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Agricultural Higher Education in the 21st Century

A global challenge in knowledge transfer to meet world demands for food security and sustainability

(Zaragoza, Spain, 15-17 June 2015)

A Conference sponsored by OECD Co-operative Research Programme: Biological Resource Management for Sustainable Agricultural Systems



The agricultural knowledge transfer system, one of whose prominent elements is higher education, has to adapt to the huge challenge of **doubling food production** in the following decades **under more restrictive environmental conditions**

However, today in most developed countries, fewer and **fewer young people are interested in agricultural studies**, while in many developing countries the common challenge consists of finding a way to **complement classical agricultural education with new and emerging techniques**.

Taking the **widest definition of Agriculture** (agriculture, forestry, food and natural resources, with due regard to rural development and the environment) this conference aims to convene experts from all around the world to foster discussion and exchange ideas and views on questions such as:

- How to **attract the new generations** to learn agriculture?
- What **teaching to transfer the latest technologies**?
- How can we reach the goals of today's **"intelligent agriculture"**?
- How can we support the **"from farm to fork"** programme?
- What kind of **communication** is needed to pursue societies and decision makers on the **importance of agriculture**?
- How can **internationalisation** help education respond to common **global challenges with local solutions**?

The outcome of the conference will be recommendations for the **future development of curricula** in the Agricultural and Life Sciences.



Programme outline. The **2.5 day** programme will be structured in **4 sessions**, each one with **top-level experts from all around the world** delivering specific theatre presentations. Besides, the programme allows significant time to foster general **discussions and debate**

<u>DAY 0 – SUNDAY 14 JUNE</u>	
Evening	Registration and welcome reception (20:00 – 22:00)
<u>DAY 1 – MONDAY 15 JUNE (8:30-18:30)</u>	
Morning	Registration and Opening Session
	Session I. Challenges for agricultural education in the XXI century
Afternoon	Session II. Are current agricultural educational models suitable to meet global challenges?
<u>DAY 2 – TUESDAY 16 JUNE (9:00-17:00)</u>	
All day	Session III. Addressing the needs and challenges for innovation in agricultural curricula + Guided tour of Zaragoza city from 17:30 (optional)
<u>DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE (8:45-13:30)</u>	
Morning	Session IV. Globalisation and international alliances Concluding remarks and close

The complete programme and guest speakers are available in the Conference website

The languages of the Conference will be English, with simultaneous interpretation to Spanish and French



Registration fees for the conference will be 200 € (all taxes included). To register visit the Conference website

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Accommodation. Special rates have been accorded with hotels located in Zaragoza city centre. Booking information is provided on the Conference website.

Venue

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