



1st Forum for the Future of Agriculture - Regional Event

Wroclaw, May 30, 2008

Special Focus on New Member States

This particular conference was organised specifically to respond to the need of the New Member States on the main challenges facing the sector, namely food and environmental security. Farmers, rural businesses and landowners shall be allowed to carry out their tasks whilst ensuring that they fulfill vital needs which will not adversely affect biodiversity. Modern farming is inextricably linked to environmental protection and the enhancement of local economies and communities.

Speakers included Mark THOMASIN-FOSTER, former President of the ELO who focused on whether the balance between environmental and food security can indeed be achieved.

Furthermore, Bernard GRACIET, Director of the Syngenta office in Brussels presented various case studies which demonstrated the importance of bringing production and the environment together. Finally, another key speaker of this conference was Winifried BLUM, President of the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies who provided a scientific perspective.