

Land Quality and Land Use Information in the European Union

International conference

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Background

Following recent scientific and policy developments —also reflected in international environmental agreements—, land quality is now regarded as an integrated measure of different aspects of land ecosystem services.

The support of environmentally sound land management that is adapted to the site-specific ecological conditions became a priority area in the agricultural and rural development policy of the European Union as well.

Although land is an indispensable economic resource and an essential element in the ecological system, so far there is no comprehensive information on land quality in Europe.

However, the efficiency of agricultural and rural development policies as well as land-related environmental programs can be enhanced considerably if decisions are based on the analysis of land quality.

In order to optimize the utilisation of production potential and environmental services of agriculture and to enhance the competitiveness of European farms, new information on soil resources and land quality and novel approaches of land information management are needed.

Goals

The conference is organized to facilitate the exchange of information and views among stakeholders involved in land management, land resources research and land use policy planning. As services based on land information show a rapidly growing trend within the service sector, the views of service providers (insurance companies, land banks, advisory companies etc.) are also considered.

Exchange of experiences on the conference can contribute to an enhanced understanding on the role of land quality in rural systems and to progress the development of land information, land registries, land use planning and related services based on land quality on different levels; from farm to continental scales in Europe.



Key questions addressed

I Environmental and production aspects of land in EU policies

- food production
- land eco-services
- marginal lands and land degradation

II Land quality in the European Union

- existing knowledge and current projects

III Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection of the EU / Proposal for an EU directive on Soil protection

IV Scientific basis of land evaluation

- land evaluation methodologies
- status of the FAO Framework of Land Evaluation
- system approach and integrated land quality assessment

V Land use data management

- INSPIRE
- land quality and cadastral maps
- farming data
- the role of land quality and management of land quality information in land registries

VI The role of land quality in the activities of agricultural enterprises

- financial credibility
- agricultural insurances

VII Land management planning

VIII Economic land evaluation

IX Land quality evaluation of non-cropland land utilization types

X Global issues and European land

- climate, biodiversity, desertification



Important dates

2010

- March Call for paper opens
1 September Registration opens
30 November Closing date for paper submission

2011

- 15 February Confirmation of paper acceptance; editorial / reviewer comments; confirmation of oral presentations
28 February Final date for registration with paper presentation (for publication in conference proceedings)
15 March Final date for resubmission of accepted / corrected papers
15 March Announcement of final program of the conference
30 April Final date for registration without presentation

Conference venue

Balaton Conference Centre <http://www.balatonszinhaz.hu/>
Hungary, Keszthely, Fő tér 3 [Central Square 3]

Registration

Via conference website.

Registration fee

250 Euro. Includes:

- participation on the conference
- conference program and book + CD
- 2 buffet lunches and a conference dinner
- coffee and refreshments

Payment bank details will be available in September 2010

Accommodation

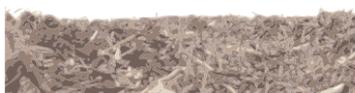
Keszthely and Hévíz. Various 2-5 star hotels
www.keszthely.hu www.heviz.hu

Travelling to Keszthely

By air. Direct: FlyBalaton Airport
Through Budapest: Budapest Airport
By train: <http://www.mav-start.hu/english/>

Information

Conference website: <http://landq2011.uni-pannon.hu/>
e-mail: lq2011@uni-pannon.hu



Publication

Invited plenary presentations

They will be given on the first day of the conference: high level representatives of the European Commission, government of the republic of Hungary, scientists, European farmers organizations.

Oral and poster presentations

The second day of the conference is dedicated to oral and poster presentations on the conference topics.

Proceedings

Accepted papers of oral presentations will be published in the conference proceedings, papers of poster presentations will be published on CD.

Language

The language of the conference is English.

Instruction for paper preparation

Papers of maximum 10 pages should be submitted electronically using MS World version 6.0 (or newer)

<i>Paper size</i>	custom size (width 17cm; high 24cm)
<i>Margins</i>	top 2,25; bottom 2,25; left 2,1; right 2,1; gutter 1,25
<i>Letter size</i>	title 12 (bold, centred); below authors(s) 11 (bold, italics, centred); text 11 (justified), Times New Roman
<i>Chapters</i>	without numbering, title of chapters: size 11, bold, centred
<i>Subchapter</i>	without numbering, title of chapters: size 11, bold, italics, aligned left
<i>Formatting</i>	justified, Indentation: left-o, right-o, special-first line, by-1cm
<i>Spacing</i>	before 12pt, after 12pt, line spacing: single
<i>References</i>	in the text: author (small letter), year; in reference list: author (small letter), year, title of publication, place of publication, page number

Submission of papers

Via conference website.

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