

# Mission Possible?



## International Conference on the Future of Agricultural Biodiversity

23 May 2019 - Hotel Erzsébet Királyné, Gödöllő, HUNGARY

Biodiversity of agricultural landscapes - both natural and cultivated - has been dramatically declining in the last decades. Recent reports of international organizations, based on scientific research, clearly predict the disappearance of certain species in the very close future, and as a consequence, forecast the imbalance/shocks of our food systems and well-being, already in the medium term. These changes also affect Hungary: nowadays not only the researchers, but also people who are attentive to nature, feel the worrying tendencies: the decline of the well-known birds and small game species, the disappearance of pollinating insects.

- *What are the main causes of the loss of agricultural biodiversity?*
- *To what extent industrial agricultural practices can be blamed for the disappearance of certain species?*
- *What is the role of CAP in the unfavourable processes of recent decades?*
- *What can we do - if anything - to ensure that our children enjoy the wonders of nature and have access to all its benefits without giving up the well-being of the western World?*

At the conference organized by MME/BirdLife Hungary in the frame of the project "Cross-Border Protection of the Great Bustard in Central Europe - LIFE15 NAT / AT000834" the key actors of the agricultural and nature conservation sectors will jointly analyse the process, assess their role and outline future trends.

**Hereby, we kindly invite you and your interested colleagues to the event.**

9.30-10.00	Registration, coffee
10.00-10.30	Welcome speeches Office of the President of the Republic of Hungary - <i>tbc</i> Ministry of Agriculture - <i>tbc</i> Dr. Gergő HALMOS - managing director - MME/BirdLife Hungary
10.30-10.50	International tendencies and possible outcomes of biodiversity loss - Tania SANTIVANEZ, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN
10.50-11.10	Changes of agricultural biodiversity and its possible causes in Hungary - Péter TÓTH, BirdLife Hungary
11.10-11.30	Production trends in Hungarian agriculture - Dr. Gergely PAPP, National Chamber of Agriculture



11.30-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-12.20	Sustainable plant protection - with responsibility to environmental protection - Csilla JÓZSEF, Hungarian Crop Protection Association
12.20-12.40	Common Agricultural Policy: hopes and disappointments from a nature conservation point of view - Ariel BRUNNER, BirdLife International
12.40-13.00	Expected domestic trends for using Common Agricultural Policy resources - István MADARÁSZ, Ministry of Agriculture
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	Future of agricultural biodiversity - a roundtable discussion with the speakers. Moderator: Dr. Eszter KOVÁCS, Szent István University
15.30-17.00	Closing of conference, guided sightseeing at the International Nature Film Festival
17.00-	Discussion, garden party and film screening of the festival

Location: Erzsébet Királyné Szálloda [H-2100 Gödöllő, Dózsa György út 2.](#)

During the conference, a poster exhibition will be displayed in the foreground. The official language of the conference is Hungarian, interpretation will be provided.

The event is public but is subject to prior registration. Please indicate your participation electronically by 21 May 2019 by filling the registration form [HERE](#)

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