



universities of agriculture and life sciences :  
entrepreneurs for sustainable rural development

JUNE 27-29, 2011

INSTITUT POLYTECHNIQUE LASALLE BEAUVAIS  
PARIS - FRANCE

The Conference will address the enhancement of the strategic role of Universities of Agriculture and Life Sciences as a driving force in sustainable rural development at the local level in areas worldwide, and in contributing to global initiatives.

Online registration is open! Register [here](#)

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### GCHERA Conference and Side meetings update

#### 1. Simultaneous translation facilities

Available from English to **Chinese, Russian and Spanish**, during the plenary sessions

#### 2. Two new Key Note speakers - see full program below

**Akin Adesina** - Vice President for Policy & Partnerships, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, Kenya

**Per Holten Andersen** - Dean - Faculty of Life Sciences. University of Copenhagen, Denmark

#### 3. Announcements

##### Sunday 26 June 2011

##### Follow up of the GCARD through CIPCAD 2:

##### Challenges and Innovative Processes for Capacity Strengthening in Agriculture for Development

Outline programme:

9:30 – 12:30: African capacity building programme for food security and sustainable agricultural development

16:00 – 18:30: Review of progress post GCARD Capacity Building Montpellier Action Plan : sharing actions and projects

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##### Monday 27 June 2011

##### Ongoing

##### Conference International Forum

Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 (lunch time),  
in the Conference main venue (see picture).

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in order to book your stand, please [click here](#).



##### Side meetings

**GCHERA Executive Committee Meeting** - June 26 at 14:00

**General Assembly of AGRINATURA** ([www.agrinatura.eu](http://www.agrinatura.eu)) - June 27 at 9:00

**General Assembly of ICA** ([www.ica-europe.info](http://www.ica-europe.info)) - June 27 at 14:30

**Opening session of the Conference on Monday 27 June**

**Key note address by Dallas Tonsager, Under Secretary for Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture at the Opening Session of the Conference on Monday 27 June 2011 at 17:00.**



The Opening session will be followed by the Opening Reception at « La Maladrerie Saint-Lazare » (authentic medieval barn), cocktail party on the « French regions tour ».

**Thematic Visits ([read more](#))**

Enjoy your stay in France to discover:

French Agriculture - on Monday 27 and Thursday 30 from 8:30 to 16:00

Food Industry - on Thursday 30 from 8:30 to 16:00

French Gastronomy - on Thursday 30 from 9:00 to 14:00

Thematic visits are subject to a sufficient number of subscribers. Register [here](#).

**Tuesday 28 June 2011**

**Plenary Session 1, Theme A: Education for Sustainable Rural Development.**

**Tom Johnson** - Director Community Policy Analysis Center, University of Missouri, USA

**Carlos Gomez Restrepo** - Rector, University of LaSalle Bogotá, President, International Association of LaSallian Universities (IALU), Columbia  
**“Education for rural Sustainable Development”**

**Michel Ngongo Luhembwe** - Dean, Faculty of Agronomical Sciences, University of Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo

**Plenary Session 2, Theme B: Research and Innovation strategies.**

**Ganesh P. Shivakoti** - Professor of Agricultural and Natural Resources Economics, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand  
**“Innovative Research Issues Addressing Policies, Institutions and Governance Challenges of Irrigation in Twenty-First Century”**

**Håkan Schroeder** - Deputy Dean at the Faculty of Landscape Planning, Horticulture and Agricultural Sciences, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden  
**“Collaboration between the university and the industry - strategies for a Win-Win concept”**

**Alexander Merzlov** - Head of Sustainable Development Center, Russian State Agrarian University, Russia

**Parallel sessions** (afternoon): presentations of contributed papers themes A & B

**Conference dinner**  
Pierrefonds Castle



**Wednesday 29 June**

**Plenary Session 3, Theme C : Partnership Strategies with Local Stakeholders.**

**New!**

**Akin Adesina** - Vice President for Policy and Partnerships, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, Kenya

**Bungaran Saragih** - Former Minister of Agriculture in Indonesia and former Professor, President of the Board of Trustee, Bogor University and Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation, Indonesia  
**"Stakeholders, Agriculture and Life Science Universities and the Future in Context"**

**Raul Machado Neto**- Vice-president of the Commission of International Affairs and assessor to the Provost of Graduate Courses, ESALQ and University of Sao Paulo. Former Vice-dean, ESALQ ("Escola Superior de Agricultura"Luiz de Queiroz »), 2003-2007.  
**"Consecana: A Success partnership experience in the Brazilian sugar and ethanol sector"**

**Plenary Session 4, Theme D : Strategic positioning of universities of agriculture and life sciences.**

**New!**

**Per Holten Andersen** - Dean. Faculty of Life Sciences. University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
**"Strategic positioning of universities of agriculture and life sciences - the Copenhagen Case"**

**Stéphane Guilbert** - Director, Agreenium, The French Consortium for Research and Education in Agriculture, Nutrition, Animal Health and Environment, France

**Zhimin Liu** - Director, Higher Education Institute, Nanjing Agricultural University, China  
**"The Strategic Disciplinary Boundaries of China's Key Agricultural & Forestry Universities"**

Parallel Sessions: presentations of contributed papers theme C&D (5 sessions total)

**Closing Session: Supporting Global networking of Universities of Agriculture and Life Science**

Followed by the Conference Closing dinner on the River Seine- Paris.



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