

2015 events involving the Agropolis International scientific community

MARCH

9-12 MARCH 2015

3rd Scientific Conference of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Cancún, Mexico

This conference is co-organized by Agropolis International and the French Scientific Committee on Desertification (CSFD), in partnership with DesertNet International, the CGIAR Consortium, the Sahara and Sahel Observatory and the Argentine Observatory for Arid Zone Research (IADIZA), on 'Combating Drought, Land Degradation and Desertification for Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development: The contribution of science, technology, traditional knowledge and practices'.

The conference will bring together participants with a broad range of scientific, traditional and local knowledge to be harnessed.

One of the aims of the conference is to transform recent scientific progress into recommendations for policy makers and field operators.

<http://3sc.unccd.int>

16-18 MARCH 2015

Third Global Science Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture, Montpellier (Le Corum), France

This conference is co-organized by CIRAD, INRA, IRD and Agropolis International, with the support of CGIAR, Wageningen University, UC Davis, Cornell University and FAO.

500 participants from throughout the world, including keynote speakers (researchers and policymakers), are expected to attend this major event in preparation for COP21 (21st Climate Conference, Paris, December 2015).

<http://csa2015.cirad.fr/index.php/csa2015>

JUNE

31 MAY-5 JUNE 2015

19th GiESCO 2015 seminar (*Groupe international d'Experts en Systèmes vitivinicoles pour la CoOpération*), Gruissan (Palais des Congrès), France

This seminar will focus on key scientific and technological aspects of viticulture. 200 presentations (talks and posters) and 250 scientists from about 20 countries are expected to attend.

www.giesco.org/Accueil/

15-17 JUNE 2015

Biorefinery for Food, Fuels and Materials Seminar (BFFM 2015), Montpellier (Campus La Gaillarde, Montpellier SupAgro), France

Following the success of the 2013 Symposium, the Biorefinery for Food, Fuels and Materials 2015 Symposium will address the question of how biorefining can be developed within a systemic framework that will best reconcile the various societal challenges of the 21st century.

www.bffm2015-congress.eu

16-18 JUNE 2015

Seminar of the FAO-CIHEAM Network on Sheep and Goats, Montpellier (IAM.M), France

'The value chain in Mediterranean sheep and goats. Industry organization, marketing strategies, feeding and production systems', Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier (IAM.M).

This seminar is co-organized by the joint research unit (INRA/Montpellier SupAgro/CIRAD) Mediterranean and Tropical Livestock Systems (UMR SELMET), the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (Spain) and the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), in collaboration with the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier-CIHEAM, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and Agropolis International. The seminar includes a 2-day forum for scientific and technical exchanges and a 1-day field trip.

www.iamz.ciheam.org/montpellier2015

23-26 JUNE 2015

17th European Weed Research Society Symposium 'Weed management in changing environments', Montpellier (Campus La Gaillarde, Montpellier SupAgro), France

This symposium is organized by the European Weed Research Society (EWRS), in collaboration with the *Association Française de Protection des Plantes* (AFPP), and co-organized by INRA and Montpellier SupAgro.

The symposium will be a forum for information exchange and discussion on research and training on plants and plant management.

<http://ewrs2015.org>

JULY

7-9 JULY 2015

52nd Annual Congress of the *Association de Science Régionale De Langue Française* (ASRDLF): 'Territoires méditerranéens : agriculture, alimentation et villes', Montpellier (Campus La Gaillarde), France

300 participants are expected.

www.agropolis.fr/pdf/actu/appeel_sessions_ASRDLF.pdf

AUGUST

2-6 AOÛT 2015

ICCB-ECCB 2015: 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) and the 4th European Congress for Conservation Biology (ECCB): 'Mission Biodiversity: Choosing new paths for conservation', Montpellier (Le Corum), France

Agropolis International and the French Foundation for Research on Biodiversity (FRB) will team up with the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) to organize the International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) and the European Congress for Conservation Biology (ECCB) that will be held in Montpellier in 2015. 1000-1500 participants are expected.

www.iccb-eccb2015.org

18-28 AUGUST 2015

10th International Congress of Veterinary Virology, Montpellier (Le Corum), France

This congress is organized by the joint research unit (CIRAD/INRA) Emerging and Exotic Animal Disease Control (UMR CMAEE).

