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CEJA news and activities

CEJA speaks at the European Young Farmers Day in Poland

The European Young Farmers Day held in Poznan, Poland on 12th February was the first event of its kind held in Central and Eastern Europe. It attracted over 1000 Polish farmers, including the Polish Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development Marek Sawicki as well as guests from across Europe. CEJA's delegation was composed of President Joris Baecke, Vice-President Ingrid Pettersson, Secretary General Inga Klawitter and our Polish trainee Krzysztof Laskowski. Several young farmers from CEJA member organizations also made it to Poznan – many of them driving for more than 10



hours! Two CEJA member organizations from Poland, ZMW and CNMR were responsible for organizing the event, which was targeted at young people who have already taken over their parents' farms or were about to do it soon.

At the plenary session on "Efficient agricultural lobbying in Brussels" CEJA President Joris Baecke delivered an important speech of how CEJA can be even more successful in putting its common positions

across to better serve the interests of young farmers around Europe. The presentation was a detailed analysis of the role that CEJA plays in the decision-making process in Brussels, outlining its key strengths such as diversity. It concluded in saying that the more involved the member organizations are, the stronger CEJA's position in the process is, and even though the EU legislation process can be difficult to influence, the real strength of CEJA lies in its united positions on different policy proposals.

Joris Baecke's presentation was preceded by the announcement of 10 postulates for the European Union by two presidents of Polish organizations, Michał Modrzejewski of ZMW and Robert Stępień of CNMR. In his opening speech Robert Stępień said, that the original goals of Common Agricultural Policy are as relevant as ever, especially in Central and Eastern Europe, and therefore both organizations believe that CAP is the best policy to guarantee amelioration of the standard of living in the rural areas and securing provision of quality food at reasonable prices.



DEFINITE DATE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The CEJA General Assembly will take place in the COPA-COGECA Meeting Room on the **7th of April 2010**. **The next working group meeting is scheduled for the 08.04.2010**, the day after the General Assembly. It will take place in COPA's meeting room, including simultaneous translation into 5 or 6 languages. For the timing, we propose to start late on the 07.04.2010, at approximately 11am, and finish around 16h on 08.04.2010 to give people the chance to travel the same days. We are looking forward to hearing from you concerning your participation at these events.

After Seville: things-to-do

With the E-info you will find attached our **evaluation sheet**. Please, fill it and send us or ASAJA. We only received one document and need much more! It is attached in English and French but you can also receive it in Spanish from the organisers.

ASAJA needs

- your booking documents with the **name** of the traveller, the **dates** and the **total costs**
- the **original tickets or boarding cards**

All **transports documents** should be sent to:

<p>Asociación Agraria Jóvenes Agricultores de Sevilla (ASAJA-Sevilla) For the attention of Ms. Mercedes Domínguez Av. San Francisco Javier, 9 - 3^a Pta. Edf. Sevilla - 2 E-41018 Sevilla Tlf. (+34) 954 65 17 11 (+34) 954 65 17 11 Fax (+34) 954 64 47 73</p>
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It is probably good to send them by **registered mail with receipt** to make sure they arrive and **make a copy beforehand** – just in case.

If you have **travelled by car**, please fill in the car declaration attached.

CEJA at COPA-COGECA Presidium

“Be young is not a quality but a potentiality! I am the youngest at the EC, even at the EC there is a place for young people!” This is the message that the new EU Farm Commissioner Dacian Cioloş sent during the COPA-COGECA Presidium to the young farmers, represented by Julien Valentin, the CEJA Vice-president. Valentin recalled how a historic member of CEJA is now in Cioloş’ team (Hausler used to be the CEJA Secretary General), then Cioloş underlined the importance of the role that young farmers will have in the new CAP. He firmly stated that young farmers are the most legitimate contractual part in the discussion for the future budget, considering that it is worthless to fight for a strong budget if there are no young people in agriculture. During the Presidium, EU Farm Leaders exchanged views in a lively debate and asked many questions to Cioloş. He declared that he wants to maintain a strong CAP-post 2013, with direct aid payments to farmers. “Strong EU market management tools are essential. New measures must also be examined in a bid to ensure that consumers are assured greater price stability and to help producers withstand crises”, said COPA President Pdraig Walshe. While Cogeca President Paolo Bruni stressed the need to ensure that cooperatives and producer groups have a stronger position in the food chain: “I call on Mr Cioloş and his colleague in charge of Competition Policy to examine EU competition rules in a bid to improve the operation of the food supply chain”, he said.



