



7th International Blackcurrant Conference

11th - 14th June 2024
in Leibnitz, Austria

Tuesday, June 11th

Arrival of delegates

15:00 IBA board meeting
Conference Room

16:30 Agronomy & Plant Breeding Sector Group
Conference Room

16:30 Health Claim Sector Group
Room Styria

19:00 Dinner
Schlosstaverne am Seggauberg, Schloss Seggau



7th International Blackcurrant Conference - Day 1

Wednesday, June 12th

Opening Session

08:45 Welcome by IBA President
Guillaume Marie

Guillaume Marie (F), President IBA
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09:00 Obstland Steiermark - Fruit region Styria
DI Herbert Muster

DI Herbert Muster (AU), Landwirtschaftskammer Steiermark (Chamber of Agriculture, Styria)
1996 - 2019 fruit growing adviser für pome fruit and stone fruit, with a focus on plant protection
Now Head of the Advisory Service of the Chamber of Agriculture and
managing director of the Association Styrian fruit growers



09:20 Welcome by StBoG
Dir Ing Stefan Lampl, BA

Stefan Lampl (AU), StBoG

Stefan Lampl has been managing director of the Steirische Beerenobstgenossenschaft (Styrian berry cooperative) for 14 years. This cooperative counts 250 growers who produce elderflower, elderberries, blackcurrants and aronia, on a area of 900 ha mainly in the Eastern part of Austria. The cooperative was founded in 1962 for blackcurrants. In 1976, they began to grow elderberries.
The main task of Stefan is to coordinate the harvest and ensure quality between growers and their markets.



Market session

09:30 Iprona: name of presentation?
Speaker?

09:50 Grünewald: name of presentation?
Speaker?

10:10 Introduction to the pinboard session
Mike Callagher, Amanda Moura, Stan Pluta, Rebecca Perraud

Mike Callagher (NZ), Blackcurrants New Zealand

Mike Callagher is the Manager of NZ Blackcurrant Co-operative based on Christchurch, New Zealand. Mike is an industrial biochemist with more than 30 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry centred in processing, sales and technical roles. He managed the blackcurrant extract processing operation "Just the Berries" between 2013 and 2017, and has been General Manager of the NZ Blackcurrant Co-operative since 2020. He first joined the BCNZ Executive in 2014, and has been on the Executive or advising to BCNZ since that time.



10:15 Coffee break

10:45 Rā kohā
Mike Callagher

11:10 The currant market in Poland - from the economic perspective
Michael Ebert

Hartwig Mathias Ebert (DE), HME-Consult

- Lives in Central Poland, in the Grojec basin.
- Studied Economics in Rostock (DE) for Diploma in Business Administration (Diplom Kaufmann).
- 25 years in the fruit & vegetable business (Steinhauser Ravensburg, Binder Group, Edeka Juices).
- Since 2017 owner of a consulting company for fruit and vegetable market research.
- Member of KUPS (Polish Association of Fruit Producers)



11:35 The science of Superfruits: Unlocking the health benefits of berries
Stephan Plattner

Dr. Stephan Plattner (AU), Iprona

Dr. Stephan Plattner is the Scientific Director at the Business Unit Health and Nutrition at Iprona Lana.
With over a decade of experience in the international nutraceutical industry, his contributions range from clinical trial developments to new applications and product innovations in collaboration with scientific institutions and international partners.



12:00 IBA General Meeting

12:30 lunch

Agronomy session

13:15 Chamber of Agriculture Styria: name of presentation?
DI Rudolf Robitschko

13:35 Application overview for EU funding – Minor crops case
Amanda Moura

13:45 Pinboard presentations
Room Styria

14:15 Harvest forecast 2024

14:45 Wrap up of the day
Stefan Lampl, Stefanie Sharma, James Wright

15:00 Coffee break

Visit

15:30 Professional School for vine and fruit growing
"Silberberg"
Wein- und Obstbauschule Silberberg

