

This Conference serves to bring together researchers and stakeholders in Italy and Switzerland, to meet in one of the most heavily infested ragweed areas in Europe.

Research results will be discussed with respect to ragweed management, including the effect of the ragweed leaf beetle *Ophraella* that has colonised this area.



Registration for the meeting is required at the following link before Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>:  
<https://formazione.ats-milano.it/modulo-iscrizioni.html>

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October 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday 8h30 -13h00

Congress Centre “Padri Oblati” Room “Mantovani Furioli”  
Rho (MI) - C.so Europa 228

**RAGWEED MANAGEMENT AND  
THE POTENTIAL BENEFIT AND RISK  
OF *OPHRAELLA COMMUNA* IN NORTHERN ITALY:**

**RESEARCHERS MEET THEIR STAKEHOLDERS**



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Chair: Maira Bonini and Heinz Müller Schärer

\*SMARTER speakers

8.30 - 9.00	<b>Registration</b>	11.15 - 11.30	<b>Francesco Vidotto*</b> Università degli studi di Torino Impact of ragweed on crop production
9.00 - 9.15	<b>Institutional Authority</b> Welcome	11.30 - 11.45	<b>Maurizio Vurro*</b> CNR – Bari; Italian National Delegate of COST SMARTER Microbes and natural metabolites for weed management
9.15 - 9.30	<b>Maira Bonini*</b> LHA Città Metropolitana Milano; Italian National Delegate of COST SMARTER Ragweed control in Lombardy and Piedmont and decreasing ragweed airborne pollen since <i>Ophraella communa</i> spreading	11.45 - 12.00	<b>Bruno Chauvel*</b> INRA- Dijon, FR; French National Delegate of COST SMARTER Experience in France. Conclusion from French reports
9.30 - 9.45	<b>Heinz Müller Schärer* and Urs Schaffner*</b> University of Fribourg, CH; Chair of COST-SMARTER & CABI Delémont, CH COST-SMARTER and benefit-risk assessment of <i>Ophraella communa</i>	12.00 - 12.15	<b>Carla Picco</b> Mayor of Magnago The point of view of the Municipality
9.45 - 10.00	<b>Yan Sun*</b> University of Tübingen, D Habitat suitability and spread of <i>Ophraella communa</i> in Italy	12.15 - 12.30	<b>Maria Gramegna and Nicoletta Cornaggia</b> Prevention Unit, General Directorate for Welfare, Lombardy Region, Italy The General Directorate for Welfare: actions to contrast the allergenic pollen spreading to support the health of Lombardy citizens
10.00 - 10.15	<b>Suzanne Lommen* and Benno Augustinus*</b> University of Fribourg, CH and CABI Delémont, CH Development and impact of <i>Ophraella communa</i>	12.30 - 13.00	<b>Discussion with the public:</b> <b>“Ragweed management: which future and how to integrate <i>Ophraella communa</i>?”</b>
10.15 - 10.30	<b>Sandra Citterio* and Maria Guarino</b> Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca Ophraella's effect on allergenicity	13.00 - 14.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
10.30 - 10.45	<b>Rodolfo Gentili* and Chiara Montagnani</b> Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca Ragweed distribution	14.00 - 17.00	<b>Visit to the experimental field in Magnago for research team members</b>
10.45 - 11.15	<b>Coffee Break with TV films on Ambrosia and Ophraella</b>		