CEJA meets the Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives of Murcia (FECOAM)



FECOAM, a Spanish agricultural organization requested a meeting with CEJA after it recently set up a representation in Brussels. Daniel Puglisi, in his new role as Communications Officer met the Spanish representative in the Regional Offices of Murcia in Brussels on Friday 12th February to inform of CEJA’s work and was welcomed with a detailed presentation of FECOAM’s operations. The organization represents 22,000 people in the agri-sector in the South East of Spain. Its wide ranging activities include research and development, training and educating young people for example via setting up an agricultural MBA programme for university students. In particular FECOAM expressed possible interest in collaborating with CEJA on various upcoming European projects. Exchanging contact with other agricultural organizations active at Brussels level is always welcome to assess the different approaches and views of colleagues in the sector. For more information about FECOAM [click here](#)

CEJA Presidency in the agri press

The Seville seminar generated press attention in Spain and elsewhere in the immediate days after the event and there are still some post seminar press cuttings and features of interest. An interview of CEJA President Joris Baecke by the Campo Regional magazine of ASAJA Castilla y Leon, the biggest member organization of ASAJA shows Joris discuss issues related to young farmers concerns stating the clear message that action and policies are what’s needed.

JORIS BAECKE
PRESIDENTE DEL CONSEJO EUROPEO DE JÓVENES AGRICULTORES

“Los jóvenes no necesitamos grandes palabras, sino acciones y políticas concretas”



La Sección Nueva, Sevilla (sevilla.es) - El sector agrícola español, y en particular el de los jóvenes agricultores, necesita un cambio de rumbo. Joris Baecke, presidente del Consejo Europeo de Jóvenes Agricultores, lo afirma con claridad en una entrevista con la Sección Nueva. Baecke, que es también presidente de la Federación Española de Jóvenes Agricultores (FEJA), afirma que los jóvenes agricultores necesitan acciones concretas y políticas que les permitan seguir trabajando en el sector. Baecke, que es también presidente de la Federación Española de Jóvenes Agricultores (FEJA), afirma que los jóvenes agricultores necesitan acciones concretas y políticas que les permitan seguir trabajando en el sector.

Staff changes

As announced in the last E-info, Anne Fitzpatrick, the Assistant to the Secretary General has left CEJA and we wish her great success in her new career at the Irish Supreme Court. At the same time, following several months of working as trainees, becoming familiar with CEJA's day to day operations and getting a strong introductory understanding of the workings of the Brussels agri-scene, Gaya Ducceschi has been hired as Project Officer and Daniel Puglisi as Communication Officer. Their new e-mail addresses are: g.ducceschi@ceja.be and d.puglisi@ceja.be.

Do you like the E-info?

A primary goal is to meet our members' needs. That is why we hope you can fill in the questionnaire attached. Using the questionnaire we would like to find out what you think about the E-info, your expectations and how we can improve it. Please send us the questionnaire.

Looking for a special Milking device!

Dear Members, the European Parliament asked if CEJA can help in finding a special Milking device, as shown in the picture. Please, send us an e-mail to ceja@ceja.be if you have any suggestions.



Young Farmer upcoming events

BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP in Hungary, 10th-13th March: "Role of young farmers' organisations in the execution of national rural development programs"

As highlighted by Kamilla Kesjar for those of you who were in Seville, AGRYA, within the framework of the regional platform CERYC, will organise a special workshop, exploring the role of and opportunities for young farmers' organisations in the implementation and execution of national rural development plans. The workshops are targeted specifically at young farmers. The event will compare individual projects at national level and discuss each phase of their implementation and execution. It is organised in two sections: the first consists of presentations and workshops, while second part is more practical in nature, involving a series of farm visits. A maximum of 60 participants are invited to participate in this event and 30 participants have already subscribed from Hungary, Slovakia and Romania.



Accommodation

The Hotel for the event has been confirmed as the Gottwald Wellness Hotel, only 50 km far from Budapest next to the M1 highway. The conference rooms together can receive about 150 people. The hotel is newly furnished and well equipped. The acclimatized rooms have their own bathroom, mini bar, direct dial phone, Internet access, colored TV and satellite programs. In the there is a garden grill- or goulash parties. For more information on the hotel visit: www.gottwald.hu

Participants must pay for their travel expenses only, but all other fees, such as accommodation, meals and internal travel will be covered by AGRYA. Furthermore, there is no participation fee for the event.

The working language is English but simultaneous translation will be provided in three additional languages in accordance with the nationalities of the participants.

