



IAALD XIIIth World Congress
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Scientific and Technical Information and Rural Development: Highlights of Innovative Practices

1st Call for papers

The renewed worldwide interest in agriculture and questions dealing with food crises increase the need for quality information for actors in rural development. Bringing their knowledge and know-how, the Scientific and Technical Information Specialists can contribute to providing this information.

The congress organized by the International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD) and Agropolis International will ensure fruitful exchanges between information specialists and actors of rural development. With this aim in view, the Congress committees prepared a stimulating programme and attracted an impressive list of high level keynote speakers. Through keynote presentations, oral presentations, a poster session as well as parallel workshops, the Congress participants will explore how scientific and technical information is playing a key role in rural development, now at the top of the agenda of international development.

Expected contributions

Researchers, information professionals, members of farmer organizations, publishers, stakeholders involved in the generation, management, or dissemination of knowledge in the area of agricultural sciences and technologies are invited to submit proposals for oral presentations or posters.

Papers must address one of the following themes:

- Innovative learning processes
- Information services, the need for a continued redefinition
- Communication and Information exchange for multiple stakeholders
- Information systems for structured and integrated information
- Information products and services as public policy enablers

For further information on the 5 themes of the congress:

<http://iaald2010.agropolis.fr/>

Abstract Submission

Those wishing to present a paper or a poster should register and submit their abstract in English (maximum 300 words) to the following address:

<http://iaald2010.agropolis.fr/conference/call-for-papers/submission>

Authors may attach a French abstract to the English one. The deadline for abstract submission is 15 October 2009.

Selection of papers and posters

The Scientific Committee will select papers and posters on the basis of the submitted abstracts. Authors will be informed of the acceptance or rejection of their paper on 16 November 2009. The final version of accepted papers or posters is required by 1st February 2010.

A selection of the papers will be published in a special issue of 'Agricultural Information Worldwide', the IAALD Journal. The remaining papers will be available on the Congress website.

Important dates

- 1st Call for papers: 22 June 2009
- 2nd Call for papers: 15 September 2009
- Opening of Congress registration: 30 September 2009
- Deadline for abstract submission: 15 October 2009
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts: 16 November 2009
- Deadline for submission of full paper: 1st February 2010

Further information

Guidelines for authors, Conference programme, workshop topics, information on registration and fees, conference venue and hotel accommodation will be posted and regularly updated on the Congress website: <http://iaald2010.agropolis.fr>

The official language of the Congress will be English. Plenary sessions will benefit of simultaneous translation (French/English and English/French).

Registration fees

- From 30 September 2009 to 31 January 2010: 250 €
- From 1st February 2010 to 31 March 2010: 300 €
- End of registration: 31 March 2010