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How to register and submit an abstract?

Please visit the website (French, English and Spanish):

www.isda2010.net

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Deadlines

1 July 2009
Opening of pre-registration
15 September 2009
Deadline for abstract submission
1 December 2009
Notification to authors
31 March 2010
Deadline for early-bird registration
31 May 2010
Deadline for full papers

Location and venue



The ISDA Symposium will be held at the Corum Convention Center situated in the heart of the old city of Montpellier. Founded in 985, Montpellier has become a renowned University Center. It is the perfect place for an enjoyable stay, with hundreds of restaurants and bars in the narrow streets of the 18th century town center, as well as with the impressive Neo-Greek neighbourhood Antigone created by the Spanish architect Ricardo Bofill.

With more than 420.000 inhabitants, today Montpellier is the dynamic capital of the Languedoc-Roussillon, a renowned wine region located at the confluence of the Mediterranean and of the Massif Central mountains. You'll enjoy an excursion to the nearby Roman city of Nimes, the Medieval towns of Aigues-Mortes and Carcassonne, and the Camargue, Cévennes and Pyrenees Natural Parks.



International Symposium



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Facing the crisis
and growing uncertainties,
can science and societies
reinvent agricultural
and food systems
to achieve sustainability?



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Invitation

The world is changing rapidly. At a time of increasing global threats including climate change, the scarcity or degradation of resources, and population growth, the current economic crisis has triggered unpredictable short-term consequences but could also offer new opportunities in the long term. Agriculture and the food sector face an uncertain future, especially in some regions of the globe, and technical and political choices will play a determining role in ensuring the welfare of rural populations and avoiding social exclusion and environmental degradation.

The crisis has led to a situation of rupture, questioning realities that were formerly taken for granted. It has revealed the vulnerability of systems and the need for innovation. How can we anticipate better and develop our capacity for resilience? Renewing systems does not only mean defining new solutions, but changing innovation processes by creating new bonds between research and society.

Following the 1993 international symposium organized by CIRAD, INRA and ORSTOM on "Innovation and Societies: What kinds of agriculture? What kinds of innovation?", we would like to review changes in the way research can contribute to innovation. This is why we invite researchers from all disciplines, stakeholders and policy makers, from Northern and Southern countries, to reflect upon future choices, to identify new concrete proposals for research agendas and for political action, and to discuss how innovations systems can better achieve sustainability.

Hot Topics

- 1. Innovating to link production and conservation:** how to feed the world population and protect the planet at the same time?
- 2. Questioning social equity:** how can innovation reduce the fragility of poor populations and make them members of a sustainable society?
- 3. Learning and being creative:** how can different types of knowledge be combined to create innovation?
- 4. Acting collectively:** what kinds of institutions, policies, and forms of governance can strengthen society's capacity for resilience?
- 5. Renewing research models and practices:** how can research better fulfil its responsibilities to elaborate innovating solutions in collaboration with society?

Possible fields of application of these hot topics: farming systems, plant breeding, natural resources management, the food sector and food industries, social innovations for rural development, urbanisation and agriculture, knowledge society, innovation policies, etc.

Target public

Researchers from institutions in Northern and Southern countries and from a wide variety of disciplines, including: agronomy, biology, genetics, animal sciences, food processing, sociology, anthropology, economics, management, geography, land planning, ergonomics, modelling, engineering sciences, educational sciences, political sciences, etc.

To widen the scientific debate, we also invite stakeholders from all horizons: professional organisations, advisory and support services, development institutions, policy makers, etc.

Organisation

To encourage exchange between life sciences and social sciences, between researchers and stakeholders, and between Northern and Southern countries, the symposium will combine different types of sessions to discuss the five hot topics, with key note lectures, round tables, and parallel thematic or regional workshops.

Working sessions will take place from June 28-30, 2010. On July 1, a field trip will be organised to enable discussions to continue through concrete examples.

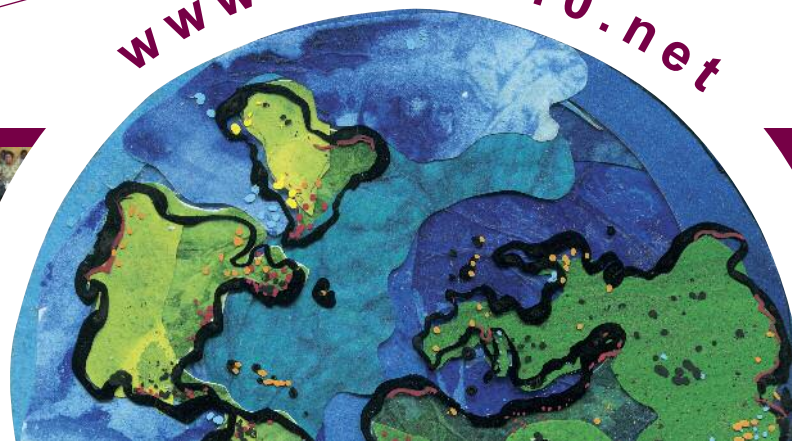
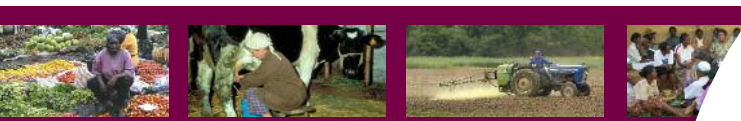
Working languages: English, French, Spanish

Side events

On Friday July 2, different side events may be organized by institutions or networks who wish to continue specific discussions or hold their annual meeting. We will provide all the logistical support required for these side events.

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