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International Conference

ANNOUNCEMENT and CALL FOR PAPERS

The Greening of Agro-Industries and Networks in Asia: Challenges and Opportunities

Bangkok, Thailand

27 – 28 October 2006

Background

Agro-industrial sectors, chains and networks in Southeast and East Asia are currently undergoing rapid transformations. This transition includes fast technological innovations, new organizational and management arrangements, globalizing production and consumption chains and networks, changing power balances and new requirements for quality and sustainability. In this process of accelerated change, governments and agro-industrial producers are faced with the challenge to balance social and economic development with environmental sustainability. Variations in dynamics, institutional settings, sectoral characteristics and locational patterns between different countries and sectors complicate the search for successful models of environmental governance, both nationally and transnationally.

Objectives

This conference will bring together environmental scientists and policymakers to analyse new opportunities and challenges for improving sustainability of agro-industrial production and consumption in Southeast and East Asia. It aims to contribute to the design of more sustainable agro-food policies, technologies, systems and networks, and to stimulate communication between scholars and policymakers. Accepted papers will be considered for inclusion in an internationally published, peer-reviewed book on the theme of the conference aimed at a broad audience of scholars and policymakers.

Themes

Papers are invited on a variety of related topics, including:

- Agro-industrial restructuring: policy and innovations
- The role of small and medium-sized producers and processors
- Adoption of environmental technologies in agro-industries
- Environmental governance: practices and contributors
- Non-conventional actors: consumers, co-ops, and NGOs
- Global markets and networks in greening agro-industry
- New instruments: labelling/ certification, voluntary agreements
- Food safety in a globalized world: policies, practices and challenges

Conference Format

- Keynote addresses
- Panel discussions
- Oral presentations of research
- Science – policy interactions

Date and Venue

This international conference will be held at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, on 27 – 28 October 2006.

Schedule and Deadlines

- Submission of abstracts 15 May 2006
- Review of abstracts 15 June 2006
- Full papers submission 15 September 2006

Registration

The organisation of the conference is kindly supported by Wageningen University through the Agro-Industrial Transformations Towards Sustainability (AGITS) project. Travel costs will be participants' responsibility. Accommodations will be provided for participants whose papers have been accepted and submitted in full by the required deadlines.



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