

SMEthane

**Technological platform to develop nutritional additives to
reduce methane emissions from ruminants**

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2nd workshop

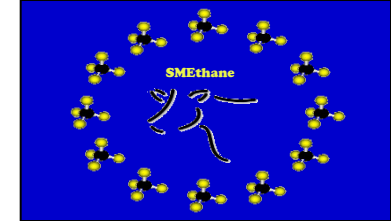
**The importance of measuring methane
production from ruminant livestock: project
update and regulatory aspects**

26-27 March 2012

Hotel Melia Galgos, Madrid, Spain

Long term
42 days

Short term
7 days



WP 4
RTD IN VIVO— long time persistence

21+
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WP 3
RTD Effectiveness IN VITRO

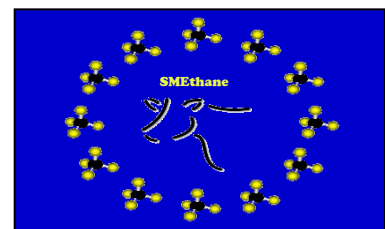
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WP 2
RTD Means of application . Stability over time

13



training Workshops



- 1st workshop – UK - **Sept 2011**
- 2nd workshop – Spain - **Mar 2012**
- 3rd workshop – France - **Sept 2012**



- The Importance of Measuring Methane Production from Ruminant Livestock – the reason why we are doing this project.
- Effects of the use of plant extracts on animal productivity in different production systems
- Financial and regulatory barriers to the use of plant extracts in ruminant livestock
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Forthcoming events

September 21-22, 2011
1st Workshop.

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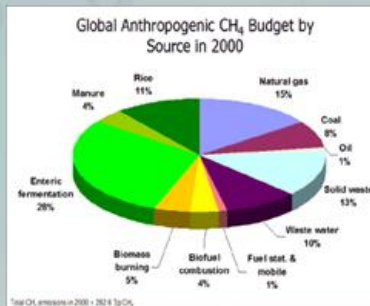
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Languages

English

Welcome



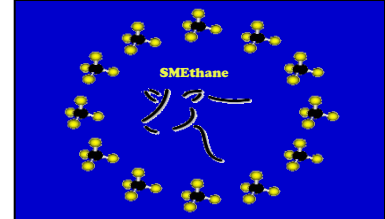
SMEthane aims to provide a technological platform for SME's to develop and progress further knowledge on the successful use of nutritional additives to reduce methane (CH₄) emissions from ruminants. CH₄ is the second most important greenhouse gas, after CO₂. At a global scale, livestock farming contributes up to 18% of total greenhouse gas emissions. The inhibition of CH₄ formation by ruminants has long been an objective of ruminant nutritionists, but a number of barriers to the development of novel dietary additives have been identified. SMEthane is designed to remove the restriction that SME's face in successfully developing and marketing novel compounds, in particular plant extracts. We will

establish research and development platforms to allow SME's to determine: the means of delivery of such compounds in the diet, knowledge of the dose response curve for such compounds under different production systems, the persistence of the inhibitory effect of such compounds on CH₄ production over long periods of time and the potential 'side effects' such as change in flavour of the final animal product. SMEthane Research Consortium combines the capabilities of five major research and educational organizations from 4 European countries plus 6 enterprises with long experience in developing nutritional additives. The governance structure of the project has been established to ensure effective direction and management that maximizes the expertise and facilities available at each RTD to better meet SME's needs. Training and dissemination plan considered within SMEthane aim to provide training for the SME sector and its customer through different workshops based in key areas relevant to the development and usage of novel dietary additives to decrease CH₄ emissions. An Exploitation and Dissemination Team will be responsible for decisions on knowledge management issues such as patenting, licensing and other exploitations of the project results.

The project is coordinated by Dr. David R. Yáñez-Ruiz of CSIC in Spain and involves 10 partners:

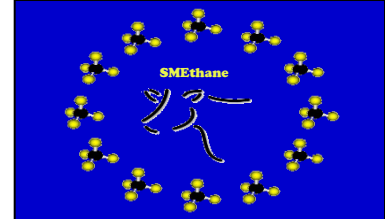
- Aberystwyth University, United Kingdom (RTD performer)
- Agolin SA, Switzerland (SME)
- Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Spain (RTD performer)
- DOMCA SA, Spain (SME)
- Eiden Vermoegen Van Het Instituut Voor Landbouw En Visserijonderzoek, Belgium (RTD performer)

Workshop Program



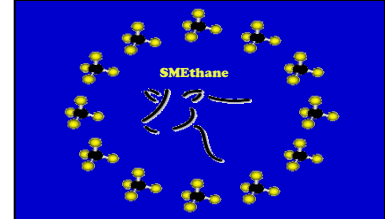
Monday 26th March 2012

- 13:30: Lunch
- 15:00 Welcome Dr David Yanez Ruiz (CSIC Spain)
- 15.05 The market for plant extract in ruminant livestock (**Prof Jamie Newbold**, Aberystwyth, UK)
- 15:35 Lessons learnt from SMEthane, analytical methods for detection of active molecules in different feed matrices and stability in feeds (**Dr Hamid Boudra**, INRA, France)
- 16:05 Lessons from SMEthane: Assessing the effect of plant extracts on methane production by in vitro screening tests: dose- responses and sources of variability (**Prof Veerle Fievez**, Ghent, Belgium)
- 16:35 Coffee
- 17:00 Lessons from SMEthane: Developing rapid in vivo screens to measure the effect of plant extracts on methane production. (**Dr Kenton Hart**, Aberystwyth, UK)
- 17:30 Lessons from SMEthane: Developing in vivo screens to measure the effect of plant extracts on methane production in cattle. (**Dr Sam De Campeneere**, ILVO,Belgium)
- 18:00 General Discussion
- 18:30 Leave for accommodation
- 20:30 Evening Meal (Hotel Restaurant)



Tuesday the 27th March 2012

- 09:00 The EU regulatory framework : **Prof Secundino Lopez** (Universidad de Leon, Spain)
- 10.00 **Commercial partners**; experience with EU and world wide regulations
- 10:00 Agolin, Switzerland
- 10:15 Phytosynthèse, France
- 10:30 NOR-FEED SUD, France
- 10:45 Coffee
- 11.15 Neem Biotech, UK
- 11:30 DOMCA, Spain
- 11:45 Discussion (experience from guests and academics)
- 12:30 Closing remarks: Dr David Yanez Ruiz (CSIC Spain)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Departure



Thank you and enjoy the workshop