



*8th Conference of the Italian Association of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AIEAA)
13-14 June 2019; Pistoia, Italy*

Tomorrow's Food: Diet transition and its implications on health and the environment

Call for Papers

Despite past progress, approximately 3 billion people across the globe have low-quality diets. Nearly a quarter of all children under five years of age are stunted, more than 2 billion people have insufficient micronutrients. While undernourishment is concentrated in developing countries, the incidence of overweight and obesity is growing in every region. As a result, many economies are seriously underperforming, and diet-related chronic diseases are placing ever-greater demands on health care systems.

At the same time, environmental impacts of current food production and consumption patterns are rampant. The food system contributes to approximately 20-30% of greenhouse gases (GHG) total emissions, 15-25% from agriculture/land use change and 5-10% from packaging, transportation and waste disposal.

The situation is set to worsen dramatically over the next 20 years as powerful drivers of change such as population growth, climate change, diet transition towards animal products and urbanization converge on food systems. This concern is reflected by various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – namely, “Zero hunger” (SDG-2), “Good health and wellbeing” (SDG-3), and “Responsible consumption and production” (SDG-12), just to mention the most important ones – that try to address these issues. While these problems are of utmost urgency for low- and middle-income countries, they are also a stark concern for all countries.

Considerable challenges need to be addressed in order to have an effective and sustainable diet transition. In particular, food systems need to be harnessed so that they nourish rather than merely feed people. This alone will open up countless opportunities for interventions that decision makers can tailor to specific situations. Furthermore, priorities for action at national and international levels as well as detailed advice and guidance need to be identified in order to provide guidance to decision makers.

The 8th AIEAA Congress will therefore focus on the conundrum represented by the interaction of economic development, nutrition and health, and sustainability. Sustainable diets are intended to address the increasing health and environmental concerns related to food production and consumption. Although many candidates for sustainable diets have emerged, a comprehensive analysis of these diets has not been done yet. A number of public policies have been proposed to promote healthy and environmentally sustainable diets at production and consumption levels, but the level of integration is still relatively low. New evidence is needed on the effectiveness of public policies for sustainable diets.



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

Submissions

Contribution proposals should be submitted in English through the conference website at www.aieaa.org. There are three types of contributions: contributed papers, organized sessions, and posters.

Contributed papers

Participants intending to present a paper are requested to submit a long abstract (minimum 1500 words; maximum 2,000 words) before **February 15**, 2019. Abstracts should be sent using the abstract submission form, that includes:

- a. Introduction to the topic and objectives of the paper
- b. Description of data and research methodology
- c. Discussion of theoretical and/or empirical results
- d. Main conclusions and emphasis on the paper's potential for generating discussion during the conference
- e. A list of few essential references.

All submitted abstracts will be subject to a double-blind peer review process. Authors will be notified of paper acceptance by **March 20**, 2019.

The full version of accepted papers, or a revised version of the long abstract, should be compulsorily submitted by **May 20**, 2019.

Upon Authors' authorization, the long abstracts of accepted papers will be made available on the conference website, and the full text/long abstract will be posted on *AgEcon Search*. A selection of accepted full papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of *Bio-based and Applied Economics*, after going through the journal's standard review process.

Organized sessions

Participants are invited to propose organized sessions primarily, but not exclusively, on topics relevant to the conference themes. Proposals (max 3,000 words) should include the name of the organizer, the session title, the name of contributors, and the title and abstract of each paper. It is suggested that proposed sessions include no more than four papers. Proposals should be submitted using the organized session form by **February 15**, 2019. Organized session proposals will be subject to a peer review process. Authors will be notified of acceptance by **March 20**, 2019.

Posters

AIEAA welcomes the submission of posters. Accepted posters will be presented and discussed in dedicated sessions. Participants should submit an abstract (max 500 words) by **February 15**, 2019. Poster proposals will be subject to a blind peer review process. Authors will be notified of poster acceptance by **March 20**, 2019.



Presenting author's registration

Authors presenting papers, posters, or organized sessions must register for the conference before **May 20**, 2019 (failing that the paper/session/poster will be withdrawn from the conference program).

Important deadlines

Abstract submission by authors: **February 15, 2019**

Notification of acceptance to authors: **March 20, 2019**

Full paper/long abstract/poster submission: **May 20, 2019**

Authors' registration deadline: **May 20, 2019**.

Keynote speakers

Vincent Requillart (Toulouse School of Economics & INRA, France)

Jennie Macdiarmid (University of Aberdeen, UK)

Daniele Moro (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Piacenza, Italy)

Conference Schedule

The pre-conference will be held on June 13, 2019 in the morning.

The 8th AIEEA Conference will start at 1.30 PM on Thursday, June 13 2019, and will end by 5.00 PM on Friday, June 14 2019.

Program Committee

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Early Registration fees (before April 30)

Regular fee: 200€ (150€ if already member in 2019)

Reduced fee (Ph.D. students, Postdoc): 100€ (80€ if already member in 2019)

Donor member fee: 250€ (150 € if already member in 2019)

Registration fees include the conference lunches, the coffee breaks and the social dinner.

Late Registration fees (after April 30)

Regular fee: 250€ (200€ if already member in 2019)

Reduced fee (Ph.D. students, Postdoc): 150€ (130€ if already member in 2019)

Donor member fee: 300€ (200€ if already member in 2019)

Registration fees include the conference lunches, the coffee breaks and the social dinner.

**Registration Procedure**

Online registration will be possible on the conference website (<https://www.aieaa.org/aieaaconference2019>).

Information and contacts

For more updated information and contacts, please refer to the conference website at www.aieaa.org or email: aieaa2019@disei.unifi.it.