

# Tropentag 2010

International Research on  
Food Security, Natural Resource Management  
and Rural Development

## World food system – A contribution from Europe

14–16 September 2010  
North-South Centre  
ETH Zurich, Switzerland



[www.tropentag.de](http://www.tropentag.de)

## Call for papers

### Conference organisation

North-South Centre of the ETH Zurich and  
ATSAF e.V.

### General information

“Tropentag” is an annual international conference on tropical and subtropical agricultural research and natural resource management. It is jointly organised by the universities of Bonn, Göttingen, Hohenheim, Kassel (Witzenhausen), Hamburg, ETH Zurich, 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 with their various international partner institutions.

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

### Who should attend

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

### Conference theme

The world food system encompasses all the natural resources involved in the production of food, including the management and processing of these resources as well as food distribution

and consumption. The world food system provides the foundation for the nutrition of humankind and includes all related ecological, economic, health and social aspects.

The global population faces many challenging problems, among them population growth, food, water and energy security, climate and land use change, as well as threats to human health. All of these problems are interconnected and most are also connected to the world food system. Food production under changing climatic conditions will become even more difficult as human population grows, natural resources such as soils and water become increasingly depleted, and global markets set diverging priorities (e.g. agriculture vs. bioenergy). By providing relevant information and advice, scientific knowledge supports policy-makers and society in implementing strategies that address and solve these problems.

### Topics

- Natural resources
- Plant systems
- Animal sciences
- Markets and rural development
- Food security and food quality

### Confirmed plenary speakers

- Paul Collier, Oxford University
- Angela Cropper, UNEP
- Timothy Hall, European Commission
- Hans Herren, Millenium Institute
- Jimmy Smith, World Bank

## Submission procedure

The conference language is English.

Abstracts of original research of 250-350 words must be submitted until **31 March 2010**, using the online form at [www.tropentag.de](http://www.tropentag.de). We especially encourage young scientists to submit their contributions.

Based on the abstract, a panel of reviewers will decide upon the acceptance of the contributions. The decision for a contribution to be accepted either as poster or oral presentation is at the discretion of these reviewers. Contributions of an interdisciplinary nature will be preferentially selected as oral presentations.

A programme committee will allocate the accepted oral contributions to interdisciplinary sessions. However, you are asked to tentatively assign your contribution to a session topic.

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

Notifications of acceptance will be sent on 1 July 2010.

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.

For voluntary online publication, authors of accepted papers are invited to submit a four-page version of their paper by 8 October 2010.

## Programme structure

Day 1 pm	Plenary 1: Opening session					
	Foundation fiat panis Awards session					
	Guided poster sessions 1					
Day 2 am	Plenary 2: Swiss session and SFIAR Award					
	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4	S 5	S 6
	Guided poster sessions 2					
Day 2 pm	S 7	S 8	S 9	S 10	S 11	S 12
	Guided poster sessions 3					
	Tropentag social event					
Day 3 am	S 13	S 14	S 15	S 16	S 17	S 18
	S 19	S 20	S 21	S 22	S 23	S 24
	Plenary 3: Closing ceremony and outlook 2011					

S 1 – S 24 = parallel sessions with oral presentations

## Conference fees

	Until 1 August 2010	Later
Full participants	45 € / CHF 70	90 € / CHF 135
Doctoral candidates	30 € / CHF 45	60 € / CHF 90
Students	0 or 15 € * / CHF 0 or 25 *	15 € / CHF 25

\* with or without conference material

Please transfer your conference fee to the following bank account by indicating **Tropentag 2010** and **your full name** on your money transfer.

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Name: ETH Zurich  
Bank: Swiss Post, Post Finance, CH-3030 Bern  
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## Road map

Abstract submission: 12 February – 31 March 2010  
Notification of acceptance: 1 July 2010

## Conference location

The Tropentag will take place at the premises of the ETH Zurich in the ETZ Building, Gloriosastrasse 35.

A map of the campus indicating the venue and facilities, as well as links for booking of accommodations will be posted on the conference website.

**Programme committee** (members of the Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences, ETH Zurich)

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