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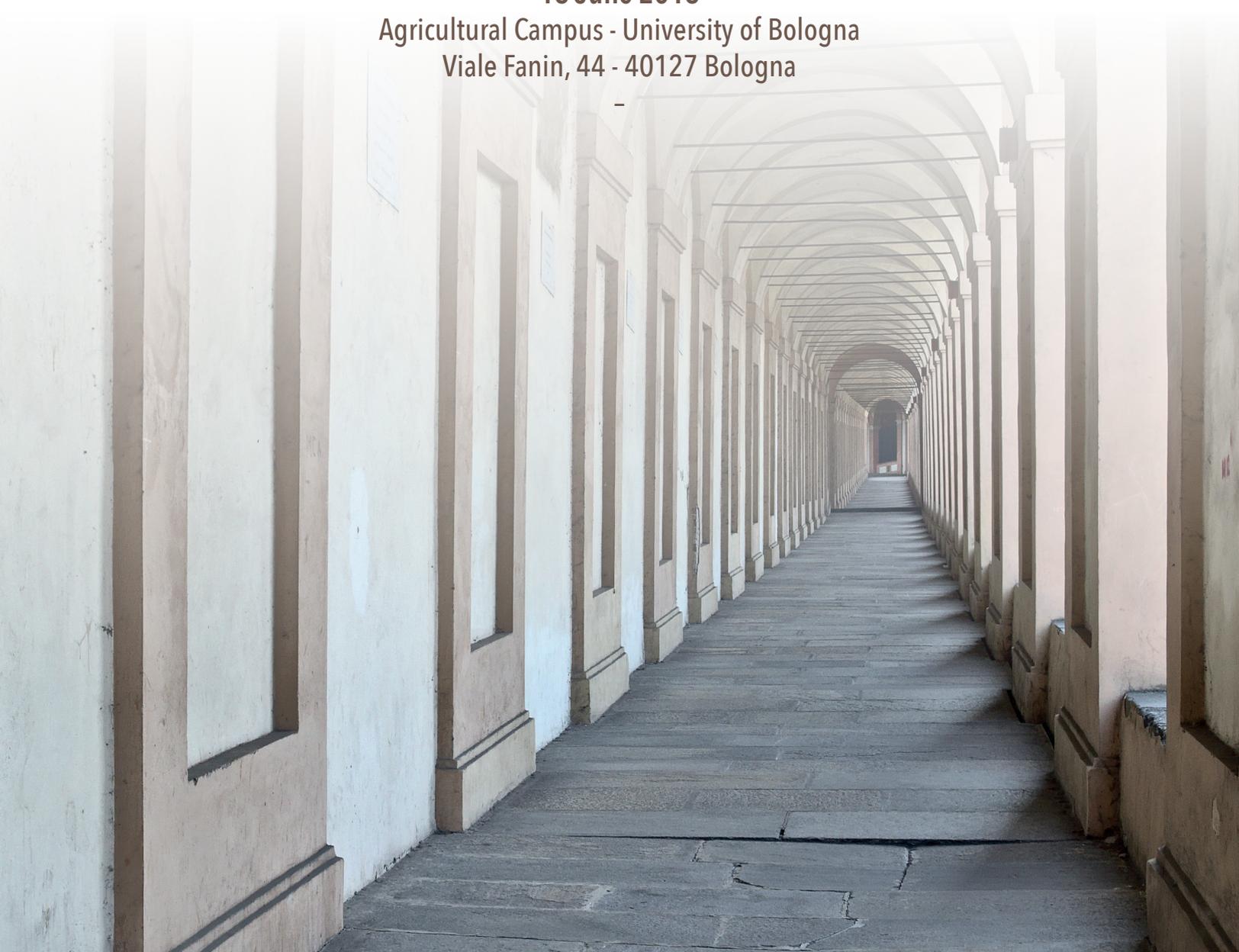
## **PRE-CONFERENCE**

*The role of research in agriculture and the implementation  
of the European Innovation Partnership  
"Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability"*

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**16 June 2016**  
Agricultural Campus - University of Bologna  
Viale Fanin, 44 - 40127 Bologna

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## OBJECTIVES

The European Union's strategy 'Europe 2020' for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth sets the strengthening of research and innovation as one of its five main objectives. Following this approach, the CAP post 2013 place a large emphasis on innovation. Among other initiatives, the European Innovation Partnership was launched in 2012 and actions aimed at boosting innovations play a key role in the Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020. Measure 16.1, launched in several countries/regions of the EU, implements Operational Groups.

*Specific objectives of the preconference are:*

- presenting the state of the art about research and innovation role in agriculture
- discuss the role of the EIP in the wider context of research and innovation in agriculture;
- having a better insight into local implementations of the Operational Groups and Innovation at Member State level and in the framework of regional Rural Development Plans 2014-2020;
- understanding the interactive approach between researchers, policy makers and market actors supported by the EIP.

## PROGRAMME

- 9.00 - 9.30 am**      *Registration and welcome coffee*
- 9.30 - 9.40 am**      Welcome and Opening
- 9.40 - 10.10 am**      Research, Innovation and agricultural productivity  
**P. Midmore**, Coordinator of FP7 IMPRESA project
- 10.10 - 10.40 am**      European Innovation Partnership 'Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability'  
**R. Passero**, MiPAAF
- 10.40 - 12.10 am**      Regional and country experiences with Operational Groups in Measure 16.1 of RDPs 2014-2020:
- Austria (**M. Linninger**, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management)
  - Germany (**A. Piorr**, ZALF and Anita Bebleck, Agrathear)
  - Emilia-Romagna (**G. Cargioli**, Regione Emilia Romagna)
  - Veneto (**F. Osele**, Regione Veneto)
  - Alto Adige (**M. Oberhuber**, Experimental Station of Laimburg)
  - Italy - Rural Network activities connected to the EIP (**A. Vagnozzi**, CREA)
- 12.10 - 12.20 am**      Discussion/Conclusions
- 12.30 - 1.30 pm**      Lunch
- 9.00 - 1.30 pm**      Project poster session