



*First Conference of the Italian Association of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AIEEA)
Trento, June, 4-5 2012*

Towards a Sustainable Bio-economy: Economic Issues and Policy Challenges

Call for papers

Environment, energy, health, food safety and food security are among the most important nowadays issues linked with the challenge of a sustainable development of the so called bio-economy. Agriculture is a core sector of the bio-economy but the latter includes other important industries producing and/or exploiting natural resources, such as forestry, marine activities or several bio-based manufacturing industries.

The challenge of a sustainable development of the overall bio-economy claims for a careful analysis of the interdependencies between the bio-based industries as well as of their relationships with natural resources. There is also the need to improve the knowledge about the generation, diffusion and impact of innovation patterns consistent with a sustainable development of the bio-economy. Finally, it is crucial to develop analytical frameworks aiming at improving the design of appropriate policies to overcome potential market failures in the bio-economy and to assess their impact from a global perspective.

Economic and policy issues dealing with climate change, land use for energy purposes, research and innovations in the bio-economy, technology options for developed and developing countries, the sustainable use of natural resources are the main themes of the first Conference of the AIEEA.

AIEEA welcomes the submission of contributions on the topics above. However, the submission of contributions on all agricultural and applied economics topics is encouraged as well.

Submissions

Contribution proposals may be submitted either in Italian or in English from January 10th 2012 onward through the conference website at www.aieea.org. There are three types of contributions: contributed papers, organized sessions, and posters.

Contributed papers:

Participants who would like to present a paper are requested to submit an extended abstract (1000 words) before February 15th 2012. Abstracts should include a discussion of the relevance of the topic, describe research methodology, discuss theoretical and/or

empirical results, and emphasize the paper potential for generating discussion during the conference.

All submitted abstracts will be subject to a blind peer review process. Paper acceptance will be notified to authors by March 15th 2012.

The full version of the accepted papers should be submitted by May 15th 2012, otherwise the paper will be withdrawn from the conference program.

The abstracts of the accepted papers will be made available on the website of the Conference, while the full-texts should be posted on *AgEcon Search* by May 15th 2012. Selected accepted papers will be considered for publication in *Bio-based and Applied Economics*.

Organized session:

Participants are invited to propose organized sessions primarily but not exclusively on topics relevant to the conference themes. Proposals (2000 words) should include the name of the organizer, the session title, the name of contributors, the title and the abstract of each paper. A number of papers not exceeding 5 is warmly recommended. Proposals should be submitted by February 15th 2012 and acceptance will be notified to authors by March 15th 2012. Organized session proposals will be subject to a peer review process.

Posters

AIEAA welcomes the presentation of posters. Participants should submit an abstract (500 words) by February 15th 2012. Posters acceptance will be notified to authors by March 15th 2012. Poster proposals will be subject to a blind peer review process.

The presenting authors of papers, posters or organized sessions must register for the conference before May 15th 2012; otherwise the paper/session/poster will be withdrawn from the conference program.

Important deadlines

Submissions:	February 15 th , 2012
Notification of acceptance:	March 15 th , 2012
Full paper/poster submission and upload on <i>Agecon search</i> :	May 15 th , 2012
Authors registration deadline:	May 15 th , 2012

Keynote speakers

Carlo Carraro (*University of Venice*)

Roberto Esposti (*Polytechnic University of Marche, Ancona*)

Giancarlo Moschini (*Iowa State University*)

Jo Swinnen (*Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*)

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Registration fees

Full (Senior):	120 Euro
Reduced (Phd, students)	50 Euro

Registration fees include 2012 AIEAA membership as well as the conference lunches the coffee breaks and the social dinner.

Information and contacts

For more updated information and contacts, please refer to the conference website at www.aieaa.org.