Deadline for application is 26th February 2010. Please contact AGRYA if you are interested in participating.

Other details: A Hungarian State Secretary will participate with the possibility of a high level representative from Romania. On 12th March farm visits are scheduled with visits planned in Hungary and Slovakia.

Speakers will be organised into panels with a chance for open discussions afterward
The panels will cover the following:

- ❖ planning process of the rural development plans and the working of the NGO control of the NRDP, work of the Monitoring committees
- ❖ trainings and other services that the young farmer organisations offer related to the NRDPs, outsourced tasks
- ❖ work and structure of the national rural networks, LEADER action groups, Young farmers in the rural networks and in the Leader action groups
- ❖ communication tools about the NRDP
- ❖ support for generation change in practise, different national approach, successful projects
- ❖ succesful projects where they use NRDP support

Programme plan:

March 10 Arrival by car or by plane
Organised transport from the airport

March 11 Presentations

March 12 Farm visits to farms lead by young farmers.

March 13 Departure

YOUNG WINE GROWERS DAY 2010, 25th of March 2010, Stuttgart, Germany



On the 25th March 2010, German CEJA member BDL in collaboration with the German Winegrowers Association will organize a European Winegrower Day in Stuttgart Germany. Please find a detailed programme in English, French and German [here](#). The BDL would appreciate if young winegrowers, students and friends of the wine-growing tradition from all over Europe could make it to Germany for a rich exchange on wine growing practices! One of the aims of the congress is also to enlarge and reinforce the European

network of young wine growers.

The subject of the event will be “Quantity is not all! – Quality – Sustainability – Market”. Many interesting conferences and stands will await you around this motto.

A young winegrowers' party is also foreseen. The entrance to the party is 10€ and the tickets can be purchased directly with the BDL or after the platforms (Fachforen), from 12h onwards in the fair centre ICS. Into this building you will get without an entrance ticket. The party tickets have a code that also allows you free entrance to the fair. For this, you need to register online through www.messe-stuttgart.de/vorverkauf. Each code can only be used once. Alternatively, you can buy the tickets directly at the entrance to the party and then use them as entrance tickets for the next day. For groups of more than 10 people, please contact Sylvia Joksch, BDL, email: s.joksch@landjugend.de. **Travels and accommodation have to be paid and organised by each participant individually.**

ACCOMODATION

Some inexpensive possibilities for accommodation are listed on the CEJA website: click [here](#). For a complete hotel list with indications of stars (Kategorie), prices, contact details and the distance to the fair ground (Entfernung zur Messe) please click [here](#)

Farm lobby

CIOLOȘ MEETS WITH FARM LOBBY



A process of consultation and debate on the CAP post-2013 will be launched in April, a conference will follow in July, with a Commission Communication on the future shape of the CAP due to be published by the end of the year, according to EU Farm Commissioner Dacian Cioloș. Addressing the *COPA-COGECA* Presidium last week, he reiterated many of the principles that he outlined during his 3-hour Hearing in front of the EP Committee on Agriculture and Rural

Development on Jan– namely an EU Budget commensurate to ambitions, “transparent, understandable and credible” direct payments, the maintenance of safety net mechanisms, and greater scope to address the “New Challenges” via the 2nd Pillar. At his first public appearance since his formal appointment, Cioloș also underscored the need for a “strong and credible CAP”, and one that is more attuned to societal expectations and demands. He urged stakeholders and farm organisations to contribute to the debate and to come forward with new ideas on the future direction of farm policy, highlighting his “hope” for a “debate with civil society about the broader benefits of our agriculture policy” in order to “open minds about what we can do in future”. Commenting after the meeting, *COPA* President Padraig Walshe expressed his satisfaction that the Commissioner “wants to maintain a robust CAP post-2013, with direct payments to farmers, coupled with a sufficiently large budget”. Drawing attention to the “sharp drop of 12.2% on average in EU farmers’ incomes in 2009”, he emphasised the importance of “strong EU market management tools” and the maintenance of market stability. This was largely echoed by *COGECA* President Paolo Bruni, highlighted the need for an enhanced role of cooperatives and producer organisations along the EU food chain, calling on Cioloș and EU Commissioner for Competition Joaquín Almunia “to examine EU competition rules in a bid to improve the operation of the food supply chain”. **Source:** [Agrafacts No12-10](#)

Fruits and vegetables

Banana deal ends EU's longest trade dispute

The European Union and United States initialled a deal on 16th February with Latin American, African and Caribbean nations ending a decades-old trade war over bananas. The 17-year-old banana dispute had been a key sticking point in agricultural negotiations, preventing a wider deal on the treatment of tropical goods and the question of erosion of preferences that are crucial to the conclusion of an overall global trade pact. The agreement ends the world's longest-running trade dispute and also removes a potential obstacle to a new deal to open global commerce in the World Trade Organisation's eight-year-old Doha round.



