



GrowingMedia2021 – International Symposium on Growing Media, Soilless Cultivation, and Compost Utilization in Horticulture

22-27 August 2021, Melle, Belgium

Programme on Thursday 26 August 2021 The GrowingMedia2021 Online Industry and Policy Day

Start (CEST)	End (CEST)	
8:30	8:45	Keynote: <i>M. Sánchez-Monedero</i> . Biochar as an additive in composting: Impact on process performance and on the agronomical quality of the end product
8:45	9:00	
9:00	9:15	
Session 1 - Growing media and sustainable use of resources <i>Chair: Chris Blok</i>		
9:15	9:30	Replacement of peat by coir in <i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i> grown under different fertigation regimes and non-thermal plasma treatment <i>Samantha Cannazzaro, <u>Sonia Cacinj</u>, Sara Di Lonardo, Pane Catello, Silvia Traversari, Daniele Massa</i>
9:30	9:45	Basil (<i>Ocimum basilicum L.</i>) growth response to wood fiber based growing media in ebb-and-flow system as a function of the electrical conductivity of nutrient solution and pot size <i>Krzysztof Kusnierek, Mette Thomsen, Anita Sønsteby, Tomasz Woznicki</i>
9:45	10:00	Wood fibre in pot plant culture; peat replacement up to 50% in volume? <i>Barbara Eveleens-Clark, Aat van Winkel, Chris Blok</i>
10:00	10:15	Primary mechanical modification to improve performance of <i>Miscanthus</i> as stand-alone growing media <i>Van Nguyen, Thorsten Kraska, Winona Winkler, Sercan Aydinlik, Ralf Pude</i>
10:15	10:30	Coffee break
10:30	10:45	
Peat-related workshop by the International Peatland Society		
10:45	11:00	If IPS did not exist, it would have to be invented <i>Marko Pomerants, IPS President</i>
11:00	11:15	The meaning of "Responsibly Produced Peat" in situations where peat is essential for growing media <i>Maureen Kuenen, Executive Officer at Foundation Responsibly Produced Peat</i>
11:15	11:30	Peatland distribution, GHG emissions and peat extraction in Germany - an analysis of the current situation and forecast of future development <i>Bernd Hofer, Hofer & Pautz GbR, Chair of IPS Commission Peatlands and Environment</i>
11:30	11:45	Horticultural Peat: Enabler and Foundation of Growing Media <i>Asha Hinqorani, President of the Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association</i>
11:45	12:00	Panel debate
12:00	12:15	



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12:15	12:30	Lunch
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13:15	13:30	Poster pitches: n° 21 - 30
13:30	13:45	
13:45	14:00	<p>Policy-related workshop by the European Compost Network and Growing Media Europe. 'EU Fertilising Products Regulation – Opportunities and Challenges to place Growing Media and Soil Improvers on the European Market'</p> <p>EU Fertilising Products Regulation - Requirements for Growing Media and Soil Improvers based on Compost and Digestate <i>Jérémy Pinte, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Policy Officer</i></p>
14:00	14:15	<p>Opportunities and challenges for the manufacturers of growing media <i>Nele Ameloot, Growing Media Europe, Technical expert</i></p>
14:15	14:30	<p>Opportunities and challenges for the manufacturers of soil improver <i>Irmgard Leifert, European Compost Network and RETERRA Service GmbH, Technical expert</i></p>
14:30	14:45	<p>Conformity assessment procedures for waste derived organic materials under the new EU Fertilising Products Regulation <i>Wim Vanden Auweele, European Compost Network and Vlaco vzw, Technical expert</i></p>
14:45	15:00	<p>Panel debate: Does the new EU Fertilising Products Regulation really contribute to the EU Circular Economy? European Compost Network and Growing Media Europe</p>
15:00	15:15	
15:15	15:30	Coffee break
15:30	15:45	<p>Session 1 - Growing media and sustainable use of resources <i>Chair: Ann Cuypers</i></p> <p>Progress on the social responsibility journey of the Canadian horticultural peat industry <i>Stéphanie Boudreau, Marie-Claire LeBlanc, Paul Short</i></p>
15:45	16:00	<p>Waste materials-based substrates for ornamental plant production: technical and environmental aspects <i>Paola Arfaioli, Lapo Azzini, Alessandra Cincinelli, Monika Heřmánková, Stefano Lucchetti, Cristina Macci, Grazia Masciandaro, Roberto Scodellini, Giancarlo Renella, Karel Waska, Francesco Paolo Nicese</i></p>
16:00	16:15	<p>Soilless Substrate Science: A North American needs assessment to steer soilless substrate research into the future <i>Leb Fields, Jim Owen, Alexa Lamm, James Altland, Brian Jackson, Youbin Zheng, Loren Oki, Kathryn Fontenot, Jayesh Samtani, Benjamin Campbell</i></p>
16:15	16:30	Final summary & conclusions and award ceremony
16:30	16:45	
16:45	17:00	