plant Variety Protection system**
Dirk Theobald, Senior Advisor at the CPVO

11:00 – 11:10 Questions & Answers

11:10 – 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 12:05 **Estonian Plant Variety Protection System and Variety listing**
Laima Puur, Agricultural Board of Estonia, AC member for Estonia

12:05 – 12:40 **Farm-Saved Seed in the EU and challenges in enforcing Plant Variety Rights (via Skype)**
Szonja Csörgő, Director of intellectual property and legal affairs, Euroseeds

12:40 – 13:05 **Challenges for Royalty collection in Estonia**
Karen Rätsep, Active Manager, Estonian Seed Association

13:05 – 14:15

BUFFET – LUNCH OFFERED BY THE ESTONIAN AUTHORITIES

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

- 14:15 – 14:20 Introduction by the moderator
Simo Sepp, Chief Specialist, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Rural Affairs of Estonia
- 14:20 – 14:45 **How are royalties collected for Farm-Saved Seed in Lithuania ?**
Vytautas Ruzgas, Chair of the Lithuanian Seed Association
- 14:45 – 15:10 **How are royalties collected for Farm-Saved Seed in Finland ?**
Tarja Hietaranta, Administrative Council member for Finland, Finnish Food Authority Ruokavirasto
- 15:10 – 15:35 **How are royalties collected for Farm-Saved Seed in Sweden ?**
Jens Weibull, Administrative Council member for Sweden, Swedish Board of Agriculture

15:35 -16:00

COFFEE BREAK

- 16:00 – 16:25 **Views of Estonian farmers organisation**
Roomet Sõrmus, Chairman of the Board, Estonia Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce
- 16:25 – 16:50 **Farmer's experience**
Andres Oopkaup, Chairman of the Council, Estonian Farmers Cooperative KEVILI
- 16:50– 17:15 **Views of European farmers' organisation**
Thor Kofoed, Copa-Cogeca
- 17:15 – 17:25 Conclusive remarks and closing
Simo Sepp, Chief Specialist, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Rural Affairs of Estonia

17:30

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