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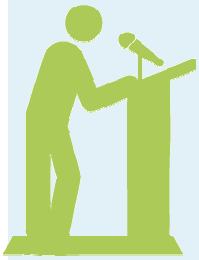
Editorial



Dear EurSafe Members,

As with any publication that is dependent on external sources for its content, sometimes it happens that we are not able to keep the promises we made. Due to a late retraction of the papers that were promised, I am reluctantly presenting you the first Newsletter in at least 5 years without a thematic section. Hopefully we can bring you that “Nanny Nation” issue later ...

What we do have, and I’m sure this will interest you all, is a finalised version of the EurSafe 2012 Call for Abstracts, and loads of must-have information on our favourite conference.

We also announce the conception of a new regional partnership for German speaking EurSafe members: the DACH network. The birth has been announced to happen during the 2012 conference!

Last, but not least, we have the usual long list of interesting conferences to clog your agenda with. Enjoy!

Stef Aerts
Chief Editor

EurSafe 2012

30 May – 2 June 2012, Tübingen, Germany,

Call for Abstracts

10th Congress of the European Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics (EurSafe)
Tübingen, Germany,
30. May – 2. June 2012

Climate Change and Sustainable Development:
Ethical Perspectives on Land Use and Food Production

Climate change is one of the major framing conditions for sustainable development of agriculture and food production. This is connected to ongoing changes in and of land-use practices which are related to local, regional and global scales, often dubbed as 'glocal' situations. That characterisation also applies to the closely related land and waters use domains of forestry and fisheries.

Agricultural and food ethics and its adjacent fields need to address well known, but aggravated 'old' problems. These are, among others, desertification due to temperature increase, changing precipitation regimes, unsustainable and/or unfair land-use and water regimes, pressure on arable land due to the loss of coastal areas, soil degradation and suburban sprawl, and the strain placed on both environment and animal welfare as a consequence of a growing worldwide demand for animal products. Also the manifold socio-economic implications on justice and fairness have to be investigated from different ethical perspectives.

At the same time, however, climate change creates specific effects: There are and will be new irreversible changes of natural and anthropogenic systems. Mitigation and adaptation measures to counter or slow down climate change have already resulted in considerable changes in agri- and silvicultural land-use. This is mainly but not only due to the significant increase in growing plants for energy supply ("biofuels"). Another perspective is the purchase or long-term tenancy of arable land or of water rights in the countries of the global south by wealthy nations and by transnational enterprises. In the case of animal production, specific dilemmas arise when a narrow focus on carbon efficiency favours intensive production systems which are decoupled from many traditional agricultural considerations.

These issues are only some of the many dimensions which demand reflection from an agricultural and food ethics perspective and thus examination by the community of scholars involved in EurSafe. The 10th EurSafe Congress will address the topic of climate change and sustainable development under four main perspectives: (1) food production, (2) preservation of natural resources, (3) lifestyles (4) general philosophical and historical issues of climate change, sustainable development and food ethics. There are overlaps, so sessions within the programme will examine different foci providing a stimulating and challenging array of contributions to the congress.

You will be asked to submit your abstract for a paper or a poster under one of the four main themes. The sub-themes are issues of major interest and papers should address at least one of them. However, the structure of both the conference volume and the sessions at the conference will be adjusted according to the thematic scope of papers accepted:

THEME 1: CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD PRODUCTION

This section is devoted to questions of climate adaption and mitigation measures with regard to agriculture, fisheries and the related technologies for food production. Problems such as changing land-use, agricultural water consumption, reduction of greenhouse gases, degradation/pollution and animal welfare will be addressed. These issues are of course also related to overall perspectives of sustainable development.

1.1 Agricultural and aquacultural production systems adapting to climate change
1.2 Land ownership and land grab
1.3 Animal farming and animal welfare
1.4 Intensive vs. extensive production practices
1.5 Role of genetically modified organisms
1.6 Production priorities: food vs. fibre vs. fuel

THEME 2: CLIMATE CHANGE AND PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

This section focuses on how natural sources that support food production can be maintained, hence providing basic capital for sustainable development under conditions of climate change.

2.1 Land-use changes
2.2 Water rights and regimes: demands and supplies
2.3 Local breeds and cultural traditions in a changing world
2.4 Biodiversity and/or ecosystem services
2.5 Patenting, food/feed markets and global socio-economic perspectives
2.6 Sustainable transport systems related to agri-food
2.7 Managing change – new options for sustainable development

THEME 3: CLIMATE CHANGE AND LIFE STYLES

This section focuses on the issue of new lifestyles that are compatible, or not, with climate adaption and mitigation (also referred to as compensation) measures with regard to food. Different types of actor responsibility (individual, regional, collective, state, global) in coping with climate change could be discussed here.