Under the deal, the EU - the world's biggest importer of bananas - will cut the duty it applies to bananas from Latin American countries such as Ecuador and Costa Rica which have long complained of discriminatory treatment. It will also give aid of about 200 million euros to banana growers in certain African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. These mainly former European colonies currently enjoy preferential treatment on exports to the EU and will see their relative advantage eroded under the deal. They will still have duty-free access to the EU for their produce, but the aid package will help them adjust to greater competition from more efficient Latin American growers. The agreement is good news for consumers in the European Union as well as banana producers in Latin America as it stands to increase supplies of cheap fruit. Because the deal must be approved by the EU's 27 member states, requiring translation into 23 official languages, it may be six to nine months before signature is possible. The bananas pact will go into effect whether there is a Doha deal or not, but the phasing-in of the tariff cuts could be delayed for up to two years if there is no Doha deal by 2013. [Source: EurActiv with Reuters](#)

COPA/COGECA letter to Cioloş on fruit and vegetable POs:

Commission indications of possible changes to the rules for calculating the Value of Marketed Production (VMP) figures for processed fruit and vegetable Producer Organisations (POs) have been called into question by the EU farm lobby group COPA-COGECA. In a letter addressed to EU Farm Commissioner Dacian Cioloş today, Presidents Padraig Walshe (COPA) and Paolo Bruni (COGECA) raised concerns about hints that a move to exclude the value of primary processed products from the VMP figures would be tabled in the Management Committee on 23rd February. The letter calls on the Commission not to give in to operators' claims that the current rules "create unfair competition between POs and private industry". Any such change would "dramatically" reduce support to POs, thereby preventing them from fulfilling their 2010-2013 operational programmes, it is claimed. [Source: AgraFacts No 12-10e No 12-10e](#)



Biofuels

EU biofuels target could starve millions of people

Millions of people could starve if member states deliver on the EU's target of sourcing 10% of its transport fuel from biofuels as a way of tackling climate change, argues a new report from ActionAid, an NGO. In December 2008, EU leaders reached agreement on a new Renewable Energy Directive, which requires each member state to satisfy 10% of its transport fuel needs from renewable sources, including biofuels, hydrogen and green electricity, by 2020. However, concerns have been raised that increased biofuel production would result in massive deforestation and have severe implications for food security, as energy crops replace other land uses (so-called 'indirect land-use change'). International development and environment groups have condemned the EU target and called on the bloc both to abandon the 10% target and dismantle related support measures to avoid making millions more go hungry. [Source: Euractiv](#)



Controversy mounts over EU biofuels fall-out

Fresh controversy is mounting within the European Union over biofuels and their unintended impact on tropical forests and wetlands, documents show. "An unguided use of ILUC would kill biofuels in the EU," a senior agriculture official in the Commission wrote to a top energy official in a letter seen by Reuters. As part of its research, the EU executive has received new scientific reports casting a new negative light on biofuels due to their indirect impact on land use, but has not made them public, says environmental group TandE. "The Commission is taking indirect land use change emissions from biofuels very seriously, and is conducting a large amount of work, including modelling work, in order to understand this issue with the best science available," said Marlene Holzner, spokeswoman for Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger. [Source: EurActiv with Reuters](#)

Soil and surface waters protection

Commission forced to scale down soil law

Following years of negotiations, five EU member states still form a blocking minority on the European Commission's proposal for a directive on soil protection, leaving some to wonder whether the EU executive should reconsider its approach to addressing this environmental issue. The strategy sets out a series of policies aimed at protecting soil and using it sustainably by preventing further soil degradation, preserving its functions and restoring degraded soils. The measures are supposed to be partly implemented via the proposed framework directive. Austria, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK reiterated their opposition to the proposals after the Spanish EU Presidency's had attempted to find political agreement in the Council on 4th February. Identification of contaminated sites remains one of the main sticking points and a sensible and cost-efficient system for their remediation is yet to be found. [Source: Euractiv](#)



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Nitrate levels down – scope at farm level to improve the situation further

