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Michele Moretti, presentation letter as AIEAA board member

I am a junior researcher at the Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment of the University of Pisa (Italy), where I teach a master course on “Rural and Environmental Appraisal” and research fellow at the Department of Business Management of the University of Antwerp (Belgium). After the PhD. in “Agroforestry Bio-systems Management” (at the University of Bari “Aldo Moro”, 2015), I continued as post-doc researcher at the Centre for Environmental Sciences at University of Hasselt (Belgium); in the Department of Modelling and Development at Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech – University of Liège (Belgium); at the Business Management and Bio-engineering Faculty of the University of Antwerp (Belgium), working on international research projects.

My research interests align with sustainability science because this field demonstrate a commitment to solve linked economic, environmental, and social, problems through inter- and transdisciplinary approaches address. My research activities focus on the functioning and vulnerabilities of agriculture and food systems in ensuring food provisioning and rural livelihood in sustainable ways, the sustainability performance of agricultural systems and agri-food value chains, the digitalization of agri-food systems, the evaluation of ecosystem services provided by agriculture, and rural development and relevant policies and governance arrangements. In the past seven years, I had the opportunity to explore diverse themes, benefitting from the involvement in interdisciplinary research groups. I have been working in connections with economists, biologists, environmental scientists, sociologists, and diverse societal and policy actors. This allowed me to expand the perspective on the multidimensionality of agriculture and food systems and their role in addressing the environmental, socio-economic and political challenges affecting contemporary society.

I am regular member of the AIEAA since 2021. Although I had limited chances (so far) to participate to congresses, seminars, and other events, I experienced stimulating exchanges with both younger and more advanced AIEAA’s researchers, and I valued the lively environment and international outreach.

With this background and experience, I am willing to contribute to AIEAA research and activities. I forward my candidature as a member of the board, hoping to serve the association in the coming years.

I sincerely thank you for your attention and trust

Yours faithfully

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