



CEDIA-ICA Conference 2017

4/5 May 2017, Vienna, Austria

Defining Agronomists Professional Profiles and Agricultural and Life Science Study Programmes

Agronomists

This term covers professional profiles such as agricultural scientist, agricultural engineer, agricultural economist, food scientist, food engineer and others based on academic education with university degrees relating to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) in the above fields.

Focus

We will discuss how current agronomists professional profiles and agricultural and life science study programmes relate. How professional associations, alumni organizations and life science universities can support each other, so that they can deliver the professionals and leaders in the transformation of the bio-economy - agriculture, and the food and non-food sectors - according to sustainable development principals.

Expected Outcomes

1. **Examples** of agronomists professional profiles and agricultural and other life science study programmes, discussed on the basis of the "Agronomist Universal Charter 2015"
2. **Agenda for cooperation** between life science universities, alumni organizations and professional associations to strengthen the education and training of agronomists
3. **Proposals** for the next steps.

Sessions

1. Agronomists for the bio-economy - agriculture, and the food and non food sectors - and the rural and urban development of the 21st century: challenging today's professional profiles on the basis of the "Agronomist Universal Charter 2015".
2. Preparing agronomists for a more sustainable world food system at the local and global level: a critical view on study programmes in order to gain the qualifications needed.
3. Contributions of the professional associations / alumni organizations supporting the education role of universities in the bio-economy; identifying joint actions.

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Target audience	40-60 participants from 10-15 countries in Europe Members of professional associations for agronomists and alumni organizations, Members of life science universities
Location	BOKU Festsaal alte WU, Augasse 2-6, 1090 Vienna Austria
Hotels	Rooms are reserved until March 23, 2017 (see last page)
Schedule	May 3 rd Welcome reception at 19.00 at BOKU alte WU May 4 th Session 1: 9.00-12.30 / Session 2: 13.30-17.30 Dinner: 19:00 at “Der Wiener Heurige Wolff” May 5 th Session 3: 9.00-13.00 / Lunch 13.00 (May 5 th Cedia Board Meeting: 14.00-17.00)
Conference fee	EUR 150.00 All meals from the reception on 3 May until and including lunch on 5 May and the registration fee
Registration and payment	Thank you for online registration & payment by credit card: https://cediaica2017.eventbrite.ie If not possible please send e-mail to: michel.roux@mrix.ch

Programme

- May 3, 19:00 Registration / Welcome reception at BOKU alte WU
- May 4, 08:30 Registration
- 09:00 **Sean GAULE**, President of CEDIA
Alex EVANS, Vice-President of ICA
Welcome, Expected results of the conference
- Session 1 **Agronomists for the bio-economy - agriculture, and the food and non food sectors - and the rural and urban development of the 21st century: challenging today's professional profiles on the basis of the "Agronomist Universal Charter 2015"**
Moderator: **Mattia BUSTI**, General Secretary World Agronomist Association (WAA)
- 09:15 **Andrea SISTI**, President of WAA and of the Italian Agronomist Association (CONAF)
The "Agronomist Universal Charter 2015" and its impact on the strategy and agenda of WAA and CONAF
- 09:45 **Joaquin AGUILELLA RIBERA**, Secretary of the Official College of Agricultural Engineers of Levante (COIAL)
Professional practice in Spain: from the administrative requirement to the provision of integral services to the agri-food sector
- 10:15 **Beatrice RAMNERÖ**, Member of the Agronomförbundet board
The Swedish ag-biz's expectations on agronomists, the Swedish ag-student's expectations on the agronomist profession and how this fits with the current agronomist program profiles at the Swedish university of agriculture
- 10:40 **Klaus WAGNER**, ISLE Sustainability Network, Austria
Innovation in the teaching of sustainable development in life sciences in Europe
- 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 **Roundtable discussions and report back**

12:30 End of Session 1, Lunch

Programme, May 4

Session 2 **Preparing agronomists for a more sustainable world food system at the local and global level: a critical view on study programmes in order to gain the qualifications needed.**

Moderator **Alex EVANS**, Vice President of ICA
Dean of Agriculture, & Head of the School of Agriculture and Food Science, University College Dublin, Ireland

13:30 **Barbara HINTERSTOISSER**, Vice Rector for Education and International Affairs, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria
The Three Pillars Study Programmes at BOKU for the Sustainable Bioeconomy

14:00 **Achim WALTER**, Professor at the Institute of Agricultural Sciences at the ETH Zurich, Switzerland
AGROfutur: Reforming the study programmes of agricultural sciences at ETH Zurich also based on employers' needs

14:30 **Rainer LANGOSCH**, Dean of Agricultural Economics and Food Sciences at the Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences Neubrandenburg, Germany
Knowledge and Skills required - To do's in the academic education of professionals for agriculture and agribusiness.

15:00 **Maria VARGAS**, Deputy Director of the School of Agricultural Engineering and Environment (ETSIAMN) Valencia, Spain
The adaptation and certification of the educational programs of Agricultural Engineering in the Spanish Universities

15:30 **Niklaus HRUSCHKA**, Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD), European Chapter
Reflection on experiences of a university graduate in first employment

15:45 Coffee break

16.00 **Roundtable discussions and report back**

17:30 End of Session 2

- 18:30 Bus transport for Dinner at “Der Wiener Heurige Wolff”
- Programme May 5
- Session 3 **Contributions of the professional associations / alumni organizations supporting the education role of universities in the bio-economy; identifying joint actions**
Moderator: **Michel ROUX**, Vice President of CEDIA
- 09:00 **Roundtable discussions to identify inputs for Session 3 by reflecting the results of Session 1 and 2**
- 09:30 **Mary DELANEY**, President of the Agricultural Science Association (ASA), Ireland
How ASA supports its members, students and young professionals in collaboration with Irish universities
- 09:45 **José María MARTÍNEZ VELA**, Manager of the Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Ingenieros Agrónomos (CGCOIA), Spain
Proposal for regulating the profession of agronomist taking into account the free movement of professionals in Europe
- 10:00 **Rolf SCHWERDTFEGER**, Board member of the Berufsverband Agrar, Ernährung, Umwelt e.V. (VDL), Germany:
How VDL gains more influence by organizing forums on education and innovation with stakeholders from university, economy, politics and civil society
- 10:15 **Rosanna ZARI and Enrico ANTIGNATI**, Board members of Consiglio dell’Ordine Nazionale dei Dottori Agronomi e dei Dottori Forestali (CONAF), Italy
How CONAF uses the CAP reform to develop the role and skills of agronomist in cooperation with life science universities.
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Roundtable discussions to identify opportunities for concrete actions and report back to the group**
- 12:30 **Alex EVANS**, Vice-President ICA
Sean GAULE, President of CEDIA
Closing words, next steps
- 13:00 End of Conference, Lunch

Hotels

Participants are asked to book by e-mail to one of the two hotels **with the note “CEDIA-ICA Conference 4/5 May 2017”** and the number of the credit card.
Payment at the hotel.

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and conference May 4/5
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