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Registration



The earlybird deadline for registration is postponed until **JUNE 30th**

Programme and call for papers

Replies to the authors were delayed since we needed extra time to review more than 500 abstracts. Nonetheless, all the authors should have received an answer by now.

Please note that papers and posters will be published in the proceedings without any distinction provided that final versions are returned before **JUNE 15th** and registrations fees paid before **JUNE 30th**.

Due to the high number and quality of papers submitted to session S2.3.1 on Yield Gap Analysis, two extra sessions have been added on August 31st, so that a full-day symposium will be devoted to this subject (chaired by Martin van Ittersum and Ken Kassman).

Detailed programme with the oral contributions of all sessions will be available on the website very soon.

Detailed information on the "[Environmental Change and Sustainable Agricultural Systems](#)" workshop organized on September 3rd is now available. For additional information, please contact [John Ingram](#).

International courses

"Working with Dynamics Models" course (September 2nd to September 4th): 40 applications were received whereas it is formatted for 25 only. Accepted candidacies will be informed very soon, and a second version of this course will be proposed before the end of the year, especially for French candidates.

"Integrated Assessment of Agricultural Systems" course: since only 12 applications were reviewed, this is being reformatted to a 3-days course in parallel to the previous one (from September 2nd to September 4th). The programme will be available on the website very soon. If you wish to attend to it, but have not applied yet, please contact [Mr Belhouchette](#).

Grants

We have received 69 applications which is much more than we can finance. Most of the fundings comes from [Agropolis Foundation](#), but additional ones have also been granted by [ESA](#), [Cirad](#) and [Ird](#).

Applications have been reviewed and ranked on the criteria basis announced in the call. Priority has been given to applicants conducting a Ph.D. and applying for a partial funding. Finally, registration fees for 44 candidates will be granted and free accommodation for 21 candidates in the SupAgro Students Residence.

No travelling costs will be financed on this grant but we hope this will be helpful for you to find additional funds. Letters of acceptance will be sent soon. We can supply accommodation at reduced fees in the SupAgro Students Residence.

For more information, please contact [Isabelle Bastie](#).

Field trips



We plan to organize three different field trips on Thursday September 2nd, if we



have enough participants. These field trips combine the discovery of three different regional cultivations - vineyard, olive grove and rice-growing - with the tasting of local products and guided tours of touristic sites.

Exhibition

We still have some spaces available in the [exhibition](#)...As the cost include registration fees to the congress, it is a valuable opportunity to make the most of the conferences while promoting your company. Space booking is open until **June 30th**.

Public conference on Agriculture, Farmers and Consumers (*in French*)

This conference will take place on Sunday August 29th, after the welcome reception, at the Rabelais conference center next to the Corum. It will be chaired by Alain Capillon (Montpellier Supagro). Three movies on agroforestry, local bio-agriculture and how to feed the world, will be shown upon this occasion and followed with a debate between scientists, farmers and consumers will follow.

Information of interest

Monsanto's Beachell-Borlaug International Scholars Program supports students to obtain their Ph.D. in wheat and rice breeding from any university in the world. \$10 millions are dedicated to this program. Further information is available on their [website](#).

Ed Runge, Program Director & Judging Panel Chair Monsanto's Beachell-Borlaug International Scholars Program will attend the meeting and provide useful information. For more information and/or make an appointment with him, please send him a mail to e-runge@tamu.edu.



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