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PROteINSECT shares insight & expertise at UK science festival

PROteINSECT has been invited to take part in a key debate on future food security at one of the UK's biggest science festivals...

Can eating insects save the world?

That's the question a panel of invited experts – including a representative of PROteINSECT - will be addressing next week at the Glasgow Science Festival, one of the largest annual science events in the UK attracting more than 50,000 people.

The event, taking place at the Glasgow Science Centre, will be chaired by behavioural genetics expert Professor Kevin O'Dell from Glasgow University and will include a screening of the film 'Can eating insects save the world?', featuring UK TV food journalist Stefan Gates.

The film will be followed by an interactive discussion and Q&A from an audience of specialists and the public.

Rhonda Smith, Director of Minerva Communications Ltd UK– the PROteINSECT communications partner - will appear alongside insect and culinary experts as a guest speaker, highlighting the research being carried out by the project and the potential for insects to help address the challenge of future food security.

Rhonda says, "Whilst in the 'developed' world eating insects directly by people has little or no history and is usually resisted, many of the animals we consume have insects as part of their natural diet – free range chicken for instance. This important aspect of 'entomophagy' must not be forgotten in this current enthusiastic debate about the potential of insects to 'save the planet'."

PROteINSECT has recently launched an online survey to further the current understanding of consumer perception on the content (current and potential) of animal feed.

[Complete the survey and have your say](#)

Free film screening and expert Q & A: Can eating insects save the world?

Thursday 11th June 2015, Glasgow Science Centre, 18:45 - 21:15

[Find out more about the event](#)

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press@proteinssect.eu Interviews available with Elaine Fitches, PROteINSECT Co-ordinator/FERA

Notes for Editors:

1. PROteINSECT survey on production and use of insect protein for animal feed can be accessed [here](#)
2. PROteINSECT's summary report on current European legislation concerning insect protein and animal feed is available to view and download [from the project website](#)
3. Partners in the PROteINSECT project are:
 - FERA - Food & Environment Research Agency, UK Tel +44-1904-462564
Dr. Elaine FITCHES - Coordinator, expertise in entomology and Dr Adrian Charlton expertise in food safety
 - CAB International UK - Expertise in entomology
 - Nutrition Sciences NV Belgium -Global producer of feed concepts and functional feed ingredients (FFIs)
 - Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Belgium - Expertise in Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)
 - Minerva Communications Ltd, UK - Expertise in Food Policy and Science Communication
 - Eutema Technology Management GmbH & Co KG Austria - Expertise in Science Communication
 - Grantbait Ltd UK - Maggot Farmer
 - Guangdong Entomology Institute China -Expertise in Entomology, especially rearing of insects
 - Huazhong Agricultural University China -Expertise in Entomology, expertise in fly rearing and prepupae collection
 - Fish for Africa - Ghana Limited by Guarantee Ghana -NGO promoting sustainable Aquaculture in Africa
 - Institut D'Economie Rurale Mali - Expertise in sustainable Agriculture in Africa
 - The University of Stirling UK - Expertise in Fish feeding trials

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