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EU-PLF Project: Precision Livestock Farming brings value to the farmers

Leuven, Belgium (24 August 2016) - The European Union project EU-PLF (Value Creation through Precision Livestock Farming) announced today the programme for its final project conference to be held on Thursday, 29th of September at the prestigious Résidence Palace in Brussels, Belgium. The conference is in collaboration with the Animal Task Force.

The essence of Precision Livestock Farming (PLF) is to develop management tools aimed at continuously and automatically monitoring animal welfare, health, environmental impact and production in real-time. Interest in PLF is growing in Europe and worldwide as farmers look towards different management practices that would allow them to take care of and raise numerous animals in a satisfactory manner.

EU-PLF project is a European Union funded project which begun in November 2012 with the goal to bring available PLF tools developed, studied and tested in the labs to the farms. The project is implemented by 20 research, industrial and business partners in collaboration with 20 farmers in 10 countries.

The culmination of four years of research that is part of EU-PLF project comes to an end with the final conference. To share results and experiences of the project, the final conference will present the Blueprint on how to implement Precision Livestock Farming (PLF) technology on farms; experiences from farmers who have used the technology; testimonies from start-up small medium-sized enterprises and farmers; and a hands-on experience with the e-learning modules created for the project. The Animal Task Force will also present a position paper on its vision of key priorities that merit research support on PLF, particularly in the European context.

The Animal Task Force (ATF) is a European Public-Private Platform. It is a leading body that represents key stakeholders from industry, farmers and research across Europe. Its mission is to foster knowledge development and innovation for a sustainable and competitive livestock sector in Europe.

Registration is still open for the conference and more information about the conference including the programme and speakers can be found at: <http://www.eu-plf.eu/index.php/eu-plf-final-conference/>



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