

Wednesday 7 August 2019 - Welcome

- All day Individual arrival in different hotels
- 15:00 – 17:30 For WAPA members only: WAPA interim meeting in Martin's Hotel Alden Biesen
- 19:15 Pick-up attendees from Hotel Eburon in Tongeren and Hotel Malpertuus in Riemst
- 20:00 Optional: Welcome in the Castle of Alden Biesen with cocktail dinner
Herman Reynders (Governor of the Province Limburg), and Rita Demaré (Chairperson of the Association of Belgian Horticultural Cooperatives - VBT)
- 21:45 "Bilzen Mysteries" – The Story in the Castle of Alden Biesen (duration: 1h20)
Places are limited. Quick reservation recommended (via registration form)
The story of Alden Biesen, past and present merge in an amazing adventure full of stunning visual, sound, and light effects.
When evening falls, Alden Biesen comes to life.
Walk through the gate, turn on your tablet and step into a vibrant story.
Follow The Biesen Lord, played by the famous belgian actor Jan Declair. He knows all the secrets of this historic place.
800 years of history, from the dark Middle Ages to a devastating fire.
Do you dare to travel back in time ?
<https://bilzenmysteries.be/thestory/?lang=en>
- 23:15 Transfer to Hotel Eburon in Tongeren and Hotel Malpertuus in Riemst

Thursday 8 August 2019 - Conference

08:00 Pick-up attendees from Hotel Eburon in Tongeren and Hotel Malpertuus in Riemst

08:15 – 09:00 Registration

Session 1 (09:00 – 10:30)

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome and official Opening

Wim De Vos (Depute Head of section on General Policy of the Cabinet of Belgian Federal Minister for Agriculture Denis Ducarme)

Philippe Appeltans (Chairperson of the Working Party F&V COPA-COGECA), and Luc Vanoirbeek (Secretary General of the Association of Belgian Horticultural Cooperatives - VBT)

09:15 – 10:30

Apple forecast and market outlook 2019 (Fresh, organic, and industry)

Philippe Binard (WAPA), Helwig Schwartau (AMI), Fritz Prem (Europäische Bioobst Forum), and Jan Hermans (AIJN)

10:30 – 11:00

Networking break

Session 2 (11:00 – 12:45)

11:00 – 11:30

Pear forecast and market outlook 2019

Helene Deruwe (WAPA), and Helwig Schwartau (AMI)

11:30 – 12:45

Round table on market developments for apple and pear in Europe and Southern Hemisphere

Apple: Gerard Dichgans (VOG Consortium Italy), Kris Jans (BelOrta Belgium), Dominik Wozniak (Rajpol Trade Poland), Daniel Sauvaitre (ANPP France) and Didier Groven (Enzafruit New Zealand)

Pear: Luca Granata (Opera Italy), Filip Lowette (BFV Belgium), Leonard Kampschöer (Fruitmasters The Netherlands) and Nicholas Dicey (Hortgro South Africa)

12:45 – 14:30

Networking lunch

Session 3 (14:30 – 16:30)

- 14:30 – 14:40 Preview Prognosfruit 2020
- 14:40 – 15:00 Apples and Pears in Belgium
Luc Vanoirbeek (Association of Belgian Horticultural Cooperatives - VBT)
- 15:00 – 15:20 Precision Farming and Drones. Revolution in fruit growing ?
Prof. Dr. Ir. Dany Bylemans (Pcfruit)
- 15:20 – 15:40 Innovation in production within the scope of new varieties
Nicolas Stevens (Better3Fruit)
- 15:40 – 16:00 Taste of apple and pear will make the difference. How we can translate subjective taste in
objective figures and models
Ir. Ann Schenk (Flanders Centre of Posharvest Technology - VCBT)
- 16:00 – 16:20 Evolution in demands of the retail to the production sector of apples and pears
Stephan Weist (REWE)
- 16:20 – 16:30 Closing remarks
Rita Demaré (Chairperson of the Association of Belgian Horticultural Cooperatives - VBT)
- 16:45 Transfer to Hotel Eburon in Tongeren and Hotel Malpertuus in Riemst
- 18:45 Pick-up attendees from Hotel Eburon in Tongeren and Hotel Malpertuus in Riemst
- 19:30 Gala dinner in the Castle of Alden Biesen
- 23:00 Transfer to Hotel Eburon in Tongeren and Hotel Malpertuus in Riemst

Friday 9 August 2019 – Technical visits

Guided tour in English and French

- 7:45 Bus from the Castle & Martin's Hotel Alden Biesen
Bus from the Hotels Eburon in Tongeren and Malpertuus in Riemst
- 9:00 – 10:00 Technical visit of Better3fruit
Better3fruit is one of the largest apple and pear breeders in the world.
Better3fruit also develops, through strategic partnership, a marketing concept tailored to each variety. In the end, Better3fruits goal is to create added value for all partners throughout the chain: grower, nursery, wholesale. The launch of Nicoter/Kanzi® was Better3fruits first commercial exploit.
www.better3fruit.com
- 11:15 – 12:15 Technical visit of Pcfruit
Pcfruit covers applied scientific research, demonstration activities to fruit growers, co-development programs with various kinds of industries and services for fruit growers. All these activities are centralized at one central location with suitable infrastructure like labs, greenhouses, storage facilities, plastic tunnels, shelters, warehouses and orchards.
www.pcfruit.be
- 12:15 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Bus to Brussels Airport (estimated arrival: +/- 15:00)
Bus to the Castle & the hotels (estimated arrival: Hotel Eburon in Tongeren: +/- 14:45 - Hotel Malpertuus in Riemst: +/- 15:00 - The Castle & Martin's Hotel Alden Biesen: +/- 15:15)