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Dear Dr. SCARTEZZINI – Head of Provincial Department of Fruit- and Winegrowing,
 dear Dr. STAUDER – Mayor of Lana,
 dear M. SANTER, President of South Tyrolean Extension Service for Fruit- and Winegrowing, Lana
 dear colleagues,
 dear ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to open the SPISE 4 Workshop 2012 and welcome you all here to Lana.
 I would also like to welcome you on behalf of my colleagues in the SPISE Working Group (SWG).
 We are also pleased to be able to welcome so many participants: there are more than 100 participants from 29 countries.
 As you can see in the Fig. 1, there are only few countries which haven't sent any representatives.



Fig. 1. Participating states.

The fact that we are able to host the SPISE4 Workshop here in Lana under the management of the South Tyrolean Extension Service for Fruit- and Winegrowing is thanks to you, Dr. Waldner. At our last Workshop in Brno you extended quite a spontaneous invitation to us to come to Lana. We, the SWG, accepted your invitation gladly and without hesitation. This was for several reasons:

1) Lana lies in the midst of an intensive wine and fruit growing region where many different air-assisted sprayers are used.

This gives us the opportunity of getting to know the conditions for viticulture and fruit growing and to have these sprayers as the focus of our consideration for SPISE4.

2) Your Extension Service has developed instructions for calibration and adjustment for its members which are based on test bench measurements (VF, VVP) and which provide fruit growers with crop-specific recommendations for adjusting equipment and dosing PPPs.

We would like to get to know these and think about whether the inspection according to Article 8 (Directive 2009/128/EC) can be added to or extended by your instructions for calibration and crop-specific adjustments.

3) In addition, South Tyrol/Lana is such a beautiful region where many people spend a lot of money for their holidays.

We can gain a lot by being here on the occasion of the SPISE4 Workshop.

We therefore appreciate it very much that

- You, Dr. Scartezzini – Head of Provincial Department of Fruit- and Winegrowing,

- You, Dr. Stauder, as Lord Mayor of Lana,

- You, Mr. Santer, President of South Tyrolean Extension Service for Fruit- and Winegrowing, Lana

have found the time to join us, to welcome us and to present your region and your town to us.

The 1st European Workshop, -SPISE1-, took place in April 2004 prompted by the publication of European Standard 13790.

The 2nd European Workshop, -SPISE 2-, April 2007, provided the MS with information packages, where most of the necessary documents could be found.

The 3rd European Workshop, -SPISE 3-, took place from 22 to 24 September 2009 in Brno (CZ). Here the European Commission's representatives from DG-Environment and DG-Enterprise and the European organisations ECPA, CEMA and COPA attended and made clear their points of view.

Directive 2009/128/EC was published in October 2009. Nevertheless, I believe it is helpful for understanding matters better to address the European Directive properly in order to understand the regulations as a whole and to get to know the expectations which are associated with these by the Commission.

And nobody can do this better than representatives from the European Commission themselves.

I am therefore very pleased to be able to welcome with you a representative from the EC for our SPISE 4 Workshop.

- Mr. Rotteveel, DG SANCO, EC

who will show us Directive 2009/128/EC and explain this to us.

A warm welcome to you.

As we have all learnt, an effective and flexible legislation is not possible in the EU without efficient, competent standardisation.

France holds the secretariat of the CEN/TC 144/WG 3 for developing the relevant harmonised European Standards.

Both project leaders are also with us and I would also like to welcome them.

- Mr. POLVECHE, responsible for the revision of EN 13790 and

- Mr. ROUSSEAU, responsible for EN 12761, chairman of SC 6 of ISO/TC 23.

The necessary standardisation projects have begun and are in progress.

These will also definitely occupy us intensively in the next few years.

Article 8 of the Framework Directive stipulates the framework which the Member States have decided on together with the Commission and which is to be specified further and implemented by the Member States.

SPISE sees itself as a platform for technically orientated experts for plant protection equipment from the Member States who are interested in a technical procedure which is as uniform as possible and who are prepared to offer their expertise in discussions at Member State level.

The word SPISE symbolises this idea: it means

“Standardized Procedure for Inspection of Sprayers in Europe”.

It is not meant for making political decisions, but at the most for making statements or recommendations which could be taken into account for future (political) decisions.

We have set the **Round Table Session** at the beginning of today's workshop so that this technically oriented expert discussion is not one-sided and is not shortened.

The following persons have agreed to take part in this broad and more general discussion:

- 1) ROTTEVEEL, Anton, DG SANCO, EC
- 2) Prof. FREIER, Julius Kühn-Institut, Braunschweig (Germany)
- 3) VAN WENUM, J, Farmer (the Netherlands)
- 4) WALDNER, W., South Tyrolean Extension Service for Fruit- and Winegrowing (Italy)
- 5) WEHMANN, H., Julius Kühn-Institut, Braunschweig (Germany)

I would therefore also like to welcome these colleagues most sincerely.

Our SPISE4 workshop is expected to make a contribution to this.

I think that with the experts present from around 25 Member States, we will be successful at this over the next 3 days.

Once again I welcome you all most sincerely and wish us a successful few days.

Thank you for listening.