



CHICORY BIENNALE

23 – 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

SWISS DIVA⁺
SWISS CHICORY

INVITATION

WHEN KNOWLEDGE TAKES ROOT: IMPULSES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHICORY CULTIVATION

Cordially inviting you to the international conference "Chicory Biennale 2026" in Switzerland from September 23 to 24, 2026

Welcome to where knowledge takes root and new ideas grow! Join us at the Chicory Biennale 2026, the meeting point for growers, researchers, and industry professionals from all over Europe. Discover the latest developments in chicory cultivation, learn more about innovative techniques, and exchange ideas with professional colleagues.

Don't miss out on this wealth of expertise!

Register today:



biennale2026.ch/en/registration

Registration deadline is September 6, 2026.

Further information can be found at www.biennale2026.ch

Program for accompanying persons: large wellness park www.saentispark-freizeit.ch
(Entry included with hotel booking!)

PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 6.00 pm

Welcome drinks for early arrivals

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 10.00 am

Biennale 2026 Symposium

Registration: from 8.30 am

Start of the conference: 10.00 am

1. Welcome
Mario Spavetti, President SwissDiva
2. Import regulations in the Swiss market
Roland Stoll, Vice-President / Markus Waber, Deputy Director / Verband Schweizer Gemüseproduzenten
3. Does controlled atmosphere storage pay off for chicory? Insights on root physiology and chicon quality
Elisa Driesen, Researcher and advisor, VCBT
4. The use of robots for weed control in chicory
Mia Demeulemeester, CEO, Inagro vzw

Lunch break

5. New insights in protection against root aphids
Klaartje Bunkens, Researcher, Praktijkpunt Landbouw Vlaams-Brabant
6. LaserWeeder G2 – Herbicide-free weed control with millimetre precision using a laser beam
Toni Pick, Regional Sales Manager D/AT/CH, Carbon Robotics
7. Hygiene management in chicory production
Torsten Scherweit, Specialist Horticulture Consultant, MENNO Chemie Vertrieb GmbH

Coffee break

8. New chicory varieties: better evaluation for improved production
Delphine Bridoux, responsable programme, Les Producteurs d'Endives de France
9. Keynote presentations: 'Structural Challenges in the Chicory Market'
Switzerland: Andreas Bühler / Germany: Fritz Boss / Dutch: Aik Ruiter
Belgium: Tom Vandenkendelaere / France: Philippe Bréhon
10. Panel discussion: 'Structural challenges in the chicory market'
11. Flag-handing ceremony

Biennale gala evening for participants, accompanying persons and sponsors at the hotel

Thursday, September 24, 2026, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Tour and trade fair at the Gamper Chicorée AG premises (Hauptstrasse 4, CH-9507 Stettfurt)

Highlights

- Tour of the conventional and organic forcing facilities
- over 30 exhibitors (see list of exhibitors on the website)
- Presentation of herbicide trials
- Live demonstration by Ecorobotix, Carbon Robotics and Catterra Robotics
- Drinks and food available on site