

Biografías Ponentes - Speakers Biographies

Erik Norland

Executive Director & Senior Economist of CME Group

Erik Norland is Executive Director and Senior Economist of CME Group. He is responsible for generating economic analysis on global financial markets by identifying emerging trends, evaluating economic factors and forecasting their impact on CME Group and the company's business strategy, and upon those who trade in its various markets. He is also one of CME Group's spokespeople on global economic, financial and geopolitical conditions. Prior to joining CME Group, Norland gained more than 15 years of experience in the financial services industry working for investment banks and hedge funds both in the United States and in France. Norland holds a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from St. Mary's College of Maryland and an M.A. in statistics from Columbia University. He is also a CFA Charterholder.



Nan-Dirk Mulder

Rabobank, Senior Global Specialist Animal Protein

Nan-Dirk Mulder joined Rabobank International's Food & Agribusiness Advisory and Research department (FAR) in 2001. He is senior global specialist animal protein for Rabobank and worked in this role with many of the leading animal protein companies in the world. He is based in Rabobank's headquarter in Utrecht, the Netherlands. Nan-Dirk graduated in agricultural economics, marketing and market research from the Netherlands' Wageningen Agricultural University in 1996. Before his appointment at Rabobank International, Nan-Dirk worked for the Product Boards for Livestock, Meat and Eggs (PVE) and the Agricultural Economic Research Institute (LEI) in the Netherlands. Since joining Rabobank International, Nan-Dirk advises the bank on global commitments in the animal protein sectors and associated sectors like equipment, animal health, genetics and animal nutrition. He has been also involved in the bank's many advisory and research activities in these sectors and has built up an in-depth knowledge about strategic issues in these industries. Nan-Dirk has advised and participated in projects on all continents of the world and is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars all over the world.



Emily French

Managing Director at ConsiliAgra

As a fourth generation U.S. wheat farmer from northern Idaho, Emily French has long been active in agriculture. After earning a degree in Agricultural Business from Washington State University, she formally began her trading career as a physical cash trader for Cargill, working for the firm's Grain, Oilseed Processing and Wet Milling Divisions. Following Cargill, French worked for the U.S. Grains Council and World Perspectives in Washington, DC. After five years in Washington, D.C., French moved to the investment banking and OTC derivatives markets with National Australia Bank in both New York and Sydney, Australia. She subsequently returned to the U.S. to work as a Senior Vice President in Macquarie's Treasury and Commodity Group. In early 2009, Emily left Macquarie to form ConsiliAgra, an active advice and strategy group covering the world agricultural commodity markets, specializing in grain and oilseeds. Clients include hedge funds, speculative traders, flour mills, ethanol plants, and investment banks.



Josep Ribó Ribalta

Director de producción de Alimentación Animal
CORPORACIÓN ALIMENTARIA GISSONA

Josep Ribó desempeña en la actualidad la función de Director de producción de Alimentación Animal en la empresa agroalimentaria bonArea-agrupa situada en Guissona (Lleida). Su formación académica es la licenciatura de veterinaria por la UAB de Barcelona y el master MBA executive en dirección empresarial y marketing. Ha desarrollado su carrera profesional durante 27 años con diferentes responsabilidades dentro del grupo alimentario bonArea: veterinario especialista en patología, veterinario asesor de explotaciones ganaderas, coordinador de salud animal, nutriólogo de alimentación animal y desde el 2011 asume la dirección del departamento de alimentación animal. Comprometido con el mundo rural y Guissona, es la sexta generación de veterinarios en la familia y es un apasionado en la gestión de la explotación agraria familiar.



Sebastià Arnau

Director de Compras
CEGECO / VALL COMPANYS

Bell-lloc d,Urgell (Lleida) 22/12/1962

Febrero 1982 a diciembre 1992: Cooperativa del Camp “Sant Miquel” de Bell-lloc d,Urgell.

De enero 1993 a mayo 2004: Responsable de Compras de Harinera la Meta, S.A.

Desde mayo 2004: Coordinador del Departamento de Compras del grupo Vall Companys, materia prima para la alimentación animal y para la alimentación humana



Pedro Cordero Castillo

Managing Director of Nanta

Veterinary degree from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Animal Production and Economy Specialist)

MBA from Escuela de Negocios de Valladolid.

Management programs o HEC (Haute Ecole Commerciale) – Paris

o IMD Business School (International Institute for Management Development) – Lausanne (Suiza)

He has been working in Nanta since 1990 when he joined as Technical and Commercial Specialist of ruminants in the Castilla y León region.

In 2005 he was appointed Deputy Director of that same region.

In 2010 he started to develop his work as Marketing Director of the Agri area.

In 2014 he was appointed Managing Director of Nanta.

Member of the Board of Directors of CESFAC as Vice President.

Representative of the sector as a member of the Board of Directors of FEFAC.

