

Paul Benhaim, Hemp Food Australia (AU): Australian - Hemp, THC

and changing environment Australia has an unusual legislative environment for cannabis where medical cannabis was legalised before the use of non-drug hemp as a food. In this talk Paul Benhaim, CEO of Hemp Foods Australia and Elixinol will update us to the latest changes and how Australia may be the world's leading certified organic hemp seed supplier in the years to come.

Most recently Harry Youngman and Partners have created an Agriculture fund leveraging off the knowledge and systems developed. This fund has a heavy sustainability focus and Hemp forms a large part of this focus with Hemp Foods Australia at its focus. An initial group of farms 4500 Ha was purchased in March 2017 which will see 2000 Ha of irrigation developed at a cost of \$15m . Hemp will be an integral summer rotation crop to combat weeds in an organic growing system. With close ties, Hemp Foods Australia expects this co-operation to be the largest grower of certified organic hemp globally within the next years.