



Tropentag 2016

18.09.-21.09.2016, Vienna, Austria

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

Call for Papers

Solidarity in a competing world
– fair use of resources –

Organised by

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU Vienna)
Council for Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural Research (ATSAR)

Venue: BOKU, A-1090 Wien, Augasse 2-6

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About

Tropentag is an annual international conference on research in food security, natural resource management and rural development.

Tropentag is jointly organised by the Universities of Berlin, Bonn, Göttingen, Hohenheim and Kassel (Witzenhausen), ZALF e. V. Müncheberg, ETH Zurich (Switzerland), CULS Prague (Czech Republic), BOKU Vienna (Austria) and the Council for Tropical and Subtropical Research (ATSAR e. V.) - in cooperation with the GIZ Advisory Service on Agricultural Research for Development (BEAF).

Tropentag brings together scientists, students, graduates, development experts and funding organisations from international partner institutions all around the world.

Tropentag 2016 is a development-oriented and interdisciplinary conference. It addresses issues of organic farming, resource and environmental management, biodiversity, (urban) agricultural and forest management, fisheries and livestock, food, nutrition, bioeconomy, waste management, renewable energy, productive sanitation and related sciences in the context of rural development, climate change, hunger and poverty alleviation worldwide.

Contributions pertaining to solidary and fair practices are specifically welcomed.

Biodiversity International is this year's featured CGIAR Centre (www.biodiversityinternational.org).

Who should attend?

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

Conference theme of Tropentag 2016:

This year the call for papers addresses prospective procedures for solidarity and the fair use of increasingly scarce natural and non-renewable resources around the world. Focus is given to the rising demand for food, fiber, feed and fuel to cover the needs of a growing world population and to innovative sustainable practices, e.g. organic farming, and new economies and policies.

Therefore, we are interested into research and learning processes between the North and the South, the East and the West, and between women and men throughout multiple generations to cope with these challenges.

Tropentag 2016 offers a discussion platform for technical and economic potentials to feed a world faced with increasing population, climate hazards, and loss of soil and biodiversity.

Looking beyond (bio-) economic and technical perspectives, solutions are asked that seriously consider social and ethical standards. Along this vein, we encourage the examination of 'fair' within practices that occur in farming and other forms of food procurement, and management of natural resources.

Thus, we wish to identify new forms of societal contracts between multiple stakeholder levels, building solidarity among practitioners, scientists and policy advisors that allow us to cope with current and future challenges.

Tropentag 2016 invites you to present and share a wide range of scientific solutions investigated in transdisciplinary settings in the agrofood value web.

Conference structure

Tropentag 2016 is organised into 6 parallel themes with four sessions held under each theme. Selected sessions will be opened by an invited speaker.

During the guided poster sessions, every poster author will introduce her/his topic (3 minutes talk).

Submission procedure

The conference language is English. Please ensure that abstracts submitted are meeting a proper level of quality (content and language – poorly written abstracts will be excluded). Abstracts of original research containing 250-350 words must be submitted using the online form at www.tropentag.de by April 15, 2016.

A panel of referees will decide if an abstract will be accepted, and if yes, as a poster or as an oral presentation.

A programme committee will allocate the accepted contributions to interdisciplinary sessions. Acceptance of abstracts will be sent by June 15, 2016.

Contributors must confirm their participation by June 30, 2016 and pay their conference fee before July 20, 2016.

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. Authors of presented contributions are encouraged to submit a four-page version of their contribution by October 31, 2016, for online publication.

Organise your own workshop

You can either network targeting a specific topic (related to food security, natural resource management and rural development), or you offer capacity building, task forces for projects and follow your own initiative. Workshops can take place mainly in the morning of September 19, 2016 before or after the conference in the afternoon of September 21, 2016. You need to describe the objective and topic of the workshop and send your application not later than June 30, 2016 to info@tropentag.de. In the case of approval, we help you to find an appropriate venue. For more information, see www.tropentag.de.

Programme structure

18.09.	Excursion	
19.09. am	Pre-Conference workshops	
19.09. pm	Plenary Session	
	Fiat Panis Plenary Session	
	Poster Sessions (1-7)	
20.09. am	Poster Sessions (1-7)	
	Presentation Sessions (1-7)	*
	Poster Sessions (1-7)	
20.09. pm	Presentation Sessions (1-7)	*
	Presentation Sessions (1-7)	*
	Poster Sessions (1-7)	
21.09. am	Poster Sessions (1-7)	
	Presentation Sessions (1-7)	*
	Plenary Session	
21.09. pm	Post-Conference workshops	

* Sessions of third party organisations

Roadmap

Submission of abstracts	April 15, 2016
Acceptance of abstracts	June 15, 2016
Reconfirmation of participation	June 30, 2016
Submission of workshops	June 30, 2016
Payment of conference fee	July 20, 2016
Acceptance of workshops	July 31, 2016
Submission of full paper	October 31, 2016

Conference fees

	by July 20, 2016	later
Full Participants	100 €	150 €
PhD candidates	60 €	90 €
ATSAF PhD Members	30 €	90 €
Students	10 €	20 €

Please transfer your conference fee to

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Conference location

Tropentag 2016 will be held at University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria.

A map indicating the venue and facilities will be posted on the conference website: www.tropentag.de

Social activities and services

The Apéro on September 19, 2016 provides the opportunity to meet and get to know each other.

The social evening on September 20, 2016 will be an informal conference dinner to facilitate discussions and exchange among participants. For food and drinks a fee of 10 € (students), and 20 € (other participants) will be charged.

More detailed information will be published on the **Tropentag website**: www.tropentag.de

Organisation committee

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