

Tropentag 2019

18-20 September 2019 Kassel, Germany

Annual international conference on food security, natural resources management and rural development



About

Tropentag is an international annual conference on research in tropical and subtropical agriculture and rural development. It is jointly organised by the universities of Berlin, Bonn, Goettingen, Hohenheim, Kassel, ZALF e.V. (all Germany), Ghent University (Belgium), Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Czech Republic), BOKU Vienna (Austria), and the Council for Tropical and Subtropical Research (ATSAF e.V.) in co-operation with the GIZ Advisory Service on Agricultural Research for Development (BEAF).

Tropentag is interdisciplinary, science-based and development-oriented. It addresses issues of agriculture, agro-/forestry, fisheries, and overarching topics of natural resources management, environmental and economic sustainability, food security and nutrition in the context of rural development and poverty alleviation worldwide. The conference brings together students, junior and senior scientists, development practitioners, and experts from international research and funding organisations.

Tropentag 2019 is jointly organised by the Centre for International Rural Development at the University of Kassel and the Centre of Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Use at the University of Goettingen. All MSc and PhD students, scientists, extension workers, decision makers and politicians interested and engaged in agricultural research and rural development in developing/tropical countries and/or countries in transition are heartily invited to participate and actively contribute. We encourage particularly young scientists (MSc and PhD students and Post-Docs) to present their work.

We look forward to welcoming you in Kassel in September 2019

Venue:

University of Kassel, Campus Center,
Moritzstraße 18, 34127 Kassel, Germany

Conference theme

“Filling gaps and removing traps for sustainable resources management”

Agriculture and forestry provide the livelihood of 3.6 billion people worldwide, mostly in sub-/tropical regions. Global change phenomena, notably population growth, rural-to-urban migration, and climate change with their socio-political, economic and ecological consequences enhance pressure on natural resources. Science-based solutions for the sustainable provision of food and non-food commodities through agriculture and forestry are manifold and address ecological, technical, social, economic and political aspects. But there are still obstacles to overcome. *Gaps* – in education, responsibilities and incomes between women and men, in marketing opportunities between rural and urban farmers, between potential and actual crop yields and livestock performances are just a few examples that need to be addressed and resolved. *Traps* – such as neglect of relevant stakeholders, incomplete risk assessment, short-lived innovation testing, and fragmental systems assessment need to be identified and avoided. *Tropentag 2019* will summarize recent disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches that address these gaps and traps from various angles, with different methodological approaches and regional foci. Discussions in plenary and thematic sessions, guided poster tours and workshops should provide us with new ideas to enhance our scientific and practical success in promoting sustainable resources management in sub-/tropical regions.

CGIAR Feature Center-of-the-year

In 2019 we spotlight the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) as our CGIAR feature centre (<http://www.icarda.org/>). ICARDA is a global research-for-development organization. It envisions resilient livelihoods in dryland communities of the developing world with secure access to food, markets, nutrition and health, and the capacity to manage natural resources sustainably, and its mission thus fits extremely well with the overarching topic of *Tropentag 2019*.

Conference structure

The theme of *Tropentag 2019* will be introduced by invited international guest speakers and developed further by keynote speeches in parallel thematic sessions. The latter cover the diversity of research fields related to obstacles for sustainable resources management on a biological, technical, social, economic and political level, and ways to overcome these. These aspects will be addressed by both oral presentations and thematically-related guided poster sessions, and each contribution should highlight its relation to the overarching theme.

The Aperó social evening on September 18 and the conference dinner on September 19 provide opportunities for networking, discussion and exchange among participants. Post-conference excursions to the cities of Kassel and Goettingen, the campus Kassel-Witzenhausen of the Faculty for Organic Agriculture with its tropical greenhouse, and a few more interesting sites will be offered.

Preliminary programme

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| 17.09. | pm | Pre-conference workshops |
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| | pm | Opening (13:00 h)
keynote session, <i>fiat panis</i> session, poster sessions
Aperó social evening |
| 19.09. | am | Poster sessions
Parallel thematic oral sessions |
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Poster sessions |
| | pm | Conference dinner |
| 20.09. | am | Parallel thematic oral sessions
Plenary keynote session
Closing (around 13:30h) |
| | pm | Post-conference workshops
Post-conference excursions |

Submission procedure

The conference language is English. Abstracts of original research on the featured topic containing 250-350 words must be submitted by May 01, 2019, using the online form at www.tropentag.de. Please ensure that submitted abstracts meet a proper level of quality regarding content and language. A panel of referees will decide on acceptance of an abstract, as a poster or an oral contribution. A programme committee will allocate accepted contributions to interdisciplinary sessions. Acceptance of abstracts will be sent by June 15, 2019. Contributors must confirm their participation by June 30, 2019 and pay their conference fee before July 15, 2019. Poster contributions will be grouped into thematic clusters and addressed in guided poster sessions. All presented contributions will be contained in the Book of Abstracts, both in print and online.

Workshops

You may organise your own workshop, specifically tailored to your audience. You may wish to tackle a particular topic, offer capacity building or gather task forces for projects. The only condition is that your topic should be related to tropical agriculture in a wider sense. Workshops can be offered on Tuesday 17.09. from 13:00 - 17:00, Wednesday 18.09. from 09:00 - 12:00 h and Friday 20.09. from 14:00 - 18:00 h.

To offer a workshop, please apply and describe its topic and objective as well as expected participant number by using the template provided at: <http://www.tropentag.de/conference/workshop.php>. Please send your application to info@tropentag.de not later than 01.05.2019. You will receive feedback on your application not later than 15.06.2019; in case of approval details such as room allocation, logistics and potential services beyond the given ones will be individually discussed with the *Tropentag* management.

The overall workshop plan with contact addresses will be made available on our website.

Dates and deadlines

Submission of abstracts	01.05.2019
Submission of workshops	01.05.2019
Acceptance of abstracts	15.06.2019
Acceptance of workshops	15.06.2019
Reconfirmation of participation	30.06.2019
Payment of conference fees by contributors	15.07.2019

Conference fees

	By July 15, 2019	Later
Full participants	125 €	175 €
PhD candidates	75 €	100 €
ATSAF PhD members	50 €	75 €
Students	15 €	25 €

Conference dinner: 25 €; reduced 15 € (students)

Please transfer your conference fee to:

Name: DITSL Witzenhausen

Bank: Sparkasse Werra-Meißner

Swift: HELADEF1ESW

IBAN: DE68 5225 0030 0000 0651 85

Indicate **Your Tropentag ID** and **your name** on the fund transfer.

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