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**Programme of the EUSTAS Symposium 2009.
Auditorium “De Molen”, Kasteelpark Arenberg 50, B 3001 Heverlee**

“Stevia in Europe”

Tuesday, 30 June 2009: Pre-registration Oud-Leuven

Wednesday, 1 July 2009

9:00 – 9:30 Registration/Coffee

1. Production of Stevia and Steviol glycosides

9:30 – 10:15: Dorn Wenninger (PureCircle Supply Chain VP): adaptation of farmers to the new stevia supply chain

10:15 – 10:45: Carl Horn (Granular): Corporate Social Responsibility in Stevia production in Paraguay or sustainability issues

10:45 – 11:15: Roberto Campos (Merck, Brazil) Stevia in Brazil

11:15 – 11:35: Coffee + networking companies

2. Quality of Taste

11:40 – 12:40: John Fry (Connect Consulting in Horsham, UK): The practical aspects of steviol glycosides from the perspective of the product development scientist

12:40 – 13:55 Lunch + Networking

3. Validation of analytical methods.

14:00 – 14:45: Peter Grosser: EUSTAS Quality Label

14:45 – 15:30: Troy Rhonemus (Cargill; Troy_Rhonemus@cargill.com): Validation of different analytical methods

15:30 – 16:15: Jan M.C. Geuns (KULeuven) Discussion of the EUSTAS round-robin testing of 2 samples of steviol glycosides

16:15 – 18:00: Coffee + networking & demonstrations by companies

16:45 – 17:15 Angus Flood: PureVia™

17:15 - 17:45 Cargill: Truvia™

19:30 Symposium dinner in Oud-Leuven

Thursday, 2 July 2009

4. New active compounds

9:00 – 9:45: Paul Holvoet (KULeuven): Pharmacological effects of stevioside in a mouse model

9:45 – 10:30: O'Callaghan (Univ. Melbourne): Lack of effects of steviol glycosides in hypotension: **to be confirmed**

10:30 – 11:00: Coffee + networking companies

5. Steviol and Steviol derivatives

11:00 – 11:30: Amal Mohammed (KULeuven): Steviol biosynthesis: molecular aspects of early steps in the biosynthesis

11:30 – 12:00: Annelies Smedts/Stijn Ceunen (KHBO, KULeuven): Degradation of steviol glycosides by soil bacteria: update

12:00 – 12:30: Nico Moons (KULeuven): Synthesis of derivatives of steviol with pharmacological effects in Zebrafish

12:30 – 13:55 Lunch + Networking

6. Use of steviol glycosides as a sweetener in the EU

14:00 – 14:25: Chris O'Callaghan: Authorisation in Australia (**To be confirmed**).

14:25 – 14:50: Joël Perret (Greensweet): Status of steviol glycosides in France

14:50 – 15:15: Amy Boileau (Cargill): Current status of steviol glycosides in the United States

15:15 – 15:40: Carl Horn (EUSTAS): Current regulatory status of steviol glycosides in Europe

15:40 – 16:00: Umberto Leonetti (Storms): Current regulatory status of steviol glycosides in Switzerland

7. Concluding remarks

16:00 – 17:30: Coffee + networking companies

17:30 End of symposium

17:30: Board Meeting EUSTAS

Friday, 3 July 2009 for EUSTAS members only

9:00 – 12:00: EUSTAS meeting (**Location: Botany 01.30; Kasteelpark 31, 3001 Heverlee-Tel: +32-16-321510**).

Fee (including coffee, sandwich lunch (2 days) and booklet of proceedings)

Companies:	€600
Eustas Members:	€200
PhD students	€50
Symposium dinner: Wednesday, 1 July	€45

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Date for registration:

Please register as early as possible and certainly before June 30th. The number of participants is limited to about 150. Please email a copy of your registration to Jan.Geuns@bio.kuleuven.be.

Preregistration is on Tuesday, 30 June in Oud-Leuven, Tiensevest 12, 3000 Leuven (in front of Leuven train and bus station) from 18:30 on.

Registration form

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