19:30 Dinner
Schlosskeller, Schloss Seggau

7th International Blackcurrant Conference - Day 2+3

Thursday, June 13th

08:30 fieldtrip / visit to
Morning or afternoon (2 groups)

Aronia Bauer
Farm Birgit und Christoph REINHART
Birgit & Christoph Reinhart
Petersdorf II 61
8323 St. Marein bei Graz
Obsthof Kienreich
Farm Silvia und Karl KIENREICH
Mitterfladnitz 10
Markt Hartmannsdorf

Morning or afternoon (2 groups)
Ribes
Farm Gudrun und Franz SCHRIEBL
Franz & Bernhard Schriebel
Stainzenhof 11
A-8511 St. Stefan ob Stainz

Lunch + Visit
Coldstorage Iprona Lieboch GmbH
H. Thalhammer-Str 28, 8501 Spatenhof
Grazer Str. 20, 8510 Stainz, Autriche

19:00 Gala dinner
Fürstensäule oder Schlossgarten, Schloss Seggau

Day 3: June 14th

Visits

09:00 Südsteirische Weinstraße, Farm E.& St. Lampl and
Factory Grünwald Fruchtsaft GmbH

Departure of delegates



**DI Rudolf Robitschko (AU), Landwirtschaftskammer
Steiermark (Chamber of Agriculture, Styria)**
blabla Rudolf



Prof. Dr. Stanisław (Stan) Pluta (P), InHort

Prof. Dr. Pluta is a research worker at the National Institute of Horticultural Research (InHort) in Skierniewice, Poland, since 1985. He is a geneticist and breeder of new cultivars of small/ berry crops, including blackcurrant (*Ribes nigrum* L.). He is the author and co-author of 150 original publications and scientific reports in Polish and English, 9 monographs (including 3 books for berry producers) and implementation instructions, and over 190 professional articles for growers.

Stan is the author of 13 bred cultivars (10 blackcurrant cvs., 2 gooseberry cvs., 1 Saskatoon berry cv.) included in the national Register of Cultivars in COBORU and 11 cultivars protected by Community law in the CPVO, Angers, France and 3 blackcurrant cvs. are protected by the plant patents in the USA.



Amanda MOURA (UK), James Hutton Limited

Amanda is a plant breeder with nine years of expertise in the field. She holds a bachelor's degree in agronomy, as well as a master's and doctorate in crop science, with focus on plant breeding. She has previously conducted research and breeding for biotic and abiotic stresses in crops, particularly drought. Currently she leads the commercially funded breeding programmes at James Hutton Limited for blackcurrant, for both the processing and fresh markets (the 'Ben' series). Ensuring the sustainability of crop production in the face of climate change is one of the primary objectives. Amanda is also responsible for redcurrant and other *Ribes* berries breeding programme grown under protection for fresh market.



Geoff Langford and Molly Shaw (NZ), Berryworld

Geoff Langford

Growing up on an orchard in Nelson, growing fruit has been in his blood from a young age. He took his horticultural qualifications through Lincoln University and then worked in the government's science research and extension organisation as it changed shape and form over the years. Starting as a MAF advisor, moving to Hort Research, and later with Plant and Food Research, Geoff has had an active involvement in the formation, maintenance and future direction of New Zealand's berryfruit industries for over 50 years, including the formation of the Blackcurrant breeding program. Geoff formed Berryworld Ltd in 2012 to continue research and development services to NZ berryfruit industries, and has taken other team members on board over the years.
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Molly Shaw

Heralding from New York State, Molly did her bachelor studies in Plant Science and her masters in Plant Protection, both from Cornell University. After working for 8 years as a fruit and vegetable specialist in the Cornell Extension system, she moved with her family to New Zealand, where she worked another 8 years as an agronomist in a commercial greenhouse before joining Berryworld in 2021. Molly enjoys working with grower groups using science as a basis for understanding production challenges.

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Marine Nars-Chasserey (F), Sayens

Marine blablabla

Juliette Poirier (F), IBA

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