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### COCERAL & UNISTOCK Annual Conference seeks answers to innovation in food and production supply chains

**Warsaw, 30 May 2017** - Today, COCERAL and UNISTOCK organized their Annual Conference in Warsaw, Poland, entitled “Innovation in the Food and Production Supply Chain: Communication Risks, Sharing Experiences and Seizing Opportunities”.

Over 70 participants across the world, including the European Commissioner for Health & Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis, 3rd Country Ambassadors and CEOs of European Agrifood Supply Chain sought answers to “What to expect for trade?”.

UNISTOCK President Gilles Kindelberger, stated “We know that there is a need to communicate strongly on innovation, to strengthen consumer and supply chain confidence and to ensure that all stakeholders share the same principle of upholding science” during his opening speech of the Conference.

Commissioner Andriukaitis called for a positive, forward looking approach to food production and a need for better communication of science, reminding that “reticence to embrace new methods and approaches clashes with the need for food systems to evolve and meet the challenges of today and tomorrow”.

Closing the conference, COCERAL’s re-elected President Jaana Kleinschmidt thanked the attendees and recalled the sector plea for science: “Perceived risk management needs to be dealt within the boundaries of science. We need to build trust with consumers and civil society to embrace innovation and overcome the challenges of today and tomorrow”.

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