<http://esvv.eu/?page=meetings&id=34>

SEPTEMBER

7-10 SEPTEMBER 2015

5th International Symposium for Farming Systems Design 'Multi-functional farming systems in a changing world', Montpellier (Le Corum), France

This symposium is organized by the European Society for Agronomy (ESA) and Agropolis International.

It is devoted to methodological aspects of research regarding agricultural systems and their applications in agriculture, innovation and policy design, while focusing specifically on multifunctional agricultural systems in a changing world. It will also be an opportunity to enhance collaborations with agronomy societies worldwide and with learned societies in other fields. 400 participants are expected to attend.

<http://fsd5.european-agronomy.org>

OCTOBER

11-17 OCTOBER 2015

ICID 2015 – Euromediterranean Conference 'Innovate to Improve Irrigation Performances', Montpellier (Le Corum), France

This conference, organised by the French National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (AFEID), will be held as part of the 66th International Executive Council Meeting of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)—AFEID is the French committee. •••

> TRAINING

A new international Master's programme on tropical biotechnologies (MIBioT) was launched in October 2014

■ The MIBioT programme aims to provide training on designing and implementing corporate and research projects in the field of biotechnology applied to plants, microorganisms and food sectors, and to natural resource management.

The MIBioT Master's programme involves seven West African universities: *Université Nangui Abrogoua* (Côte d'Ivoire), *Université d'Abomey-Calavi* (Benin), *Université d'Abdou-Moumouni* (Niger), *Université de Bamako* (Mali), *Université de Nouakchott* (Mauritania), *Université de Ouagadougou* (Burkina Faso), *Université Cheikh Anta Diop* (Senegal) in partnership with the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) and the support of French research and educational institutions: IRD, CIRAD, *Université Montpellier 2*, Montpellier SupAgro.

This e-learning programme complements existing educational courses offered by the participating universities and internationally

It will ultimately involve five courses. The first Master's 1 session includes two courses: plant biotechnology (BV) and agricultural and environmental microbial biotechnology (BMAE).

It is targeted for:

■ Third year BSc students or other degree the Education Committee deems equivalent

■ Professionals with the necessary prerequisites and who wish to acquire technical expertise and know-how in the biotechnology field.

For further information

www.cirad.fr/en/teaching-training/higher-education/master/master-mibiot



The Virtual University of Agroecology launched its first online training module

■ Agreenium member institutions (AgrocampusOuest, AgroParisTech, AgroSup Dijon, CIRAD, INPT, INRA, Montpellier SupAgro) and the *Université de Lorraine* (ENSAIA) founded the Virtual University of Agroecology (UVAE) to meet the need for expertise generated by the increasing interest in agroecology.

The first online self-study module, entitled 'What is agroecology?', was

launched in June 2014. This introductory module outlines the scope of this discipline, along with its different agricultural, scientific and social aspects, while specifying the sense that will be adopted for future applications.

For further information

www.ea.inra.fr/uvae

<http://presse.inra.fr/Ressources/Communiqués-de-presse/UVAE-module-agroecologie>

Series of seminars and debates on agroecology



Since 2011, the regional scientific community that focuses research on this topic organises monthly seminars and debates on agroecology. Agricultural research units of CIRAD, IRD and

Montpellier SupAgro offer collective cross-sectoral seminars, in partnership with Agropolis International, on ecological intensification of cropping systems.

Seminar videos

www.agropolis.org/agronomy/seminar-agroecology.php

••• This event will enable exchanges on crosscutting agricultural and water management issues with other countries of Europe and the Mediterranean Basin. With the involvement of policy makers, government officials, leading scientists and engineers from around the world, Montpellier represents a major step in the preparation of subsequent global meetings, particularly the 21st Climate Conference (COP 21) that will be held in Paris in December 2015. 600 participants from around a hundred countries are expected to attend.

<http://icid2015.sciencesconf.org/?lang=en>