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# IAALD

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## IAALD XIII<sup>th</sup> World Congress 26-29 April 2010, Montpellier, France

### Scientific and Technical Information and Rural Development Highlights of Innovative Practices



Organized by IAALD and Agropolis International  
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## IAALD

International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists

The mission of IAALD is to enable its members to create, capture, access and disseminate information to achieve a more productive and sustainable use of the world's land, water, and renewable natural resources. To further this mission, IAALD:

- connects agricultural information specialists worldwide, providing platforms and spaces for information dissemination, exchange and knowledge sharing;
- convenes agricultural information specialists worldwide, organizing meetings and catalyzing dialogue among all agricultural information stakeholders;
- communicates and advocates the value of knowledge and information to its members and others, improving the status and practice of agricultural information management and dissemination;
- collaborates with members and other partner organizations, facilitating and catalyzing educational and other opportunities across agricultural information communities.

## Agropolis International World centre for agricultural, food and environmental sciences

Agropolis International assembles research and higher education institutions: 2300 researchers and lecturers, around 4000 students and trainees. Agropolis International assembles the largest scientific community in fields related to agriculture, food, biodiversity, environment and rural societies open to the development of the Mediterranean and tropical regions. The STI Commission works with 35 documentation centres or libraries.

### Key-dates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Papers and posters: June 2009
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Papers and posters: September 2009
- Deadline for submission of abstracts: October 15<sup>th</sup> 2009

### Languages

- English
- French

### Participants

- Agricultural information specialists
- Actors of rural development
- International organizations in the field of agricultural research
- Library staff of major botanic gardens in the world
- 300 participants are expected

### Venue

- The congress will be held in Montpellier-SupAgro-INRA Campus.

Montpellier is located in the South of France on the Mediterranean coast. The town can easily be reached by plane from all countries via Paris airports (1h flight), London airports or by high-speed train (TGV) from Paris (3h20), Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport (3h30) and Brussels (5h).



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### 1. Innovative learning processes

Within this theme, we look for contributions that illustrate innovative learning processes of and among agricultural stakeholders - including farmers, educators and researchers.

### 2. Information services, the need for a continued redefinition

This theme will explore information services tailored to fit the needs of specific end users. We expect these will include, among others, SDI, Q&A services, libraries, open access mechanisms, web 2.0 services, etc.

### 3. Communication and information exchange for multiple stakeholders

This theme will cover all issues related to information exchange as well as communication processes among all stakeholders involved in agricultural research for rural development. Likewise, issues related to innovation as a multi-stakeholder mechanism and how innovation is co-produced by a wide range of actors can provide an interesting focus of this session.

### 4. Information systems for structured and integrated information

This theme is dedicated to 'high value information systems'. It will cover structured, integrated and relational information systems (e.g. Who is doing what, and what are the results or lessons learned?), knowledge-based systems, systems facilitating decision making processes, and systems enabling the diagnosis of species (such as weeds, etc).

### 5. Information products and services as public policy enablers

This theme is dedicated to information and communication approaches and systems that facilitate and enable the definition and implementation of public policies, whether national, grassroots or international. Papers illustrating the role played by scientific and technical information and communication specialists, and the way this information is made available for a wide range of citizens may be presented, particularly those which touch on innovative ways to open a public debate on key global issues.

The congress organized by IAALD and Agropolis International will focus on innovative practices in the agricultural information sector. It will promote fruitful exchanges between information specialists and actors of rural development facing the key challenges in agriculture

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