3.1 'Glocalization' and food: the role of local actors in addressing global challenges
3.2 Lifestyles and institutional perspectives: regulation, law, governance
3.3 Lifestyle and its relation to animal welfare
3.4 Lifestyle and resources (e.g. mobility, "virtual" water content of products)
3.5. 'Ethical' or 'green' consumerism
3.6. Education and food ethics

THEME 4: GENERAL PHILOSOPHICAL AND HISTORICAL ISSUES

This section focuses on more general philosophical and historical questions of climate change, sustainability, agricultural and food ethics.

4.1 Towards a general philosophy of agriculture and food production
4.2 Teaching sustainable development and ethics: concepts and practical cases
4.3 Values and norms in sustainable food production: links to international governance
4.4 Historical perspectives on colonisation, globalisation and land use

Electronic submissions of abstracts for papers and posters are sought until 1st September 2011 under www.eursafe2012.eu. All abstracts will be reviewed by a scientific committee and successful candidates are asked to submit the full paper (ca. 25.000 characters) or poster (text version) by 9th December 2011 in order to have the printed volume of the Congress Book with all contributions ready for the conference 2012.

Proposals for sessions with 3-4 related papers are welcomed, but all papers have to be submitted and will be reviewed also individually. A session proposal contains name and address of the proponent, a brief description of its theme, and the list of authors and papers suggested. It is due also 1st September 2011 and should be e-mailed to eursafe2012@izew.uni-tuebingen.de

Proposals for workshops with others formats (workgroups, discussion, film, etc.) during the conference should reach the Scientific Committee by 9th December 2011. The proposal should contain name and address of the person proposing the workshop, a brief description of its theme and special focus, and an outline of the format of the workshop. The ethical aspects should be made explicit. The description should be under 1000 words and sent to eursafe2012@izew.uni-tuebingen.de

Timeline

01.09.2011	Deadline for submission of abstracts (for Papers, Posters, Sessions)
02.09.-20.10.2011	Review by Scientific Committee
21.10.2011	Decision sent to authors
09.12.2011	Submission of full paper Deadline for suggestions of Workshops
10.02.2012	Review by Scientific Committee, if appl. revision by authors, editing

Conference fees

Before 1.4.2012		After 1.4.2012	
EurSafe members	310€	EurSafe members	340€
Non-EurSafe members	360€	Non-EurSafe members	390€
Students	120€	Students	150€

The fees include a copy of the Congress Book, tea/coffee/snacks, 2 luncheons and the conference dinner.

Conference Date
30th May (Wed evening) – 2nd June 2012 (Sat afternoon)

Venue
Tübingen - Theology Building of Tübingen University, Liebermeisterstr. 12-16, 72076 Tübingen, Germany

Local Host
International Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW), Tübingen University, Wilhelmstr. 19, 72074 Tübingen, Germany

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New for German speaking EurSafe members

DACH-Network

EurSafe members of German speaking countries have been organizing activities mainly independently from each other within the last year. These initiatives led to a loose network of people working in the field of agricultural and food ethics.

In order to make the scientific exchange among Germany (D), Austria (A), and Switzerland (CH) more efficient and give it a regular basis, it is planned to establish a DACH-Network amongst German speaking EurSafe members.

During the EurSafe conference in Tübingen 2012 a workshop will be organized to discuss ideas and a possible road-map for that future network.

If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact Herwig Grimm (herwig.grimm@elkb.de) a.s.a.p.

Conferences 2011/2012

July 4	Perspektiven biogener Gase in Baden-Württemberg. Tagung der Akademie ländlicher Raum Baden-Württemberg Stuttgart, Germany http://www.itas.fzk.de/v/tagung_perspektiven_biogener_gase_in_ba-wü_juli_2011.pdf
July 4-6	Offshore Foundations for Wind Turbines Bremen, Germany http://www.box.net/shared/p2pzed4mio
July 6-9	10th Global Conference: Environmental Justice and Global Citizenship Oxford, United Kingdom http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/ethos/environmental-justice-and-global-citizenship/call-for-papers/
July 8	SCI BioResources Young Researchers 2011 South Reading, United Kingdom http://www.soci.org/General-Pages/Display-Event?EventCode=pest317
July 8	Gesundheit für alle? Jahrestagung des Centrums für Bioethik Münster Münster, Germany http://www.uni-muenster.de/imperia/md/content/bioethik/jahrestagung_public_health_2011.pdf
July 8-11	10th Global Conference: Environmental Justice and Global Citizenship Oxford, United Kingdom http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/ethos/environmental-justice-and-global-citizenship/call-for-papers/
July 18-20	Biosafety, biosecurity, and Biodefence 2011 International Congress Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia http://biossdcongress.com
July 19-24	European Youth Meeting for Sustainable Development 2011 (EYM2011) Tallinn, Estonia http://www.eym2011.eu
July 21-22	The third international conference on climate change: impacts and responses Rio de Janeiro, Brazil http://www.Climate-Conference.com
July 26-29	3rd International Conference on Sustainable Animal Agriculture for Developing Countries (SAADC 2011) Nakhon Ratchasima, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand www.saadc2011.com/home.php
August 5-7	Fifth International Workshop on Natural Energies (IWONE 2011) Höör, Sweden http://www.iet-community.org/iwone/IWONE5/
August 5-8	Third International Conference on Science in Society Washington DC, United States http://science-society.com/conference-2011/
August 15-20	Law, Science, Technology. XXV. World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy Frankfurt, Germany http://www.ivr2011.org/

