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EDITORIAL

It's always a challenge to launch a newsletter, even if it's a internal newsletter like this one, because of two difficulties: first for the authors, who try not to stop before the second number – second for the readers, that should be involved to create a new habit and to stimulate a participation contributing to the newsletter content.

So, we already succeed to send you a second number and we wish to continue at least in 2011.

This is also the right time, at the end of this fruitful year for our Organization, to thank you for your support and cooperation in the different activities carried out together and to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and successful new year.

Dominique Didelot, ENTAM Chairman

The ENTAM at the 2010 EIMA FAIR: SPREADING INFORMATION

The ENAMA, from the 10th to the 14th of November 2010 gave the possibility to the ENTAM to have a worldwide showcase. The chance was the EIMA Fair in Bologna which is the world leading agricultural machinery exhibition. As many other times the ENAMA advertised the ENTAM Network activities and gave information to the people who visited the fair. As you can see in the photo, the ENTAM logo hosted in the ENAMA stand was not a mere logo but a great advertise and we are grateful to the ENAMA Director for his effort in advertising the ENTAM worldwide.



ENTAM TESTING ACTIVITIES

☞ The ENTAM Office has received **2 recognition requests**; both of them came from the Hungarian Institute of Agricultural Engineering (Mezogazdasági Gépesítési Intézet MGI) and are related to the test carried by our colleagues on two field crop sprayers: the Trailed Field Crop Sprayer Kertitox Fullspray 3000/24 and the Self Propelled Field Crop Sprayer Kertitox 3000/24. The recognition process is currently going on.

☞ On the 12th of November in Bologna, at the EIMA Fair, the ENAMA hosted the **2010 ENTAM meeting of the Technical Working Group on manure and sludge spreaders.**

The Participant were: Jacky Mazoyer and Marc Rousselet (CEMAGREF, Team Leaders), Jan Radniecki and Marcin Goslinski (PIMR), László Kocsis (MGI), Carlo Bisaglia (CRA ING for ENAMA), Paolo Balsari and Elio Dinuccio (Deiafa for ENAMA), Giulio Fancello (ENTAM Office). The Agenda was focused on the upgrading of the Technical instruction for testing the manure spreaders. Among the issues discussed there was also the transformation of the existing checklist into a technical instruction that could make easier the testing activity and

the comparison of results. Particularly with this kind of materials (animal manure) it is quite difficult to have an exact measurement of the density of the material itself.

The Proposal of an organic spreader handbook was then discussed. The proposal is to draft an ENTAM guideline for the organic spreader handbook, even though the priority for the work inside the working group should be focused on the technical instructions for testing the machines.

Following the raising interest on the environmental issues among the ENTAM Members, it was discussed a possible method for the environmental assessment of a slurry spreader based on the ammonia emissions reduction assessment. This could be an additional part of the ENTAM methodology, based on the EN 13080, aimed to award only the spreaders with the ENTAM recognition which cut the ammonia emissions up to a defined percentage compared to standard system. A following step could be a deeper environmental assessment of the organic fertilizer spreader which includes also an assessment of the soil compaction. At the end of the meeting it is agreed the tasks of each Member. Further details can be found on the meeting minutes (see ENTAM web page) or directly asked to the ENTAM Office. Next meeting is scheduled on 14th -15th of April 2011 in Turin (DEIAFA Department of the University of Turin).



☞ On the 25th of November in Bruxelles Mr. Giulio Fancello represented the ENTAM at the **EOS (Environmentally Optimized Sprayers) Project workshop**. The workshop was an opportunity to investigate the EOS software and the possibility to implement the EOS assessment method into the ENTAM technical instruction for the sprayer testing. The workshop was organized by the European Crop Protection Association and the ENTAM presentation caught the interest of different sprayer manufacturers as well as plant protection product manufacturers.

☞ the ENTAM Chairman is **in contact with the Michelin**, which has shown its interest in the ENTAM Network activities and is evaluating the possibility of **developing joint activities with the ENTAM on testing agricultural tyres**. A document related to the kind of test needed by the tyre manufacturer and the suggested protocols discussed in a first meeting, will be sent to the ENTAM Members. A second meeting is scheduled on February 2011 at the Paris Exhibition SIMA.

EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES

☞ As agreed in the Annual meeting, the ENTAM office has sent the information necessary to assess the feasibility of the constitution of the ENTAM as a legal entity. Different meetings with a law firm specialized in international contracts and related fiscal issues finally highlighted that the **European Economic Interest Grouping – EEIG** should be the most 'value for money' way of giving a legal entity to the ENTAM Network. As it is thoroughly explained in the Memo provided by the Law Firm and in the abstract sent by the ENTAM office, the European Economic Interest Grouping will increase the external exposure of the network and the capability of the same to interact with other institutions (including the EU) or third parties. As in the past the ENAMA with the support of the Members will coordinate the EEIG assuring that the current membership fees will cover all the costs of the EEIG management.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS:

Send to Giulio: communications, comments etc. for the next newsletter.