



International Scientific Conference Agrarian Perspectives XXIV.

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25th Annual Conference of the Austrian Society of Agricultural Economics

CALL for PAPERS

Global Agribusiness and the Rural Economy

16th - 18th September 2015

at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague,
Czech Republic

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Agriculture is still a key sector in the world. It feeds a global population of 7 billion people and rural society counts more than 3 billion people. The agricultural sector determines economic development and stability in many countries. Interestingly, persisting differences in production, consumption, self-sufficiency, strategies and policies arise at the level of developed and developing countries. Against the background of an intensifying competition for agricultural commodities and inputs the influence of global agribusiness on rural employment, environment and income distribution remains diverse and controversial. How strong is the influence of global agribusiness on shaping production technology (e.g. through seeds and contract farming)? How strong is the influence through setting standards (e.g. through labels)? How strong is global agriculture influencing local demand (e.g. through price setting and advertisements)? Answers to these questions are essential in order to shape policies which help to position rural economies in a global world with ecological and social challenges. The key notes of the conference will address these topics with a clear focus on central Europe.

The joint conference organized by the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS) and the Austrian Society of Agricultural Economics (ÖGA) focuses on topics of the agribusiness and its relations to rural development. The general topic of the conference provides not only a platform for discussing theoretical issues but also for sharing experience, identifying practical problems and exploring which solutions can be clarified with the assistance of the scientific communities. The topics in the contributed sessions are not limited to the general topic. This call for papers addresses researchers, academics and practitioners in the fields of agricultural economics and management, informatics, agricultural policy and rural development. Authors are invited to submit abstracts in electronic format via the link <http://ap.pef.czu.cz> by 9th April 2015.

1. Conference schedule

Wen, 16. 09. 2015	
09.30 – 10.30	Registration
Morning	Plenary session on the conference general topic
Afternoon	Parallel contributed paper sessions
Evening	Evening reception
Thu, 17. 09. 2015	
Morning	Parallel contributed paper sessions
Afternoon	Parallel contributed paper sessions
Fri, 18. 09. 2015	
8:00 – 17:00	Field trip

2. Topics for Contributed papers

- Global Agribusiness and the rural economy;
- Agricultural economics and management;
- Agribusiness economics, development and strategies;
- Agricultural markets, marketing, consumption;
- Rural development;
- Agricultural sociology and gender issues;
- Information and communication technologies in agribusiness;
- Agricultural policy and law;
- Sustainable development;
- Renewable energies.

3. Review process and conference proceedings

The submitted abstracts of presentations are reviewed by experts appointed by the program committee. The authors of accepted abstracts are expected to present their work at the conference in English. Authors are also invited to submit the full manuscript either to CULS book of proceedings (SCI listed, manuscript templates: <http://ap.pef.czu.cz>, due 5th June) or the ÖGA Yearbook (Scopus listed, manuscript templates: <http://oega.boku.ac.at/>), due 12th October). Submitted manuscripts are subject to a review process before publication.

The conference language is English. Abstracts, contributed paper presentations and plenary sessions are held in English.

4. Programming committee

Miroslav Svatoš (CULS Prague, CZ), Karel Tomšík (CULS Prague, CZ), Lukáš Čechura (CULS Prague, CZ), Luboš Smutka (CULS Prague, CZ), Helena Řezbová (CULS Prague), Milan Houška (CULS Prague, CZ); Josef Hambrusch (AWI, Vienna, AT), Jochen Kantelhardt (BOKU, Vienna, AT), Ulrich Morawetz (BOKU, Vienna, AT), Theresia Oedl-Wieser (BABF, Vienna, AT), Franz Sinabell (WIFO, Vienna, AT).

5. Conference registration fee

The conference registration fee amounts CZK 3,100 or € 115 and for the optional field trip CZK 800 or € 30. Payment is due by 10th August 2015 either on the CULS account (AP participants) or ÖGA account.

Each participant will receive detailed payment instructions via email after submission of the abstract.

The conference fee includes access to the conference, conference materials, lunch, coffee breaks and an evening reception. The trip fee includes transport, lunch and all relevant costs relating to the programme. The costs for accommodation are not included.

6. Important dates 2015

Date	Description
10th March 2015	Registration opening
9th April 2015	Deadline for abstracts submissions (in English) - registration is required*
24th April 2015	Notification on acceptance to conference
5th June 2015	Optional: Deadline for submitting manuscripts for CULS proceedings . <i>Papers not presented at the conference will not be published in the CULS proceedings.</i>
6th – 30th June	Reviewing process and notification on acceptance for CULS proceedings (information about acceptance, revision or rejection)
31st July 2015	Deadline for conference registration (if no abstract was submitted)
10th August 2015	Deadline for transferring the registration fee
20th August 2015	Deadline for manuscript final version submission for CULS proceedings (for corrected papers)
16th – 18th September 2015	Conference at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic
12th October 2015	Optional: Deadline for submitting manuscripts for ÖGA Yearbook (Publication in both ÖGA Yearbook and CULS Proceedings is not possible)

* For technical reasons it is not possible to submit the abstract on the webpage without registration. Payment may be done later (after acceptance of abstract).

7. Contact us

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