

CLIMMAR Congress 2021, Amsterdam, Netherlands

President's report Belgium

Dear Mr. President, good morning CLIMMAR friends,

A very short overview:

inevitably I have to mention de worldwide pandemic: during the second lock down, our members continued to provide an excellent service to the farmers. Fedagrim kept close contact with the legislator and supported our sector with overviews, legal and other practical advices.

A lot of events and shows like the Foire de Libramont were cancelled, but I can confirm that dealers stayed optimistic.

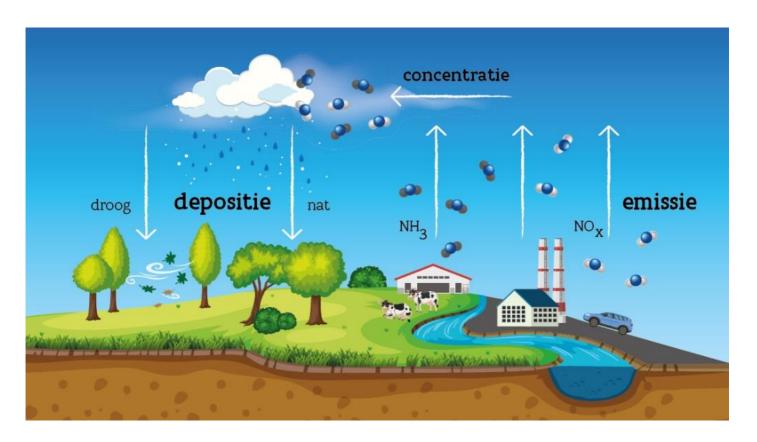
Yet very dark clouds lure on the horizon: the national policy and enforcement on new rules of nitrogen emissions have an enormous impact on the whole sector, and I literally mean the whole sector: livestock, agricultural buildings, even public building projects, transport sector and others, as it did earlier in the Netherlands!

This uncertainty completely paralyses new investments of our customers and will affect our businesses. Fedagrim reacted by organizing a broad platform with stakeholders from various sectors. We communicated a common point of view and contacted the highest political level.

We are still waiting whether politicians are susceptible to our arguments...







As every year Fedagrim published her annual Economic Assessment of the agricultural and outdoor power equipment. You can find this report on our site www.fedagrim.be.

Within Fedagrim efforts were made to think about the professionalization and future of CLIMMAR, by examining the possibility of a permanent seat in Brussels.

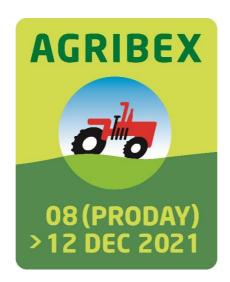
Of course I have to mention that Gert left Fedagrim on June first for other challenges. We are happy to announce a new collaborator, he'll start soon on October 18^{th} and will replace Gert in our CLIMMAR world.



On this moment Fedagrim is fully engaged in the preparation of Agribex 2021 in the beginning of December.

We experienced enthusiastic visitors during de Field Days or Werktuigendagen in Oudenaarde last September 24^{th} & 25^{th} , so we are optimistic about the overall success of our Agricultural Show.

You all are most welcome from Tuesday 7th until Sunday 12th!



Thank you for your attention.