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## **PROGRAMME**

### **"International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) 2014 –**

#### **The Role of the European Union"**

**18 March 2014**

**József Antall (JAN 4Q1) - Brussels**

### **Introduction**

- 10.30 - 10.35 Welcome by **Mr Paolo de Castro**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- 10.35 - 10.55 Introduction by **Ms Marcela Villarreal**, Director of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations responsible for the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) 2014

### **Part 1: Academic Perspectives**

- 10.55 - 11.15 **Professor Sophia Davidova** (University of Kent): The Challenges Faced by Family Farming in the EU and Future Prospects
- 11.15 - 11.35 **Dr Thia Hennessy** (Rural Economy Research Centre, Ireland): CAP Tools for Supporting Family Farming
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Dr Elke Plaas** (University of Göttingen, family farmer): Differences between Family Farming and Other Types of Farming in the EU
- 11.45 - 12.30 Floor opened for debate with first comment by **Mr Czesław Siekierski** MEP, EP rapporteur for the report on "the Future of Small Farms"

## **Part 2: International Perspectives**

- 15.00 - 15.10     **Mr Luciano Centonze** (The European Committee for Education and Agriculture, CEFA and FOCSIV): Tools for Cooperation between the EU and Developing Countries to Strengthen Family Farming
- 15.10 - 15.20     **Mr Henri Rouillé d'Orfeuil** (CIRAD, French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development): Common Challenges for Family Farming in the EU and Developing Countries

## **Part 3: The View from the Ground, Personal and National Perspectives**

In Part 3, farmers will describe the challenges faced by family farming, based on their personal experiences and knowledge of their region and country.

- 15.20 - 15.30     **Mr Jan Štefl** (farmer from Bohemia, Czech Republic)
- 15.30 - 15.40     **Mrs Andrea Schwarzmann** (farmer from Austria)
- 15.40 - 15.50     **Mr Kaspars Adams** (farmer from Latvia)
- 15.50 - 17.00     Floor Open for Debate
- 17.00                Concluding remarks by **Mr Paolo de Castro**, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development