

Agenda of the seminar

January 25, 2024. 10:30 – 17:00

Skangaji Manor, Cesis County, Latvia

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Time (p.m. EET)	Topic	Speakers
10:00	Registration, coffee	
10:30	Welcome. The role of potatoes in national security and our daily life.	Ilze Dimante (AREI, LV)
10:40	Opening address by the Embassy of Finland	Jaakko Koivusaari (<i>Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Riga</i>)
10:45	The principles of potato cultivation in permaculture and success stories	Daina Mūrniece, Guna Zālamane, Dzintars Eglis (<i>Latvia permaculture association</i>)
11:15	Certified seed potatoes in small packages – why does this matter? Examples from around the world.	Sallija Ceriņa, Ilze Dimante (AREI, LV)
11:35	The function of potato gene banks and the benefits for society	Liisa Kübarsepp (METK, EE), Ilze Dimante (AREI, LV), Veli-Matti Rokka (LUKE, FI)
11:50	The proposed EU Regulation on plant reproductive material and its current status	Ineta Jēkabsone (<i>Latvia Ministry of Agriculture</i>)
12:10	Lapin Puikula: A Case Study on the Integration of Potatoes into the EU Quality Scheme PDO	Piritta Sokura (<i>Finnish Food Authority</i>)
12:25	Discussion. “Priekuļi potato”, “Jogeva potato” Is it necessary, and is it possible to create a brand by using any of the EU product quality schemes? Chair: Piritta Sokura	
13:00	Old local potato varieties tasting. Lunch	
15:00	What did we taste? Brief on varieties and potato breeding in Latvia	Ilze Skrabule (AREI, LV)
15:25	The role of potatoes in the culinary heritage of Estonia	Ülle Jukk (<i>Jõgeva, EE</i>)
15:50	How Finns honor their specialty potatoes - examples from municipalities	Maarit Heinonen (LUKE, FI)
16:15	Discussion. Can potatoes be a tourist magnet for the municipality?	
16:50	Closing remarks and refreshments	