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Registration open to FEFAC-EUROFAC Symposia in Lyon

FEFAC and its French member EUROFAC [announced](#) on 5 March 2018 that the registrations are open to the symposia on the role of animal nutrition in animal health management and the European protein plan in Lyon, France, on 20-21 June 2018, as part of FEFAC's 63rd Public General Assembly. Key speakers are Sabine Jülicher and Jens Schaps (European Commission), Laurent Lariviere (French Ministry of Agriculture) and Leo den Hartog (Nutreco). Professional experts from FVE, AnimalhealthEurope, FEFAC, FEFANA, Copa-Cogeca and a.v.e.c will present the respective sector visions and initiatives for improved animal health management as well as discuss synergies and opportunities for developing a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach.

Details to the registration process and the programme can be found [here](#). An early bird offer is available until 31 March 2018.



EU Feed PEFCR receives Final Positive Opinion

Major Milestone for measuring the Environmental Footprint of Compound Feed Production

On 15 February 2018, the Environmental Footprint Steering Committee gave its final positive opinion to the pilot providing the Feed Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR). The Feed PEFCR provides a harmonised, robust, credible and transparent LCA methodology for the accurate and consistent assessment of the feed industry's emissions. The expectation is that this will allow compound feed manufacturers to demonstrate their capacity to help reduce environmental impacts linked to livestock production through the formulation of feed diets. The Feed PEFCR will be published at the [final conference](#) of the Environmental Footprint Pilot Phase on 23-25 April 2018.

The FAO-LEAP Feed Guidelines published in April 2015 were a key reference document in the development of the Feed PEFCR, thereby ensuring alignment of the methodological framework at global and EU level. In parallel, by the end of April 2018, the first version of the public GFLI ([Global Feed LCA Institute](#)) database of key feed ingredients will be made available, enabling the practical implementation of the Feed PEFCR methodology by feed companies. Following professional experience with the methodology and the database, FEFAC aims to improve both tools to continuously obtain more precise results.

European Protein Plan to boost "Home-Grown" Proteins

FEFAC welcomes Initiative to increase Options for Compound Feed Production

On 20 February 2018, European Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development Phil Hogan announced the launch of a stakeholder survey and a market study in preparation of the European Protein Plan, expected by the end of 2018. In a [press release](#), FEFAC highlighted the need to focus on the

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competitiveness of home grown plant protein sources in the market study, while also paying attention to consistency across different EU policies which directly and indirectly affect the EU protein supply.



The European Protein Plan was first announced at FEFAC's Congress in Cordoba in June 2017. The European compound feed industry represents the largest user of plant proteins grown in Europe and imported from third countries. FEFAC members look forward to providing their animal nutrition expertise and economic impact assessment throughout the survey period and during the planned thematic DG AGRI workshops. Expert speakers & panellists from COCERAL, FEDIOL, Terra Innovia, Wageningen University and USSEC will discuss the European Protein Plan at the 63rd FEFAC Public General Assembly on 20-21 June 2018 in Lyon.

In an [interview with Feednavigator.com](#), FEFAC's Nicolas Martin highlighted the important contribution of European protein through the EU's bioenergy policy.

156.7 Million Tons of EU Compound Feed Production in 2017

Avian Influenza and African Swine Fever impact Demand for Poultry and Pig Feed

The industrial compound feed production for food producing animals in the EU-28 in 2017 reached an estimated level of 156.7 mio. t, i.e. 0.2% more than in 2016, according to data provided by FEFAC members. The recovery of milk prices encouraged dairy farmers to use high performing feed to maximise milk production, resulting in an aggregate increase in EU cattle feed production of 1.0% in 2017. The Avian Influenza outbreaks severely impacted some poultry producing regions of Europe but the aggregate production of poultry feed, the leading segment of EU industrial compound feed production, remained stable in 2017.

The recovery of market prices and global demand for pigmeat (in particular from China) could not compensate for the persistent effects of African Swine Fever in Eastern Europe, leading to a 1% drop on aggregate for pig feed production. For more information and the market outlook for 2018 see the [FEFAC press release](#). The final estimate and detailed breakdown of the 2017 figures will be issued on 20-21 June 2018 in the margins of the 63rd FEFAC Public General Assembly in Lyon.

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Animal Nutritionist Part of the Livestock Farmer's Advisors on Animal Health Management

Livestock farmers should have a multi-actor advising network for optimal health management. The veterinarian is of course the main contact point for animal health related matters, but the animal nutritionist should be part of the counselling process that steers livestock farming practices towards enhancing animal health and reducing the need for treatment with antibiotics. FEFAC members throughout Europe offer their assistance and rely on national governments to promote such a multidisciplinary advice in their national action plan against AMR.



Source: FEFAC [info-briefing](#) on the role of animal nutrition in animal health management

Discussions on Sustainability of Feed Production with the China Feed Industry Association

FEFAC President Nick Major visits China for a Series of High-Level Meetings

From 27 February to 1 March 2018, FEFAC President Nick Major held several high-level meetings in China with key representatives of the soy and feed value chain, in company of the NGO Solidaridad and DMFC (Dutch Meat and Feed Centre). This included a meeting with FEFAC's Chinese sister organisation CFIA (China Feed Industry Association), which allowed for an excellent opportunity to exchange views and perspectives on the sustainability of industrial compound feed production in Europe and China respectively. The associations agreed to explore the scope for cooperation on common issues such as tackling deforestation and measuring the environmental footprint of compound feed production. In this context, Major presented the FEFAC activities related to the Soy Sourcing Guidelines, the Memorandum of Understanding with Brazilian soy industry partners and the development of a database for feed ingredients as part of the [Global Feed LCA Institute](#).

CFIA explained that many of the Chinese feed and food regulations are increasingly in line with EU standards. Since 2011, China is the biggest feed producer at global level with over 200 million tons of annual feed production, produced by over 7,000 feed companies.



From left to right: Liwen Wang (CFIA), Nick Major (FEFAC), Liangui Liu (CFIA), Isabel Nepstad (Solidaridad), Guangdong Hu (CFIA)

AGENDA:

- **20-21 June 2018**
63rd FEFAC General Assembly (Lyon, France)
- **26-28 September 2018**
Feed Additives Global (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- **7 November 2018**
8th Animal Task Force Annual Seminar (Brussels, Belgium)
- **11-13 March 2019**
6th Global Food & Feed Congress (Bangkok, Thailand)