**Participants in the USSEC Sustainable Soy Visit to the United States September 18-24**

**Hugh Burton** is British and works for AB Agri which he joined in 1995. Currently he is responsible for the management of ABN’s Raw Material Planning team and the Procurement Costings and Administration team, including soya purchasing policy.

**John Kelley** is currently the Chief Operating Officer of the Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC) and the Managing Director of AIC Services – the professional services arm of AIC. He has worked in various parts of the food supply chain and has represented various industry sectors at UK and European levels. He has an active interest in sustainable soya and have been involved at a UK and EU level in developing the FEFAC soy benchmark programme for soy assurance schemes. Other issues include general sustainability issues, use of certain pesticides i.e. glyphosate, GM, future breeding priorities etc. On a broader scale the view of BREXIT and associated impact would be of interest….as well as the upcoming US Elections.

**Pascal Kuipers** works for Schuttelaar & Partners, a Netherland based communication consultancy focusing on sustainability and healthy living. Clients include Dutch and international organisations in businesses, the government and in the civil society. He is interested in speaking to soybean farmers and discussing the range of sustainability issues. In a broader perspective, he is interested in how the agricultural policies in the US and Europe can be better aligned. He has been chief editor of several publications in the Dutch and international food retail trade.

NOTE: USSEC has a contract with Schuttelaars to help communicate U.S. sustainable soy information to European audiences.

**Timea Piko** works as the Secretary for the Hungarian Grain and Feed Association where she is responsible for all of the professional issues concerning miller, feed producer and grain trader members. Sustainability is a relatively new topic in Hungary but GMO questions are critical since while the government is absolutely rejecting GMOs, the Hungarian feed production is obviously dependent on imported soybean meal.

**Franco Pilato** is French and works for Terrena where he is the Purchaser for Animal Feed. Terrena produces 1,400,000 tons of feed annually. The company focuses on a system which saves natural resources and provides healthy products for customers. He is interested in sustainable agriculture and issues related to GMOs.

**Marek Przezdziak** is Vice President of Polish Food Federation. He is interested in sustainable agriculture, legal aspects of GMO, labeling of GM products in USA and trade barriers between USA and Europe.

**Josef Svoboda** is the Executive Director of the Czech Commodities and Feed Association, a non-governmental association gathering stakeholders predominantly dealing in compound feed production and agribusiness. It covers around 75% of the Czech industrial compound feed production. He is interested in sustainability along with safety and quality aspects for the compound feed industry.

**Eugene Philhower** is a consultant with the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) and responsible for Northern Europe. He retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Foreign Agricultural Service in 2014 after assignments in Brussels, Geneva, Lima and London.