



# NATRUE, The International Natural and Organic Cosmetics Association

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The Hotel, Boulevard de Waterloo 38, 1000 Brussels

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### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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#### **Dr Gerald Renner**

##### **Director Technical Regulatory Affairs, Cosmetics Europe**

Dr Gerald Renner was born in Graz, Austria, in 1967. His basic scientific training was in engineering chemistry at the Technische Universität Graz where he graduated in 1993. Following this training, he specialised in biochemical engineering and worked for his PhD at the Technische Universität Graz, and the École Polytechnique de Montréal. He finished his doctoral studies on the bacterial production of biodegradable plastics in 1996.

After additional courses in animal cell culture techniques and immunology at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Dr Renner joined the Colipa scientific department at the end of 1996.

Since 2001, he is Cosmetics Europe's Director of Technical Regulatory Affairs.



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#### **Joëlle Meunier**

##### **Cosmetics Expert, S.P.F. Santé publique - Health Belgium**

Joëlle Meunier is a pharmacist by training. After some experience in community pharmacies, she has been working for 10 years at the Belgian medicinal products agency. Thereafter, she joined the service in charge of food and cosmetics at the Federal Public Service of Health. She is currently in charge of the Division Food supplements and Cosmetics.

Mrs. Meunier is notably head of the Belgian delegation for the meetings on cosmetic products at the European Commission. She is also vice-chair of the Belgian





Commission for borderline products and lecturer at the Université Libre de Bruxelles and de Université de Liège.

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## Caroline Chaine

**Secretary General, ASPA-INGRECOS; Technical Expert,  
EFfCI**



Caroline Chaine is the Secretary General of Aspa-Ingrecos, the French trade union of surfactants and cosmetic ingredients manufacturers and Technical Expert of EFfCI, the European Federation for Cosmetic Ingredients since September 2013.

She is involved in all discussions at European level dealing with cosmetic ingredients and animates Aspa-Ingrecos, participating in discussions impacting cosmetic ingredients at French level that revolve around Biodiversity, Nagoya Protocol, endocrine disruptors as well as nanomaterials, REACH and CLP.

From 2010 to 2013, she was in charge of Regulatory Affairs at Sensient Cosmetic Technologies, a cosmetic ingredients manufacturer. In addition, she worked 10 years at L'Oréal in the Regulatory Affairs department as Manager of the conformity of cosmetic ingredients and formula.

Mrs. Chaine is an engineer in chemistry (ESCOM) specialised in formulation, holds a Master in chemistry from the Université Marie Curie in Paris, a Master in International Trade Business and Safety assessor of cosmetics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

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## Juliette Leroux

**Campaigner Greens/European Free Alliance, European  
Parliament**



Juliette Leroux is an agronomist. She worked 13 years for the French organic farmers' organisation, first in charge of regulation and certification issues and then of EU affairs.

She followed the organic revision process in 2008 as well as the current one, and contributed to the creation of the private collective organic brand Bio Coherence.

Mrs. Roux is now in charge of the GMO/seed campaign for the Greens at the European Parliament.

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## **Dr Mark Smith** **Director General, NATRUE**

Dr Mark Smith graduated with a M.Chem (Hons.) degree in chemistry and an interdisciplinary Ph.D. between chemistry and genetics. Before joining NATRUE in June 2014, he extended his research career with two positions covering biotechnology in Leeds, UK, and the biomedical/pharmaceutical sector in Montréal, Canada.



Dr Smith is a British national who has more than five years' experience in Scientific Management, and during the last 10 years he has been involved in the successful coordination of strategic and collaborative interdisciplinary projects via academic departmental and international research.

Dr Smith became Director General in July 2016.

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## **Francesca Morgante** **Label & Communication Manager, NATRUE**

Francesca Morgante holds a degree in Development and International Cooperation from the Faculty of Political Science of the Università di Bologna. She joined NATRUE in 2010 with the aim of coordinating the development of the NATRUE Label worldwide.



Before joining NATRUE, Mrs. Morgante was involved in various activities in NGOs in Italy, her home country, and abroad. Her skills include Fundraising, Communications, Public Relations and Event Management.

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