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Seminare und Tagungen

10th EAAE Congress: Exploring diversity in the European Agri-food System

Place : Zaragoza (Spain)

Date : August 28 - 31, 2002

This Congress will provide an opportunity to listen to researchers presenting papers dealing with any part of the entire agri-food system, from agricultural production through food consumption. And it will also stress their interrelationships.

The Congress will be open to many different topics, such as natural resource exploitation, production management, rural development, environmental impacts, policy analysis, agribusiness strategies, agri-food marketing, trade, new information technologies and consumer concerns, just to mention some of them. It tries to select the best papers from the wide interests of our agricultural economics profession in an open context.

The deadline for submitting contributed papers will be January 15, 2002.

Further information: <http://www.lei.dlo.nl/EAAE/activities/indexa.htm>

77th EAAE Seminar: International agricultural trade: old and new challenges

Place: Helsinki (Finland)

Date: August 17-18, 2001

Although the Third WTO Ministerial Meeting in Seattle collapsed, negotiations on agriculture began last spring in Geneva as mandated by the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture (URAA). The traditional agricultural trade issues seem much clearer than they did at the start of the last round. The URAA established new rules that radically changed the agro-food trade system. Tariff levels are easier to negotiate than non-tariff barriers, and the defined commitments on export subsidies and domestic support can be subject to further cuts without revisiting the definitions. In addition to this core agenda, there are a number of other issues which have emerged as a result of the experience with the

URAA. The EU strongly emphasises the multifunctional role of agriculture and the European Model of Agriculture, which are based on issues that possess characteristics of non-trade concerns. Non-trade concerns involve e.g. cultural landscape, viability of rural economies, animal welfare, questions of health and food safety along with a number of environmental issues relating to agriculture and biotechnology. Problems arise because for these goods and/or services markets are still poorly developed or do not exist at all.

The main objective of the seminar is to bring together economists and other social scientists working in the area of international agricultural trade in order to discuss the implications for agriculture of expected changes in agricultural trade and to assess the effects of new WTO negotiations on agriculture. One important focus of the seminar will be on the economic aspects and policy issues of non-trade concerns.

Keynote speakers at the seminar are: Dr. Philip Abbott, Purdue University, USA; Dr. David Blandford, Penn State University, USA; Dr. Steve McCorrison, University of Exeter, UK; and Dr. Ian Sheldon, Ohio State University, USA.

Registration and participation costs

The cost for the seminar is Euro 200 (FIM 1,200) for members of the NJF or the EAAE and Euro 240 (FIM 1,500) for non-members. This covers registration fee, refreshments, lunch and dinner as well as a copy of accepted papers. Fees do not include accommodation in Helsinki.

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74th EAAE Seminar: Livelihoods and Rural Poverty: Technology, Policy and Institutions

Place: Imperial College at Wye, UK

Date: September 12th - 15th, 2001

This seminar will provide a timely opportunity for a review of understanding about the livelihoods of the rural poor, and in particular of the interacting effects of technology, policy and institutions on rural peoples' livelihoods and welfare.

The main objective of this seminar is to bring together economists and other scientists working in the field of rural and agricultural development in developing countries in order to discuss new insights into rural poverty, its causes and potential cures, from the perspective of an understanding of rural peoples' livelihoods and of the dynamic effects of changes in technologies, institutions and policies.

The following major topics will be addressed:

- livelihood concepts and approaches (including for example a historical perspective, recent developments, key issues, macroeconomic considerations, etc.);
- technology and innovation (including for example C&IT, GMO, low external input agriculture, etc);
- natural resources and the environment (including for example water and land property rights and conflicts, disaster responses, etc);
- governance and rural organisations (including for example policy implementation issues, social capital, decentralisation, role of the state, etc.);
- public goods and access to markets, institutions;
- farm - off farm and intersectoral interactions (including for example the role of agriculture and the non-farm sector, migration, etc.);

Registration and further information

The deadline for the final registration will be 31st July 2001.

