

ARIMNet2 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION SYSTEMS (AKIS) IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

12-13 October 2016, Antalya, Turkey

The objective of the ARIMNet2 project, supported by the European Union, is to enhance the coordination of Agricultural Research in the Mediterranean Area with the intention that the Agricultural Research will impact the stakeholders of the Mediterranean basin and support their economies. Inside ARIMNet2, the WP5 (“From Research to Innovation”) is devoted to strengthen Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) and thus to improve the effects of Research Policies on Innovation.

Within this framework, in order to provide a large view on the areas open for improvement, the international AKIS conference will be convened with the following perspective:

- Sharing of opinions and mutual learning on the diversity of AKIS in the Mediterranean;
- Fostering exchange and networking among Euro-Mediterranean actors on innovation process and policies;
- Drawing on conference exchanges and building recommendations for future actions in Research & Innovation Coordination in the Mediterranean.

Participants: ARIMNet2 consortium representatives (20-25 persons), relevant stakeholders from ARIMNet2 countries coming from different actors of Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (approximately 60 participants), invited speakers, experts and policy makers with complementary expertise (10 persons). We expect that approximately 100 people will participate to the conference.

Structure of the conference: a two-day stakeholder conference

- Outcomes of ARIMNet2 experience and analyses will be prepared by WP5 Participants and presented to the audience for discussion;
- Invited speakers will introduce AKIS concept and its relevance for the Mediterranean Area;
- Diverse actors from the Mediterranean AKIS will present their experience, share ideas and build recommendations for the future. Discussions in groups will be organised around three themes: **1) Platform/Cluster between firms and academia:** Interest in developing Platforms for innovation; **2) Extension services and Interactive Innovation models:** How to improve the interactions among research and extension institutions, farmers, entrepreneurs and other centers of knowledge ; **3) Innovation potential of the research projects:** How to increase the innovation potential of research projects and to the funding instruments aimed at supporting them;
- After intensive discussions and getting all relevant ideas, Conference participants will propose recommendations to impact future Research & Innovation collaborative initiatives in the Mediterranean agriculture.

Date and venue: 12-13 October 2016, Antalya, Turkey

Organising committee: Sahin Anil (GDAR, Turkey), Anabel de la Peña (INIA, Spain), Ali Rhouma (IRESA, Tunisia), Moez Jebara (MESRT, Tunisia), Pascal Bergeret (CIHEAM-IAMM, France), Maria João Maia (FCT, Portugal), Fatima El Hadad-Gauthier (CIHEAM-IAMM, France), Maha Hammami (MESRT, Tunisia), Florence Jacquet (INRA, France), Fabrice Gouriveau (INRA, France).

PROGRAMME

| Wednesday 12 October 2016 | | |
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| 8:00 – 9:00 | Registration of participants | |
| Session I. Opening session | | |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Welcoming words | Nevzat Birişik (Director General, GDAR, Turkey) Florence Jacquet (ARIMNet2 Coordinator, INRA, France) |
| Session II. Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) Moderator: Nevzat Birişik (Director General, GDAR, Turkey) | | |
| 9:15 – 9:35 | Historical perspective on AKIS and its relevance for the Mediterranean region | Michel Petit (Professor, CIHEAM-IAMM, France) |
| 9:35 – 9:55 | AKIS in Europe – Main achievements and future work | Adrien Guichaoua (ACTA, France), Andrés Montero (INIA, Spain), <u>Pascal Bergeret</u> (CIHEAM-IAMM, France) |
| 9:55 – 10:15 | The agricultural development model and its relationship with the research-innovation system – The case of Tunisia | Mohamed Aziz Darghouth (President, IRESA, Tunisia) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Questions, answers, discussion | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| Session III. ARIMNet2 achievements and contribution to AKIS in the Mediterranean Moderator: Robert Habib (INRA, France, Head of International Affairs) | | |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Presentation of ARIMNet2 and its contribution to AKIS in the Mediterranean | Florence Jacquet (INRA, France) |
| 11:20 – 11:50 | The ARIMNet2 ISRA (Integrated Strategic Research Agenda) – A framework for action | <u>Uygun Aksoy</u> (Ege University, Turkey) Bernard Hubert (Agropolis International, France), Marina Montedoro (MIPAAF, Italy) |
| 11:50 – 12:10 | State of the art of Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems in the Mediterranean | <u>Anabel de la Peña</u> (INIA, Spain), on behalf of Anna Vagnozzi (CREA, Italy) and Danilo Marandola (CREA, Italy) |
| 12:10 – 12:30 | Transnational calls for research proposals – Funding Mediterranean research & innovation | <u>Sanaa Zebakh</u> (IAV, Morocco), Fabrice Dentressangle (ANR, France) |
| 12:30 – 12:50 | The Young Researchers Seminar – outcomes of a joint cross-border networking initiative | <u>Lamiae Ghaouti</u> (IAV, Morocco), Maria Fantappiè (CREA, Italy), Ece Aksoy (University of Malaga, Spain), Lynda Allouche (University of Ferhat Abbas, Algeria), Adrian Bugeja-Douglas (University of Malta, Malta), Fabrice Gouriveau (INRA, France), Jean-François Tourrand (CIRAD, France) |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | <i>Lunch</i> | |

