

**Theme of the conference: “Building the Future Through Innovation”**

**Programme - Speakers AVEC GA Sorrento 2026 – Friday 25th September**

| <b>Time</b> | <b>Title of presentation</b>                            | <b>Speaker</b>                 | <b>Title</b>                                   | <b>Organisation</b>                  |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 08.00       | Registrations                                           |                                |                                                |                                      |
| 09.00       | Opening of the conference                               | Moderator - Oliviero Bergamini |                                                |                                      |
| 09.10       | Welcome                                                 | Antonio Forlini                | President                                      | Unitalia                             |
| 09.15       | Institutional Speech                                    | Francesco Lollobrigida         | Minister of Agriculture of Italy               |                                      |
| 09.30       | AVEC President’s Speech                                 | Gert-Jan Oplaat                | President                                      | AVEC                                 |
| 10.00       | The Future of EU Agriculture                            | Christophe Hansen              | European Commissioner for Agriculture and Food | European Commission                  |
| 10.30       | Coffee Break and Sponsor Exhibition                     |                                |                                                |                                      |
| 11.00       | Circular health: OneHealth in action through innovation | Ilaria Capua                   | Senior Fellow of Global Health                 | Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe |
| 11.30       | The Modern Consumer                                     | Steven Lerch                   | Founder                                        | Story Arc Consulting                 |

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| 12.00 | Panel discussion - Building the Future of the EU Poultry Sector Through Innovation | Gert-Jan Oplaat,<br>Christophe Hansen,<br>Ilaria Capua,<br>Steven Lerch | Moderator:<br><br>Oliviero Bergamini       |                                       |
| 12.45 | Lunch and Sponsor Exhibition                                                       |                                                                         |                                            |                                       |
| 14.00 | The Impact of Artificial Intelligence                                              | Andrea Rosati                                                           | Secretary General                          | European Federation of Animal Science |
| 14.30 | Economic Outlook for the Global and European Poultry Industry                      | Nan-Dirk Mulder                                                         | Senior Global Specialist<br>Animal Protein | Rabobank                              |
| 15.00 | A word from the Platinum Sponsors                                                  |                                                                         |                                            | Aviagen & Biomerieux                  |
| 15.15 | Coffee break and Sponsor Exhibition                                                |                                                                         |                                            |                                       |
| 15.45 | The Mozart Project                                                                 | Kasper Støy                                                             | Professor                                  | IT University of Copenhagen           |
| 16.00 | AVEC- From Strategy to action. 60 years of building a voice                        | Birthe Steenberg                                                        | Secretary General                          | AVEC                                  |
| 16.30 | Closing Remarks                                                                    | Moderator - Oliviero Bergamini                                          |                                            |                                       |
| 16.45 | Announcement of next year's organiser<br>End of conference                         |                                                                         |                                            |                                       |