



Agrinatura Newsletter 14/10/2024



Natura 1988, Leuven.



Agrinatura 2024, Helsinki.

Dear Agrinatura members, partners, and colleagues:

We are Celebrating 36 Years of Agrinatura

This week marks a special milestone for us. On October 13, 1988, the organisation that would eventually evolve into Agrinatura was founded under the name "Natura." Over the past 36 years, we have grown and transformed, staying true to our mission of advancing sustainable agriculture and education. As we celebrate this anniversary, we reflect on our journey and look forward to the future with renewed commitment.

Thank you for being part of this amazing organisation.

Dr Mabel Hernandez-Altamirano

Calls

The 1st National Agroecology Symposium Kenya

Theme: Sustainable Future: Advancing Agroecology for Food Sovereignty and Climate Resilience

6th – 7th November 2024 +3 UTC

Registration [HERE](#)

From our members and partners

Reminder: 14th ICA Rectors and Deans Forum in Zagreb, Croatia

ICA pre-forum webinars on **23-24 October**

ICA edu workshop, 23-24 October „Developing best teaching and learning practices for the professional use of AI in Life Sciences Higher Education“. More information and full agenda [HERE](#).

ICA Bio-Edu Cop Workshop, 23 – 24 October „Engaging with the corporate world to enhance the provision by life science universities and faculties of lifelong learning for professionals in the Bioeconomy“. More information and full agenda [HERE](#).

The 14th ICA Rectors and Deans Forum “The Future of Agriculture and Forestry in Europe: implications for Life Science Universities” will be held on 24 and 25 October. More information and full agenda [HERE](#).

More details and registration [HERE](#)

REMINDER: INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR THE MAIDEN TROPICAL SUMMIT 2024 - Organized by FARA and the University of Lisbon - **November 4 - 8, 2024**. For registration click [HERE](#)

More information [HERE](#)

Vacancies/fellowships/advertisements

The Natural Resources Institute (NRI) at the University of Greenwich, UK, seeks applications for a **Professor of Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity and Head of the Department for Agriculture Health and Environment**. The successful candidate will be responsible for driving initiatives that secure the production of food and agricultural products for a growing global population while protecting our living environment and conserving natural and agricultural biodiversity. This role is pivotal in aligning our efforts with Sustainable Development Goals focusing on

sustainable land management, food security, and social equity. The successful candidate should be a leading international scholar capable of leading and managing a diverse group of researchers and research infrastructure including licenced glasshouses designed for climate change research, an insectary, cutting-edge chemistry, microbiology, and molecular biology and microbiology laboratories, and access to high-performance computing facilities. Our strong and established network of global partners in the developing world provides unique opportunities for context-relevant research in challenging, real-world contexts.

Location: Medway Campus

Salary: £67,757 to £80,695 per annum

Contract Type: Permanent

Release Date: Thursday 10 October 2024

Closing Date: Thursday 31 October 2024

Interview Date: To be confirmed

Reference: 4768

For an informal discussion about the post please contact NRI's Director, Professor **Sheryl Hendriks** at s.l.hendriks@greenwich.ac.uk

More information [HERE](#)

Scientist – Vegetable Breeding Eastern and Southern Africa

Applicants should submit a letter of application explaining their suitability for and interest in the position along with an updated curriculum vitae, a recent passport-size photograph, names, and addresses (including telephone/fax/e-mail) of three referees, and date of availability to human.resources@worldveg.org. The submission deadline is before **15 October 2024**. Please mention the position title in the subject line.

ToR [HERE](#)

Webinars

Horizon 2020 MATS Project

Final Conference

November 19-20, 2024, Brussels, Belgium

Hybrid Event, open to the public

Both Onsite and Online link to [register here](#) (you can attend sessions online in separate time slots).

For more information click [HERE](#)

InfoPoint Hybrid Conference: "World Food Day:

Team Europe committed to supporting healthy diets and nutrition"

- **Wednesday 16 October, 13:00- 14:30 (CEST)**

Registration [HERE](#)

FiBL Open Day: Organic transformation of food systems, a full-day **online event**, which is taking place on the **27th of November**.

This will be a great opportunity to learn and interact with the researchers from the FiBL Group, a pioneer in organic agriculture research for over 50 years.

To check the program click [HERE](#) and for registration [HERE](#)

FAO Science and Innovation Forum 2024 | 14 -18 October, FAO HQ and online.

This year's theme is "Inclusive Science and Innovation for Agrifood Systems Transformation, Leaving No One Behind."

More information and registration [HERE](#)

Another interesting newsletter

DeSIRA-LIFT News Brief

This issue provides updates on ongoing collaborative learning efforts across research and innovation networks. It covers recent developments, including peer learning activities, insights from the Multi-Stakeholder Partnership, and policy change reviews, as well as highlights from DeSIRA CONNECT Days. Additionally, we introduce new knowledge products, such as the first Stories of Change publication, showcasing contributions to agricultural transitions towards sustainability. Stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities within the DeSIRA community.

More information [HERE](#)

One Planet Fellowship Programme (OPFP) END OF THE OPFP

AST Flash News #17

Keep up-to-date with the Advanced Science Training (AST) of the One Planet Fellowship Programme (OPFP)

Access [HERE](#)

VCA4D Knowledge Brief No.2

VCA4D is pleased to share the second installment in its series of **Knowledge Briefs**, designed to summarize a selection of transversal analyses prepared for last year's VCA4D conference. This second issue focuses on the role of midstream actors in the value chain.

Full access [HERE](#)

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Webinars and events in October, more information [HERE](#)

[More information about articles, courses, awards](#)

Why Gender Matters in Collective Action for Agricultural Innovation

PDF content [HERE](#)

New courses are available on Farmer Field Schools at the FAO eLearning Academy.

Farmer Field School (FFS) is a participatory education approach that brings together a group of small-scale food producers to solve production problems through sustainable agriculture. The FFS approach offers space for hands-on group learning, enhancing skills for observation and critical analysis, and improved decision-making by local communities.

More information [HERE](#)

Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development.

Unlocking the potential: Key drivers of rural youth participation in smallholder farming

Full article [HERE](#)

Secretary General of Agrinatura Association

AGRINATURA is a grouping of European universities and research organizations with a common interest in sustainably supporting agricultural development to improve people's lives. AGRINATURA focuses on initiatives that open up new opportunities for farmers to enhance food security and improve the agro-food sector in general, while reducing the negative impact of agricultural activities on the environment. AGRINATURA members are involved in various issues related to agricultural research and education for development contributing through their expertise and experience. www.agrinatura.eu