Nitrate concentration levels in surface waters remained stable or fell at 70% of monitored sites, while quality at 66% of groundwater monitoring sites has remained stable or improved, according to a report published by the Commission on 11th February. In broad terms, the “contribution of nitrogen loads from agriculture to surface waters is decreasing in many Member States but the relative contribution from agriculture remains high”, with agriculture responsible for over 50% of the total nitrogen discharge to surface waters. The report draws attention to “large differences in pressure from agriculture among Member States – citing high nutrient pressure in the Netherlands, Belgium-Flanders and France-Brittany, with lower pressures due to lower input of fertilisers and livestock density in Eastern Europe. [Source: AgraFacts No 12-10e](#)

International news

FAO Chief calls for more agricultural support for Haiti

There is a broad lack of support for Haiti's immediate agricultural needs, FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf stated today. Speaking at a highlevel meeting to coordinate the UN Agencies' efforts in Rome, he underscored “at a time when Haiti is facing a major food crisis, we are alarmed at the lack of support to the agricultural component of the UN Flash Appeal”. Some \$23 million of the \$575m Appeal was earmarked for Haiti's immediate agricultural needs, but only 8% of this sum has been reached so far, he stated. The immediate priority is to “support the farm season that begins in March and accounts for more than 60% of the country's food production”, underscoring that immediate planting would allow horticultural produce to be ready in 3 months. [Source: AgraFacts No 12-10e No 12-10e](#)

China confirms anti-dumping duties on US chicken parts

China has confirmed in the past week that it will impose additional duties (of 43%-105%) on chicken feet and wing tips imported from the USA, claiming that US exporters dump them on the Chinese market. The products are seen as a delicacy in China, but low value in the US. Industry sources suggest that the move will virtually end US chicken export to China. [Source: AgraFacts No 12-10e](#)

Competitions

FAO International Art Competition

The Young Hands Together for Diversity International Art Competition is part of a worldwide youth education initiative on biodiversity to provide children and young people with useful information and help them participate in protecting, preserving and improving biodiversity in their communities. The theme for the competition is “biodiversity” and what it means to young people around the world. For example, in their artwork, children and youth may explore the amazing variety of life on the planet, the richness of ecosystems, the reasons why biodiversity is being lost, or the things people are doing to protect biodiversity. [More info: http://www.fao.org/climatechange/youth/60638/en/](http://www.fao.org/climatechange/youth/60638/en/)

Media section

Jeunes Agriculteurs release their newest music video

French JA have made one of the best music videos the history has ever seen and you can check it out here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1QyU8yNWCs>

We are happy to see that despite the multiple talents they all have, they still prefer to remain farmers. Well done everyone!

Upcoming events

Nuremberg, 17-20 February, BIOFACH 2010: Where organic people meet - World Organic Trade Fair

BioFach 2010, the organic trade fair that offers you an extensive range of organic food and fair trade products, plus everything worth knowing about agricultural and marketing supplies. Together with Vivanness, the Trade Fair for Natural Personal Care and Wellness, BioFach attracts highly qualified, international professionals every year. The 2010 exhibition starts on Wednesday and runs until Saturday, in Norimberga. All the organic food exhibited is certified to the EU Organic Regulation or the accreditation directives of IFOAM, the patron of BioFach. More info on <http://www.biofach.de/en/visitor>

Organic workshop at Biofach: 'Assessing Technologies and Methodology'

On Wednesday the 17th February at the Biofach event in Nuremberg, Germany an organic workshop-14.30-16.30- will focus on the methodologies used in organic research whilst discussing the specific issue of stakeholder participation and knowledge transfer. After the Technology Platform "TP Organics" finalised the Strategic Research Agenda in December 2009 the year 2010 will focus on working the Action Plan which will continue until the autumn of 2010. The workshop at Biofach is part of this process. The Action Plan will explain how the research priorities that are identified in the Strategic Research Agenda can be implemented in practice and what concepts and methodologies it should be based on. The organisers are keen to have the best experts in the field of organic agriculture, as well as related stakeholders, civil society and EU institutions. Interested then please contact us: ceja@ceja.be

International Agriculture Fair in Paris 2010

From 27 February to 7 March 2010, the *Salon International de l'Agriculture* (International Agriculture Event) will take place in Paris, at the *Porte de Versailles*.

The event will be a great opportunity for farmers to publicise the products and services which they provide, by making contact with consumers, journalists and agricultural policy-makers. The event will also involve the 119th General Agricultural Competition, which rewards the best animal and crop producing farms in France. For more information, click [here](#)



16th March 2010, Brussels, 3rd Forum for the Future of Agriculture



The Forum for the Future of Agriculture returns to Brussels on Tuesday March 16th 2010 to address the politics and economics of world food supply and the interplay with climate change.

