



15th Meeting of the FAO-CIHEAM Mountain Pastures Network
Integrated research for the sustainability of mountain pastures
7th to 9th October 2009
Les Diablerets – Switzerland
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Food and Agriculture Organisation of United Nations (FAO)
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Main objectives

The 15th Meeting of FAO-CIHEAM Mountain Pastures Sub-Network will focus on:

- overview on the various possibilities of financing international projects
- definition of joined research projects (continuation of COST proposal: Plant biodiversity and high-quality animal products from mountain grassland systems)
- involvement of early-stage researchers
- state of the scientific knowledge.

The programme comprises invited and short talks, poster presentations, workshops and technical excursion.

Contributions are sought in the following three sessions:

- Session 1: transnational and multidisciplinary research programmes
- Session 2: high quality animal products and landscapes stakes
- Session 3: fodder production adapted to the environment.

The meeting will be an opportunity to exchange ideas, methodologies and results for all those involved in environment, grassland, grazing system, botanic, forage production and quality, animal production, animal products quality, sociology and economy. It aims to stimulate transnational and interdisciplinary research activities.

Provisional Programme (January 2009)

7th October

Registration / Opening ceremony

Introductory talk

Alain Peeters (Belgium) "FAO-CIHEAM networks news"

Christian Flury (Switzerland) "Agroscope's research programme AgriMontana" ...

Session 1: transnational and multidisciplinary research programmes

Maria Yakoulaki (Greece) – EU projects "GeoRange", "Desurvey", "Vista", "GrazeMed"

Erich Pötsch (Austria) – an introduction into "SALVERE – Semi natural grassland as a source of biodiversity improvement"

Ann Noderhaug (Norway) – Nordic project

8th October

Workshops

- W1 Biodiversity, grazing selection and dietary characteristics with Ann Noderhaug (Norway) and Giampiero Lombardi (Italy)
- W2 Livestock and grassland characteristics with Maria Yiakoulaki (Greece) and Erich Pötsch (Austria)
- W3 Characteristics of high quality MDM products with Florian Leiber (Switzerland) ...
- W4 Sociological analysis of MDM production and marketing with Maya Stoykova (Bulgaria) ...
- W5 Transversal analysis and dissemination with Alain Peeters (Belgium) ...

Excursion

Farm and pastures visit

Friendship evening

9th October

Session 2: high quality animal products and landscapes stakes Chairperson Bruno Martin (France)

Session 3: fodder production adapted to the environment ...

End of the meeting

Accommodation

In order to facilitate exchanges and to ensure a good user-friendliness, the participants will be accommodated in the same hotel near the congress Centre in Les Diablerets. Low prices have been negotiated.