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UNICAM

UNICAM conference
Siem Reap, Cambodia
27-29 August 2018

Sustainable Agriculture in Cambodia
Current knowledge applications and future needs

We are very pleased to announce the upcoming UNICAM conference held in Siem Reap (Cambodia) from 27-29 August 2018.

[UNICAM](#) is an Erasmus+ project focused on the development of master programmes in sustainable agriculture (MSA) made up of eight universities from Cambodia, Belgium, France, Italy and Spain.

The main objective of this event is to share the knowledge and agree on the steps needed to encourage more and more sustainable agriculture production.

As we know there is undeniable evidence that agriculture plays an important role on global change. To that is added the large carbon footprint that food production and distribution leaves behind. Likewise, global change and more specifically the uncertainty deriving from climate change poses a threat to agriculture as it is understood today. This is truly a pressing matter which demands more and more a move to sustainable agriculture worldwide.

It is worth mentioning that if we move to agricultural practices that minimize the use of pesticides the benefits will not be only for human and environmental health but it will also increase the commercial value of the agricultural goods.

We are convinced that the concepts taught in subjects in our MSA, and those that will be presented and discussed with key stakeholders and end-users during the conference will benefit our society, but more importantly will persist in future generations leading to a sustainable implementation of the lessons learnt.

Helena Guasch on behalf of the organizing committee



Preliminary Program

27 August

Short training courses (morning) and welcome (afternoon)

8:30-12:00 (simultaneous workshops)

- Workshop on communication skills for master and PhD students
Sarah Voller, ABBEY Communication, Malmesbury, UK.

14:00-17:00

- Welcome (organizers and authorities)
- Presentation of the conference and summary of UNICAM results

28 August

Sustainable Agriculture in Cambodia

9:00-18:00

Session 1. Sustainable agriculture in Cambodia: state of the art and future trends

Session 2. Sustainable agriculture in Cambodia: case studies

29 August

Environmental, social and economic impacts of Agriculture

9:00-18:00

Session 3. Environmental and human health effects of agriculture and strategies for an efficient use of water resources and chemicals

Session 4. Social and economic impacts of sustainable agriculture in Cambodia

Closure and communication of poster awards

Abstracts for a poster or oral presentation are welcome:

- Submission of abstracts: 10 May-14 June
- Selection of abstracts: 18 June

Important dates

- Final program: 20 June
- Early registration: 25 June-20 July
- Late registration: until 15 August 2018



Conference venue

The conference will be held at Angkor Paradise Hotel in Siem Reap.

<http://www.angkorparadise.net/>

Plenary Speakers

- Prof. Michael Eddleston, Edinburgh unit and Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
- Prof. Stijn Speelman, University of Gent, Belgium

We encourage master and PhD students to submit an abstract and prepare a poster of their research and follow the webinars and workshop that will help them to build up the skills needed to present a poster to an international audience

There will be a committee (made up of attendees and specialists in communication) that will assess the posters and presentations and propose the awards.

Organizing committee

Dr. Sovan Lek, University Paul Sabatier, Toulouse III, France

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