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ENTAM 2011 ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

The **2011 ENTAM annual Meeting** took place in Rome, on the 20th and 21st of June, 2011. The main achievement of the meeting was defining the contract of the new ENTAM – EEIG. The final version with the amendments approved by the Assembly and reviewed by the lawyers has been sent by the ENTAM Office (mail of the 30th of August) with a further explanation on the power of attorney (mail of the 22nd of September).

ENTAM EEIG: things to be done for the signature

Regarding the **EEIG contract signature**, according to the information gathered by the Office, 10 Members could be ready for the contract signature. As you already know, for the signature every Member must receive the Authorization from its Ministry (or Board) and provide a power of attorney as requested by the Notary, accompanied by (in the case of Greece, Hungary, Poland, Spain) the Apostille. The ENTAM office will urge every representative to provide these documents in order to organize the signature in Rome in mid of November. This is a possible date only if the contract approval and the power of attorney will be ready soon!

ENTAM EEIG Strategic Agenda

The **ENTAM EEIG Strategic Agenda** has been drafted by the Chairman, Mr Dominique Didelot, and will be sent to you by the Office in order to provide you first a useful tool to explain to your Ministry or Board the aim and the strategy of the new ENTAM EEIG and the advantages to join the EEIG now. Of course every suggestion on this draft is welcome and it will be detailed and implemented immediately after the signature in a dedicated meeting of the founders.

ENTAM Testing activity and recognitions

The ENTAM Office has released **12 ENTAM recognitions**, all (excepted one) related to Crop protection machines and equipments test.

The ENTAM recognition goes to the 5 tests carried out by the JKI:

- Lechler nozzles IDKT 120-03 POM and IDKT 120-04 POM (ENTAM recognition n. 24 and n. 25/2011),
- AGCO Rogator self propelled field crop sprayer (ENTAM recognition 26/2011),
- Lechler nozzle IDKT 120-05 POM (ENTAM recognition 27/2011),
- MMAT Nozzle EZK 110-04 (ENTAM recognition 28/2011).





The ENTAM recognition goes also to the test carried out by the BLT:
 - Metrac H6X/H7X two axle mower (ENTAM recognition n. 23-2011),

The ENTAM recognition goes to the 3 tests carried out by the MGI:
 - Forràs 2000/18 trailed field crop sprayer (ENTAM recognition n. 18-2011),
 - Forràs 600/12 mounted field crop sprayer (ENTAM recognition n. 19-2011),
 - Kertitox Góliát 4000/24 self propelled field crop sprayer (ENTAM recognition n. 21-2011).

The ENTAM recognition goes to the 3 tests carried out by the ENAMA:
 - Favaro Compact mounted field crop sprayer (ENTAM recognition n. 17-2011),

- air assisted sprayer
 Tonini model "TE 10 V"
 (ENTAM recognition n. 20-2011).

- Towing hitch GTA
 manufactured by the CBM
 (ENTAM recognition n. 22-2011).



EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES

Following the first meeting of the **ENTAM technical working group on Environmental Technologies Verification (ETV)** in agriculture (Paris 25th of February 2010), the ENTAM Chairman, Mr Dominique Didelot, organized, on the 22nd of September 2011, a meeting between French participants of ETV system and the representatives of VERA project (Verification in Agriculture) and ETV system (DanETV) of Denmark.

Thus, in Denmark like in France, the way seems to be a unique "Verification body" for each Country, in charge of coordinating all the national demands in all sectors. Denmark and, from now on, Germany and Nederland (which participate to VERA system) will request the EC Commission to put specifically "agricultural technologies" in the priority sectors which will also receive public funding support. Cemagref has highlighted the fact that ENTAM can provide a full range of technical competences in these domains. So, France, Denmark and its VERA partners are going to send a common official letter to the commission, enlightening the richness of testing capabilities in Europe, illustrating the ability to manage the agricultural machinery manufacturers requests of ETV recognition. So, we can hope that ENTAM testing stations would be in a good position for being identified as Verification Bodies in the ETV roadmap.

If the new ENTAM – EEIG contract could be signed quickly, we could even candidate the ENTAM EEIG as a "Verification body" in full right.

ENTAM-MICHELIN cooperative project

Recently the Technical Working Group for the proposal of a **standard test for the energy efficiency of agricultural tyres** drafted a document which defines how tests have to be carried out in order to comply with the method discussed during ENTAM meeting (Paris-Villepinte 23rd of February 2011). Some practical aspects concerning the first "feasibility" tests are still to be precised. The test method described in the document mailed to the group

represent the basic requirements, further supplementary tests or measurements will be reported too. Now, the aim is quantify the costs of the tests for each experimental station and to submit them to Michelin financing in order to define the calibre of the cooperation.

EFFICIENT20 Project

Five ENTAM Members (BLT, CEMAGREF, ENAMA, KWF, PIMR) are involved in the European Project called "EFFICIENT20" financed by the IEE (Intelligent Energy Europe) Agency. The goal of **fuel saving in the agricultural and forestry sector** (- 20% in three years of the project life) is currently assessed through direct measurements in the field, using tractor and other agricultural and forestry machines and equipments. The second project meeting was on the 19th and 20th of may in Warwick (UK). Further information on the project may be found in the Efficient20 project website: <http://efficient20.eu>