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<http://www.lei.dlo.nl/EAAE/activities/indexa.htm>

3rd Congress of the European Society for Food and Agricultural ethics

Place: FLORENCE (Italy)

Date: 3-5 October 2001

claudio.peri@unimit.it or www.unifi.it/unifi/deeaf/eursafe/index

The Third EurSafe Congress aims at enhancing discussion and exchanging ideas on ethical issues in agriculture and food among academic and non-academic professionals. Philosophers, scientists, public administrators, regulators and Company managers are kindly invited to attend EurSafe 2001.

The Congress hopes to stimulate a well-informed and critical debate on such divergent issues as food safety, food quality and novel agri-food technologies.

Registration and further information

claudio.peri@unimit.it or www.unifi.it/unifi/deeaf/eursafe/index

13th International Congress of Farm Management on "Feed the World - Please the consumer - Maintain the Environment"

Place: WAGENINGEN (The Netherlands)

Date: **post-poned to 2002** due to Foot-and-Mouth-Disease, see www.ifma.nl for the new date

The discipline of farm management will be explored from very diverse and challenging perspectives. The purpose of the Congress is to provide a forum for the presentation of new results in research, development, application, extension and teaching relevant to the profession of farm management.

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The Congress aims at bringing together leading researchers, practitioners, advisers and farmers in order to stimulate the co-operation be-

tween farm management development and applications in agriculture and related domains (e.g. food supply, consumer demands and environment).

Registration and further Information

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19th General Meeting of the European Grassland Federation

Place: La Rochelle (France) Date: 27-30 May 2002

The general theme will be the multi-function of grasslands, from their production of quality feed to their contribution to landscapes. Grasslands are not only regarded as a possible source of large quantities of high quality forages. They must also contribute to the production of high quality animal products. The society also expects them to contribute to environment protection, nature conservation and social and economic activities in rural areas.

Economics aspects will be taken in account especially in one of the 5 Plenary Sessions ('How can market and environmental constraints be reconciled in grassland-based systems?') and within the 15 Parallel Sessions and 5 Poster Sessions. Main topics should be:

- Public policies to support the positive externalities arising from optimum grasslands management.
- World Trade Organisation and impacts on grasslands-based systems.
- Decision making at the farm scale.

- Sustainability of farming systems.
- Development of economic evaluation methods for multi-function grasslands.
- Life quality constraints: economic and sociological points of view.

Participants are invited to propose contributions. Abstracts have to be sent to the Conference Secretary not later than 2 July 2001.

Registration and further information

Jean-Claude EMILE, EGF 2002, General Secretary

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www.poitou-charentes.inra.fr/egf2002/

International Postgraduate Course: 'European Agricultural Policy in Transformation'

Place: International Training Centre PHLO, Wageningen University and Research Centre, The Netherlands

Date: 10-15 September, 2001

OBJECTIVES

- to provide a broad and up-to-date overview of the key issues of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP);
- to place the CAP in the wider framework of rural and regional policy;
- to overview the future international trade relations with respect to the CAP;
- to focus on the basic issues in relation to Central and Eastern European countries;
- to see how implementation of the 'acquis communautaire' is developing;
- to consider the options for foreign direct investment in the CEECs;
- to consider the future of the CAP in an enlarged European Union.

TARGET GROUP

The course is aimed at government officials, specialized persons in business and organisations, researchers at universities or institutes and university and professional teachers.

LECTURERS

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Cost, registration and further information

The fee, including full board and lodging, tuition and course material is NLG 3900 (€ 1770).

Brochures or information can be obtained from the International Training Centre PHLO, Wageningen University and Research Centre, P.O.Box 8130, 6700 EW Wageningen, The Netherlands (tel. +31-317-484092/3, fax +31-317-426547)

Email: info@seccr.phlo.wau.nl or internet page: www.wau.nl/phlo

Deadline Registration: 16 July 2001

