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On September 28 and 29 members participated to the annual ENASP General Assembly and the ENASP Conference in Berlin

On this occasion, Mr Martin EMPL and Mr Arnd SPAHN have been re-elected to serve as President and Vice president of the network, the German ENASP member Sozialversicherung für Landwirtschaft, Forsten und Gartenbau (SVLFG) will therefore continue to hold the ENASP secretariat for another three years.

Mr Empl delivered a keynote speech, honoring the members' efforts in battling the Corona crisis and giving an optimistic outlook on the future of agricultural social security. Martin EMPL: "Farmers' health awareness is increasing significantly. As a result, the importance of agricultural social insurance is also increasing within agriculture."

The Corona crisis was also a major common thread in the topics discussed during the conference: The event featured presentations and discussions about how the agrarian social service institutions deal with Corona and its consequences. All ENASP members are meeting the challenge of social distancing and other anti-Corona measures by furthering digitalization, an intensive topic specific exchange and by strengthening preventive measures, such as co-working, with many workers who transited into home office or mobile office.

Beyond COVID-19, the conference tackled many other issues which are dear to the agricultural world. Mr Pascal CORMERY, President of the French member MSA presented the new Social Agricultural Contract in the context of rapidly changing agriculture and growing consumer demands. Researching the consequences of climate change on agrarian social insurance and the role of the EU's Green Deal/Farm-to-Fork strategy were declared to be future topics that will be dealt with by the network.

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Due to the current Corona pandemic, the Plenary Assembly as well as the Conference had to be held under severe restrictions: A limited number of attendees, minimum safe distance and mouth and nose coverings were among the many measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among participants to the event.

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