

**International Association of Agri-food Economics – AIEA2**

**V INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**  
**«Perspectives of the Agri-food System in the new Millenium»**  
**(SYMP2001)**

**Food safety, New technologies and Human resources in the Agri-food System**

**BOLOGNA 5-8 SEPTEMBER 2001**

The AIEA2 will organise in Bologna the 5<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on **Perspectives on Agri-food System**. The main subject will be faced from different prespectives and will concerns different disciplines, as Economics, Management Science, Sociology, History, Geography, Etnic and Nutrition. The ambition of the Symposium is to confirm that Agri-food Economics as a multidisciplinary science.

The first three days will be held in three Plenary Sessions and several parallel Thematic Sessions.

The last day will be devoted to organise tours to visit some Agri-food enterprises, in order to verify the effects of the EU norms (e.g. Food Safety Standards, HACCP etc.) on production and trade. Some Dairy, Meat and Fruit processing enterprises already gave their availability.

**OBJECTIVES AND SUBJECTS**

The aim of the Symposium is to analyse the perspectives of the Agrifood System in the new Millennium. The Symposium will contribute to define prospect analysis, future scenario and specific tasks analysis in the Agrifood System. The Congress will develop discussions among researchers and will give support to the action of policy makers and entrepreneurs of the Food System.

The main subject of the Symposium is **FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY**.

Other subjects: New Technologies, Human Resources and Development.

**1. Food Safety and Security in the Agri-food System: in Rich Northern Countries and in Poor Southern Countries;**

Relation to the different meanings and perspectives that Food Policy assumes will be investigated in both Rich Northern and Poor Southern Countries. For the Northern Countries the topic is mainly related to Safety and Quality of Food and in particular to Hygiene Requirements. Food scares are relevant for their effects on market risk perception. For Southern Countries, risk is mainly related to the problem of «food availability» (food security) and its distribution. The Security and the risk are also related to Income Distribution, Rural Poverty, Prices changes and the role of Trade in rural development.

**2. New Technologies in the Agri-food System, Biotechnology, Functional Diet;**

The technological changes that affect the Agri-food system are several and relevant. They influence the rapid transformation of the main component of the Food Chain and the

relationships among them. The Symposium will focus mainly on: (a) Information and Computer Technologies; (b) Biotechnology. The Information Technology will be considered for their influence on the organisation of production, the relationships between producers and consumers, the valorisation of local and typical products in the globalisation process. The Biotechnology will be analysed both for its potentiality to solve problems and its cares on Food Safety when the different perception among producers and consumers is concerned. The different policy options for the Biotechnology future development will be also analysed. The issues related to GMO and Biotechnology assume different meanings according to the geographic position. Hence they are strictly related with those of topic 1, concerning Food Safety and Food Security.

### **3. Human Resources**

This topic will analyse the relevance that Human Resources have assumed in the fast change scenario of the Agri-food development, from local to global problems. The relationships among Human Resources and the adoption of new technologies will be stressed. Comparative analysis among Countries and Regions will be stimulated to measure the influence of Human Resources on the development of the Agri-food System. Interesting subjects will be related to the role of Education, Migration, Genders and Minority, in the development of Agri-food System.

The Congress will give the opportunity for international experiences exchanging. It will also give to the invited enterprises the possibility to get a perspective analysis and a specific analysis on Food Security, New Technologies and Human Resources to spread results.

#### **DATE AND LOCATION**

The Symposium will be held on 5 – 8 September, 2001 in Bologna, Italy.  
Plenary and Thematic Sessions will be located in Aula Magna Santa Lucia, Via Castiglione, 36, and San Giovanni in Monte, Piazza San Giovanni in Monte, 2.  
Additional information about Accomodation and travel will be provided through the web site.

#### **LANGUAGE**

Official languages will be English, French, Spanish and Italian.  
The abstracts and papers will be in English and French.

For any additional and updated information (Registration Fees, Accomodation etc.), please look at the web site:

<http://www.aiea2-symp.org>

#### **The Symposium is organised by:**

*Dipartimento di Scienze Statistiche, Università degli Studi di Bologna (www.stat.unibo.it)*  
Via Belli Arti, 41  
40126 BOLOGNA (Italia)  
Phone number: ++39-051-2098213 (14)  
Fax: ++39-051-232153

For any information please contact:

dr. Federica Cisilino (e-mail: [cisilino@stat.unibo.it](mailto:cisilino@stat.unibo.it)) - Phone Number: ++39-051-2098190

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**April 30, 2001**

**Before May 15, 2001**

**June 30, 2001**

**July 31, 2001**

**September 5-8, 2001**

**Deadline for submission of abstract**

**Authors notified of accepted papers**

**Final call with Registration Form**

**Final draft of paper due**

**Symp 2001 Congress, Bologna, Italy.**

### **THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

President: Prof. Roberto Fanfani (Bologna University, Italy),

Prof. Paolo De Castro (Bologna University, Italy),

Dr. Margarita Flores (United Nations, Mexico),

Prof. Dinu Gavrilescu (Institutul de Economie Agrara, Bucarest, Romania)

Prof. Rémy Lambert (Laval University, Quebec, Canada).

Prof. Mohamed Larbi Sidmou (Cadi Ayyad University, Marrakech, Marocco),

Prof. Jean Louis Rastoin (Ecole National Superieure Agronomique, Montpellier, France),

Prof. Domenico Regazzi (Bologna University, Italy)

### **THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

President: Prof. Jean-Louis Rastoin (ENSA, Montpellier),

Prof. Fausto Cantarelli (Parma University)

Prof. Guy Debailleul (Laval University),

Prof. Felisa Cena Delgado (Cordoba University),

Prof. Roberto Fanfani (Bologna University),

Prof. Gérard Ghersi (CIHEAM-IAM Montpellier),

Prof. Alejandro Gutierrez (Université des Andes, Merida)

Prof. Augusto Marinelli (Firenze University).