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European Conference on Crop Diversification
Budapest September 18th-21st 2019

Call for Abstracts



The temporal and spatial diversification of crops through rotation, multiple cropping and / or associations allow low-input agronomic practices and constitute a key pillar of the transition towards agroecology. However, diversified farming systems will only emerge, if clear benefits to farmers and society are demonstrated, if the upstream and downstream value chains are fully engaged, and if the sociotechnical regime is more disposed to support crop diversification.

The objective of the European Conference on Crop Diversification is to explore how we can achieve the full potential of **agri-food system diversification** for improved productivity, delivery of ecosystem services, resource-efficient and sustainable value chains. Moreover, it provides a platform to discuss the implications of implementing more integrated sociotechnical systems (i.e. which facilitate co-innovation across research and development, education, advisory, business and policy sectors).
The focus will be on all scientific aspects of **agri-food system diversification**, including support for practical implementation of crop diversification in value chains and policy-related issues.

Abstracts

We invite abstracts of up to 2 pages, for oral or poster presentations, through the online submission tool (www.cropdiversification2019.net from November on) covering one or more of the topics below.
Additional topics, specific workshops or demonstration of tools are also welcome. Based on proposals / ideas received, the Scientific Committee will set up the programme and allocate contributions to plenary, parallel, poster or workshop sessions. Panel discussions on specific barriers to crop diversification (technologies, organisation of supply chains, policies, etc.) are also foreseen.
Reviewed abstracts will be published in e-format prior to the Conference and distributed to participants upon arrival.

Deadline for submission of abstracts

The deadline for submission of abstracts is January 31st 2019.
Authors will receive feedback by the end of April. Revision is expected by the end of May.

Contributions to one of the following topics related to the conference theme are welcome

- Practical experiences of crop diversification: success factors, barriers and enablers;
- Innovative crop diversification solutions, including new varieties and breeding strategies, species mixtures / crop associations, novel crop production and protection solutions as well as machinery;
- Benefits of crop diversification in terms of productivity, ecosystem services, nutritional properties and market opportunities;
- Economic and organisational approaches and incentives to promote diversification all along value chains and at territory level;
- Development of new products or products with enhanced value for the food / feed or industrial sectors;
- New knowledge-intensive services for farmers and agronomists (e.g., advice, decision-support, precision agriculture) to help them manage and monitor transition to more diversified cropping systems;
- Multi-criteria assessment tools to encompass the performance of diversified cropping systems at the rotation, farm, value chain, and landscape levels;
- Actor-oriented approaches that could foster crop diversification and accompany actors in their transition towards sustainable agri-food chains;
- Policy recommendations to make the sociotechnical systems more disposed to crop diversification.

Important dates

November 2018: Registration and abstract submission will be opened
January 31st 2019: Deadline for abstract submission
April 30th 2019: Draft programme and feedback to authors
May 31st 2019: Deadline for early bird registration
May 31st 2019: Submission of revised abstracts
August 31st 2019: End of registration

Programme outline – European Conference on Crop Diversification in Budapest

September 18th 2019: Registration and welcome evening
September 19th 2019: Plenary session, scientific panels, poster session and gala dinner
September 20th 2019: Plenary session, scientific panels, poster session and boat trip with dinner
September 21st 2019: Excursion

Venue

The European Congress on Crop Diversification 2019 will be held at the **Congress Centre of Aquaworld Resort Budapest** in Hungary.

Contact details and more information

The conference is convened by the Horizon 2020 DiverIMPACTS project, coordinated by INRA, in collaboration with its partner projects in the Horizon 2020 Crop Diversification Cluster: Diverfarming, DIVERSify, ReMIX, LegValue, TRUE. It is organized by DiverIMPACTS partner ÖMKi – Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture.

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