



26th Annual Conference of the
Austrian Society of Agricultural Economics

CALL FOR PAPERS

**Co-operation between
Research and Practice**
*A key to competitiveness
and innovation in agriculture?*

15th-16th September 2016

at the University College for Agrarian and
Environmental Pedagogy, Vienna, Austria



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Farmers are confronted with great challenges in a rapidly changing environment: they need to anticipate a high degree of price uncertainty, to integrate new technologies into their business operations and to find distribution channels in increasingly industrialised value chains. Research can assist in addressing these challenges and improving farm competitiveness by collaborating with farmers and extension services throughout the process, from the joint formulation of research questions to the development of innovative solutions and their implementation in practice. The *European Innovation Partnerships (EIPs)* – currently under construction in many EU Member States – can be considered an operative approach for this co-operation between research and practice.

The 26th Annual Conference of the Austrian Society of Agricultural Economics focuses on the preconditions for research and practice to create an innovative environment and to stimulate the competitiveness of farm businesses. In the plenary session, the keynote speakers will elaborate on the general topic of the conference; the contributed paper sessions and workshops, however, are also open to other topics. This call, therefore, addresses researchers in the fields of agricultural economics, geography, history and law as well as rural sociology and development to present their recent work. The conference is a unique opportunity for early-career researchers to present their current work to an international audience of researchers and practitioners. Representatives of public administration, policy, education and agricultural extension services are encouraged to offer workshops in order to discuss extensively questions of practical relevance with experts and stakeholders.

Short papers of up to two pages for the conference proceedings or one-page workshop outlines are welcome by 29th April 2016 in German or English (templates: <http://oega.boku.ac.at>).

1. Conference schedule

Thursday, 15 th September 2016	
Morning	Plenary session on the general topic
Noon	Lunch (included in the contribution to costs)
Afternoon	Contributed paper sessions and workshops
Evening	Evening reception and ceremony of the <i>ÖGA Award</i>
Friday, 16 th September 2016	
Morning	Contributed paper sessions
Afternoon	Field trip

2. Contributed paper sessions and workshops

Topics for contributed papers and workshops beyond the general topic:

- Rural sociology
- Agricultural, resource and environmental economics
- Business economics, development and strategies
- Organic agriculture
- Renewable energies
- Gender issues
- Rural areas, multi-functionality and ecosystems services
- Markets, marketing, consumption
- Agricultural policy and law
- Food security, safety and sovereignty

Contributions focusing on any other area relating to agricultural and food science are welcome.

Workshops are chaired discussions; workshop outlines may be submitted in line with the respective formatting template.

3. Review process and conference proceedings

The programming committee will review the short papers and workshop outlines. The authors of the selected submissions are invited to give a paper presentation, a poster presentation or to organise a workshop at the conference. In addition, manuscripts of up to 10 pages can be submitted to the peer-reviewed *ÖGA Yearbook* by 7th October 2016 (template: <http://oega.boku.ac.at>).

4. Conference languages and awards

Presentations of the plenary sessions are given in German or English. Short papers and workshop outlines are welcome in either language. If possible, at least one of the contributed paper sessions should be organised in English. Speakers are requested to use the same language as in the short paper or workshop outline. Speakers of the best presentations will be awarded the *Best Presentation Award*.

5. Contribution to costs

A contribution to costs of **€90** should be paid by **31st August 2016** into the *ÖGA's* bank account (IBAN: AT81 1200 0251 1113 6100; BIC: BKAUATWW). The amount includes attendance of the conference, lunch on Thursday, refreshment breaks and the evening reception. The cost of accommodation and of the field trip are not included.

6. Important dates in 2016

Date	Description
29 th April	Deadline for submitting short papers and workshop outlines
3 rd June	Notification of acceptance of submissions
31 st August	Deadline for registration Deadline for transferring the €90 contribution to costs
15 th -16 th September	<i>ÖGA</i> Annual Conference at the University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy, Vienna, Austria
7 th October	Deadline for submitting manuscripts to the <i>ÖGA Yearbook</i>

7. Organising committee

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