

Joint meeting of "Mountain Pastures, Mediterranean Forage Resources and Mountain Cheese" networks



Field trip on Wednesday 25



TOPICS

- ❖ Pasture diversity, production and other ecosystem services, prevention of risks
- ❖ Biodiversity, from soil to plant and cheese
- ❖ Management of forage and livestock resources
- ❖ Multiple performances of pasture-based systems in a context of global change



- ③ Meeting web site: <https://colloque.inra.fr/jmfao2014cf>
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Meeting venue

VetAgro Sup
Site de Clermont
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<http://www.vetagro-sup.fr/linstitut/acces/site-de-clermont>

JOINT MEETING OF THE "MOUNTAIN PASTURES, MEDITERRANEAN FORAGE RESOURCES (FAO/SCORENA - CIHEAM) AND MOUNTAIN CHEESE" NETWORKS

24-26 June 2014
Clermont-Ferrand, France

Forage resources and ecosystem services provided by Mountain and Mediterranean grasslands and rangelands



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PRESENTATION OF THE MEETING

Welcome to the first joint meeting of FAO-CIHEAM Mountain Pastures and Mediterranean Forages Resources networks and Mountain Cheese network.

The meeting concern the sustainable utilisation of forages resources by domestic herbivores in constrained environments (mountainous and/or Mediterranean areas). In such conditions livestock farming systems have to combine production, preservation of high environmental value areas and product quality. The sustainability of animal production relies on their ability to reconcile **economic performance** based on the added-value of high quality animal products and **ecological performance** based on the implementation of management practices relying on agro-ecological principles and allowing compensatory payments.

This multidisciplinary meeting aims at sharing/contrasting viewpoints, methods and results of specialised scientists working on grassland and rangeland evaluation and utilisation. In a context of climate change and environmental concerns, livestock farming systems in Mediterranean and mountainous areas share issues common to harsh environments, which can be dealt with by using similar theoretical and methodological frameworks. **Cultivated or spontaneous vegetation, herbaceous or ligneous species, all forage resources should be considered together, as complementary items contributing to the multiple performance of livestock systems.**

The meeting will deal with questions related to forage production, ecosystem services, biodiversity, use of forage resources by livestock, milk, cheese and meat quality. **The spatial scales can range from plant-animal to paddock, herd, livestock farming system and landscape.** The meeting will comprise three sessions common to the 3 networks and one session during which three workshops will be held.

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	Tuesday 24 th June	Wednesday 25 th June	Thursday 26 th June
Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8h-9h - Registration 9h-10h - Opening session 10h-10h30 - Coffee break 10h30- 13h - Plenary session 1: Forage services for animal production and product quality <i>Key-notes and oral communications</i>	2 MID-CONGRESS TOURS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8h30-10h30 - Three parallel workshops focused on future research needs <i>Oral communications and discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10h30-11h30 - Coffee break <i>Poster viewing</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11h30-12h30 - Plenary session 3: Combining and reconciling services at farming system and landscape scales <i>Key-notes</i>
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13h-14h30 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12h30-14h
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14h30- 18h - Plenary session 2: Ecosystem services, prevention of risks <i>Key-notes and oral communications</i> <i>Poster viewing</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14h-16h - Plenary session 3 (continuing) <i>Oral communications</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16h-17h: Closing session
Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social event in Puy de Dôme area 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free: Enjoy Clermont-Ferrand by night

MAIN DATES

- **1st September 2013** - Opening of the call for offered communications
- **15th October 2013** - Deadline for abstract submission for offered communications
- **3rd February 2014** - Deadline for the authors to send the written papers of offered communications
- **14th April 2014** - Deadline for registration payment to benefit from the reduced rate
- **24-26 June 2014** - Meeting in Clermont-Ferrand
- **Information on registration (fees, accomodation...) will be regularly updated on the meeting website:**
<https://colloque.inra.fr/jmfao2014cf>

PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the Joint Meeting FAO2014, containing the invited papers (full text up to 10 pages maximum) plus the papers from oral and poster presentations (4 pages maximum per paper) will be published in a volume of "Options Méditerranéennes", and distributed to the participants. The volume will also be published on line on the websites of the congress and of IAMZ-CIHEAM.

2 MID-CONGRESS TOURS

Two trips will be proposed to the participant, illustrating the link between biodiversity, system management, landscape and products.