August 17-20	Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH) Zurich, Switzerland http://www.ethik.uzh.ch/ibme/news/espmh-conference/ESPMH-Zurich-2011.pdf
August 22-24	ACES 2011: Conservation Conflicts: Strategies for coping with a changing world Aberdeen, Scotland, UK http://www.aces-2011.org
August 23-26	EmCon 2011 - Emerging Contaminants in the Environment Copenhagen, Denmark http://www.emcon2011.com
August 24-27	Symposium on Ethics of Environmental Health Prague, Czech Republic http://www.seeh2011.org
August 30-September 2	EAAE 2011 Congress: Change and Uncertainty; Challenges for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Zurich, Switzerland http://www.eaae2011.ch/
September 2-4	14th ICPP: Ethics, Experience and Evidence: Integration of Perspectives in Psychiatry Gothenburg, Sweden http://www.phil.gu.se/sffp/sffp_eng.html
September 4-8	6th Science Centre World Congress Cape Town, South Africa http://www.6scwc.org/
September 5 – 15	Medical Ethics & Legal Medicine Civitavecchia, Italy http://www.continuingeducation.net/coursedetails.php?program_number=886
September 6-9	Agricultural and Biotechnology International Conference Johannisburg, South Africa http://www.abic2011.co.za
September 9-10	Emergent Critical Environments: Where Next for Ecology and the Humanities? London, United Kingdom http://emergentenvironments.wordpress.com/2011/01/25/emergent-critical-environments/
September 19 – 21	Global AgInvesting Europe 2011 Geneva, Switzerland http://events.soyatech.com/conference.php?cid=24
September 22 - 23	On Human Nature. Does Ethics of the Lifesciences need Anthropology? Herbsttagung der Europäischen Akademie zur Erforschung von Folgen wissenschaftlich-technischer Entwicklungen Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler Bonn, Germany www.ea-aw.de
September 29 – October 2	Die Selbstbestimmung des Patienten und die Medizin der Zukunft. Perspektiven einer Medizinethik des 21. Jahrhunderts. Jahrestagung der Akademie für Ethik in der Medizin 2011 Göttingen, Germany www.aem-online.de

October 2-7	3rd Symposium on Environmental Weeds & Invasive Plants (Intractable Weeds and Plant Invaders) Ticino, Switzerland http://www.ewrs.org/coming_events.asp
October 3 - 6	Publish or Perish. Intensive Course on research and publishing in the field of bioethics. Leuven, Belgium http://med.kuleuven.be/Faculteit_Geneeskunde/english/borders/erasmus-mundus-bioethics/publishing-in-bioethics
October 4 - 6	Ressourcen – Lebensqualität – Sinn. Gerechtigkeit für die Zukunft denken Tagung des Instituts für christliche Sozialethik Münster Münster, Germany http://www.uni-muenster.de/FB2/ics/
October 5 - 8	3rd Conference of the „European Philosophy of Science Association“ Athens, Greece http://epsa11.phs.uoa.gr/
October 15-19	The IDF World Dairy Summit 2011 Parma, Italy http://www.wds2011.com/enter.html
October 28-29	Bucharest Conference in Applied Ethics 2011 University of Bucharest, Romania http://www.bcae.ro/
November 2-4	Sixth International Symposium on non-CO2 Greenhouse Gases Amsterdam, Netherlands http://www.ncgg.info
November 17-18	Politik, Wissenschaft und Technik. Themenoffene Nachwuchstagung 2011 Berlin, Germany http://www.politics-science-technology.org/
	2012
May 7 - 11	6th World Fisheries Congress Edinburgh, UK http://www.6thwfc2012.com/
May 30 – June 2	EurSafe 2012 Tübingen, Germany www.eursafe2012.eu
July 1-7	Minding Animals Conference Utrecht University, The Netherlands www.mindinganimals.com

Funding: FP7 Calls

MARIE CURIE CAREER INTEGRATION GRANTS (CIG)
Identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2011-CIG
Deadlines: 06 September 2011 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) -
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=379

MARIE CURIE INTRA-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT (IEF)
Identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2011-IEF
Deadline: 11 August 2011 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=395

MARIE CURIE INTERNATIONAL OUTGOING FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT (IOF)
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http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=397

MARIE CURIE INTERNATIONAL INCOMING FELLOWSHIPS (IIF)
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Editors and themes next issues

September 2011	Raymond Anthony: “Social justice and hunger/food security”
December 2011	Tassos Michalopoulos: “Food Market & Consumption Ethics”
March 2012	Kate Millar: “Ethical decision-making tools”

Deadline for the next issue: September 1, 2011

You are kindly invited to send any relevant contributions, conference calls, publication reviews, etc. to the editors.