

PRESS INFORMATION

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EISA Farm Visits in Burgundy – 15/16 May 2012



EISA members gathered on the 15th and 16th of May for the annual Farm Visits, taking place in Burgundy, East of France, this year. The delegation visited several farms belonging to the FARRE open farm network (Forum de l'Agriculture Raisonnée Respectueuse de l'Environnement, the French Association for



Integrated Farming) and met various stakeholders committed to the sustainable development of agriculture in France.

Daniel Voisin, a farmer in the Saône-et-Loire department, demonstrated the coherence and sustainability of the practices on his arable and pig rearing farm: pig production and well-being, integrated pest management (IPM), composting of liquid manure and green waste, agricultural packaging management were notably presented to the delegation.



Precision agriculture and IPM explained on the field by Mr Daniel Voisin, a farmer in Burgundy



Mr Denis Fetzmann, Director of Domaine Latour, explains the actions implemented to favour biodiversity and landscape conservation

Furthermore, integrated pest management in vineyards and energy use reduction schemes were tackled during the visit at Domaine Latour, a renowned winegrowing domaine in Aloxe-Corton, in the Côte d'Or department.

These visits were complemented with technical and scientific interventions. A presentation by Mr Pierre de Lépinau, CEO of ADIVALOR*, showed the participants how the exemplary initiative for agricultural waste management in France (comparable to the one existing in Germany) could be spread throughout Europe. On the scientific side, Mr Maarten Van Helden, lecturer and researcher at Bordeaux Sciences Agro, highlighted the challenges and achievements for biodiversity in the vineyards through a presentation of the European project BioDiVine*.

Encouraging sustainable agriculture

Mr Jacques Rebillard, Vice-President of the Regional Council of Bourgogne, welcomed the delegation by encouraging the efforts made by EISA to reconcile production and the environment: “This great challenge to find a balance between the man, the farm and the territory, needs the cooperation of everyone, farmers, local authorities and agricultural organisations”.



Pointing out the accomplishments already made by the farmers with regard to the environment, Mr Arnaud Danjean, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), insisted that “the CAP should over all promote and encourage the development of integrated, environment-friendly farming”.

Mr Arnaud Danjean, MEP, shares his wishes for the promotion of sustainable agriculture on Mr Voisin's farm

EISA, the European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture has developed a common definition of sustainable agriculture and is promoting its further uptake and implementation in practical agriculture. The organisation also aims to inform and convince politicians, administrations and all stakeholders of the agricultural domain, of the efficiency and sustainability of integrated farming.

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BioDiVine: Demonstrating biodiversity in viticulture landscapes – www.biodivine.eu

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