

Welcoming address

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

dear Guests,

I am pleased to invite you on behalf of the State Phytosanitary Administration on the territory of the Czech Republic, here in Brno on the occasion of the 3rd SPISE Workshop of the SWG.

This working group (SWG) was established on the 1st workshop in 2004 (in Braunschweig) associating experts from the Member states in the field of machinery for pesticide application in crop protection and its inspection. The SWG is dealing with a harmonization and a mutual recognition of test results concerning the EN 13790 as its main activities.

The SWG participated in activity connected with proposal of a Framework directive of the European Council and European Parliament for sustainable use of pesticides, which sets out in article 8 principles for regular inspection of pesticide application equipment in use.

The SWG pursues the same activity in the field of amendments of the directive 2006/42/EC – Machinery directive, which concerns with machinery for pesticide application with regard to environmental protection.

More than 100 participants, representatives of institutions, associations and companies from 23 Member states, representatives from the European Commission and representatives from other European countries are attending this 3rd SPISE workshop here in Brno. The 3rd SPISE workshop is focused on the article 8 of the framework directive proposal as it is indicated in the programme of the workshop. In addition to many professional items of the workshop a field trip is planned for tomorrow. Participants will visit two inspection sites in the Czech Republic and one inspection site in the Slovakia.

Ladies and gentlemen, I believe that this SPISE workshop will contribute to reaching a consensus in preparation of a uniform implementation of the article 8 of the Framework directive to national regulations and for unification of procedures for regular inspection including the mutual recognition of its results across Europe.

I wish you a pleasant stay in the second biggest town of the Czech Republic, in Brno, and successful negotiations.

Thank you.