Session IV. Strengthening AKIS in the Mediterranean – Introductory speeches and round table

Moderator: Sahin Anil (GDAR, Turkey)

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| 14:30 – 15:10 | <p>Theme 1: Platform / Cluster between firms and academia</p> <p>INOVISA - Boosting entrepreneurship and innovation in Portugal</p> <p>Farmers networks and innovation platforms for knowledge generation and dissemination</p> | <p>Maria Pedro Silva (INOVISA, Portugal)</p> <p>Alex Koutsouris (Agricultural University of Athens, Greece)</p> |
| 15:10 – 15:50 | <p>Theme 2: Extension services and interactive innovation models</p> <p>The diversity of agricultural advisory services in Europe</p> <p>Integrated and interactive research projects for agricultural innovation: the case of paddy farmers' innovation network in Samsun province of Turkey</p> | <p>Andrea Knierim (Hohenheim University, Germany)</p> <p>Kürsat Demiryürek (Ondokuz Mayıs University, Turkey)</p> |
| 15:50 – 16:15 | Coffee break | |
| 16:15 – 17:15 | <p>Theme 3: Innovation potential of research projects</p> <p>Research and innovation systems for agricultural development in Morocco</p> <p>The Tunisian system of research and innovation: outcomes and challenges</p> <p>Contribution to the understanding of innovation in agro-food in a developing country context. Lessons Learned from successful catching-up economies</p> | <p>Salahddine Bakkali Yakhlef (MAPM, Morocco, on behalf of Jawad Bahaji (MAPM, Morocco)</p> <p>Khemais Zayani (MESRS, Tunisia)</p> <p>Ilyas Azzioui (CNRST, Morocco)</p> |
| 17:15 – 18:15 | <p>Round table and discussion</p> <p>This first round table will bring together farmers and agro-food entrepreneurs in the Mediterranean</p> | <p>Moderator: Uygun Aksoy (Ege University, Turkey)</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p>Savaş Titiz (Turkey)</p> <p>Haterrm Mabrouk (Tunisia)</p> <p>Salah Hegazy (Egypt)</p> <p>Marie Claire Camilleri (Malta)</p> <p>Dimitrios Dimos (Greece)</p> <p>Josse Dorra Fiani (Egypt)</p> |

Thursday 13 October 2016

Session V. Strengthening AKIS in the Mediterranean – Group sessions

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| 9:00 – 9:20 | <p>Presentation of the methodology of the session: 3 groups will work in parallel sessions, addressing the 3 themes introduced the day before:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Platform / Cluster between firms and academia 2. Extension services and interactive innovation models 3. Innovation potential of research projects <p>Moderator 1: Kursat Demiryürek (Ondokuz Mayıs University, Turkey) Moderator 2: Alex Koutsouris (AUA, Greece) Moderator 3: José María García Álvarez-Coque (UPV, Spain)</p> | Sahin Anil, Florence Jacquet, Fabrice Gouriveau |
| 9:20 – 11:00 | <p>Parallels Sessions Brainstorming and group discussion</p> | |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | <p>Parallels Sessions Brainstorming, group discussion and wrap-up (the group shall collectively answer the key issues raised on each theme - current situation; perspectives / recommendations)</p> | |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | <i>Lunch</i> | |
| <p>Session VI. Strengthening AKIS in the Mediterranean – Plenary discussions and conclusions Moderator: Florence Jacquet (ARIMNet2 Coordinator, INRA, France)</p> | | |
| 14:30 – 15:45 | <p>Presentation of the sessions' outcomes by the three rapporteurs, followed by a general discussion</p> | |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | <p>Conclusive round table on research and innovation cooperation initiatives. This round table will draw the lessons from the conference in the perspective of future cooperation in the Mediterranean. It will bring together funding agencies and research cooperation initiatives' representatives.</p> | <p>Moderator: Bernard Hubert (Agropolis International, France) Angelo Riccaboni (PRIMA coordinator, University of Sienna, Italy) ARIMNet2 funding agencies' representatives</p> |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | <p>Concluding remarks and closure of the conference</p> | Florence Jacquet (ARIMNet2 Coordinator, INRA, France) and Sahin Anil (GDAR, Turkey) |

