

Tropentag 2009

International Conference on Research for Development in Agriculture and Forestry, Food and Natural Resource Management

Biophysical and Socio-economic Frame Conditions for Sustainable Management of Natural Resources

October 6–8, 2009

Department of Biology

University of Hamburg



Call for Papers

Conference organization

University of Hamburg – Department of Biology,
and ATSAF e.V.

www.tropentag.de

General information

“Tropentag” is an annual International Conference on Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural and Natural Resource Management.

The Tropentag is jointly organized by the universities of Bonn, Göttingen, Hohenheim, Kassel (Witzenhausen), Hamburg, Zürich (2010) and the Council for Tropical and Subtropical Research (ATSAF e.V.) - in co-operation with the GTZ Advisory Service on Agricultural Research for Development (BEAF).

As an academic forum, the Tropentag brings together scientists, students, graduates, development experts and funding organisations from several countries in central Europe and their various international partner institutions.

The Tropentag is a development-oriented and interdisciplinary conference. It addresses issues of resource-, environmental-, agricultural-, forestry-, fisheries-, food-, nutrition and related sciences in the context of international rural development, sustainable resource use and poverty alleviation worldwide.

Who should attend

The Tropentag invites all scientists, students and experts addressing topics in the above fields. Young scientists are particularly encouraged to present their research projects and results.

Contributions pertaining to rural development, hunger and poverty alleviation, climate change issues, new crop plants, and their environmental repercussions and influences of globalization on these topics are particularly welcome.

Conference Theme 2009:

Biophysical and Socio-economic Frame Conditions for Sustainable Management of Natural Resources

Topics:

- Desertification - sustainable management
- Natural Resources - soil and water
- Diversity
- Crop science and land use
- Animal sciences
- Forest management and perennial crops
- Economics and socioeconomy

Growing world population and resource depletion lead to social and economic conflicts. In order to guarantee security with respect to food safety, life quality and health the urgent need for integrated management of our environment is obvious.

The frame condition for development of life security becomes more and more restricted due to the ongoing economic crisis and unforeseen changes in climatic conditions. Locally and regionally adapted stable production systems are one way to lower the dependence on international markets.

The main aim of achieving the UN Millenium Goals is the development of regionally adapted food production based on integration of local knowledge and local resources.

The topics outlined for the Tropentag will supply the analysis of the state of the art of future environmentally sound developments.

Conference structure

The Tropentag will be organized in seven sessions of four parallel thematic groups. Each session will be opened by an invited keynote lecture, to be followed by four original papers. Posters will be introduced during a plenary session on the first day at early evening time. On the second day there will be two parallel guided poster sessions around lunch time.

Submission procedure

The conference language is English.

Abstracts of original research containing 250-350 words must be submitted until April 30, 2009, using the online form at www.tropentag.de

A panel of referees will decide upon the acceptance of the contributions based on the abstract. The decision for a contribution to be accepted either as poster or oral presentation is at the discretion of the panel of referees.

A programme committee will allocate the accepted oral contributions to interdisciplinary sessions (S 1– S 28). Contributions of an interdisciplinary nature will be preferentially selected as oral presentation.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent on June 30, 2009. Contributors will have to confirm their participation by August 15, 2009.

For online publication Authors of papers will have to submit a four-page version of their paper by October 31, 2009.

Poster contributions will be grouped into thematic clusters and addressed in guided poster sessions.

All accepted contributions will be published in the conference proceedings and on the Tropentag homepage. Contributions not presented at the Tropentag will be deleted from the online version of the proceedings.

Programme structure

Day 1 pm	Welcome and Plenary Session			
	Eiselen Awards Plenary Session			
	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4
Day 2 am	S 5	S 6	S 7	S 8
	S 9	S 10	S 11	S 12
	Guided Poster Sessions			
Day 2 pm	Guided Poster Sessions			
	S 13	S 14	S 15	S 16
	S 17	S 18	S 19	S 20
Day 3 am	S 21	S 22	S 23	S 24
	S 25	S 26	S 27	S 28
	Closing Ceremony & Outlook 2010			

Conference fees

	<i>until August 15, 2009</i>	<i>later</i>
Full Participants	60 €	90 €
PhD candidates	30 €	45 €
Students	admission free	15 €

Please transfer your conference fee to:

Universität Hamburg Tropentag 2009
Account number: 1238163347
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Road map

New! Submission of abstracts: **May 17, 2009**
Notification of acceptance: June 30, 2009
Reconfirmation of contribution: August 15, 2009
Submission of full paper: October 31, 2009

Conference location

The Tropentag 2009 will be held at the University of Hamburg, using facilities of the Department of Chemistry. A map of the campus indicating the venue and facilities will be posted on the conference website: www.tropentag.de.

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