Once again, FFA has attracted an extremely high calibre of speakers to address this subject including Professor Jagdish Bhagwati, the Special Adviser to the United Nations on Globalization and an external adviser to the World Trade Organisation, who will make the keynote address. We are also delighted to be joined by Dr. Joseph Glauber, the Chief Economist at the US Department of Agriculture; Dr. Carey Fowler, the Executive Director of the Global Crop Diversity Trust; H.E. Brave Ndisale, Ambassador of Malawi to the European Union; and Sir Crispin Tickell, a former Adviser to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and one of the first to warn of the dangers posed by climate change. Putting the questions to these and our other speakers will be the renowned international journalist, Steven Sackur, presenter of BBC's HardTalk programme, whilst the Forum itself will be chaired by the former EU Agriculture Commissioner, Franz Fischler. And this year, FFA moves to a new venue, The_Square, which is Brussels latest and most prestigious meeting place. We do hope that you will be able to join us for what promising to be an exceptional forum for discussing the food and environmental security challenge in a key year for the politics of European agriculture. [With this in mind, we would invite you to register now for FFA2010!](#)



16th March 2010, Brussels, Youth Forum - side-event to the 3rd Forum for the Future of Agriculture

The Economics & Politics of Food vs. Climate Change will be taking place at 10.30-12.30, Tuesday March 16th 2010. The main topics of discussion will focus on agriculture and why we should care about it? The conference will touch upon such issues as: farm productivity & competitiveness, climate change, water shortages, biodiversity loss, food riots, subsidies, trade, globalization, sustainability. Register now by emailing info@forumforagriculture.com and participate in the first Youth Forum on the Future of Agriculture. Check www.forumforagriculture.com regularly for updates and more information.

Montpellier: Conference on Agricultural Research: REGISTER NOW!!!



The Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR/EGFAR), in collaboration with the Consortium and Independent Science and Partnership Council, is organising the first Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD) 2010 in Montpellier, France from 28-31 March 2010.

The GCARD conference is informed by a comprehensive, systematic and inclusive global consultation process, which will identify key themes and issues from all the stakeholders who are actively engaged in the whole agricultural system.

We would like to remind you that the **pre-registration have been extended up to January 20th**. After this date it would not be possible to attend the Conference. **To pre-register, please visit: <http://www.gcardpreregistration.com>**

There is no registration fee for the conference. The rates for hotels in Montpellier range from 85Euros per night to 198Euros per night breakfast included.

Youth leadership event in Denmark: learning to lead social change

March 31th-5th of April and April 29th-May 4th 2010 MS Action Aid Denmark is the largest Danish development NGO and in Denmark MS engages in political campaigns to create global justice as well as training youth to be active Global Citizens. For many

years, MS have been hosting an International Leader Training Seminar with great success. This year there will be two seminars with a total of 120 participants from across the world who are interested in thinking global and acting local.

The method of the seminar is a mix of tools and 'hands on' experience that will develop skills to analyze, reflect and act in leadership situations. The seminar is relevant for youth leaders and any person responsible for organising youth or projects that relate to the above issues. The participation fee is 240 Euros which covers lodging and full board during the seminar.

Interested? **Deadline for applications is next Monday at the latest.** Please [click here](#) for registration information.

World Tomato Congress 2010

21 – 23 June, Estoril (Portugal) will hold the World Tomato Congress and the ISHS Symposium. In 1979 Portugal successfully organized the first International Symposium for Processed Tomatoes in Evora, which was the precursor for the many Tomato Congress's and Symposia which have since been held every two years in virtually all the continents of the Globe. This years event will include sessions on sustainability and transforming the tomato. For more information on the event please [click here](#)



International Conference on Climate Adaption



Rotterdam, the Netherlands will hold the conference 'Deltas in Times of Climate Change' from September 29-October 1, 2010. The two official Dutch research programmes on climate change and spatial planning (Climate changes Spatial Planning and Knowledge for Climate), the City of Rotterdam and the C40 (a group of the world's largest cities committed to

tackling climate change) invite scientists, politicians, policy-makers and practitioners to share their knowledge and experience in a major international conference on climate adaptation. The conference pursues three main goals:

1. exchanging up-to-date top science on climate change and delta planning
2. strengthening international cooperation between deltas and delta cities
3. exploring and strengthening the links between science, policy and practitioners. For more information [click here](#)

CEJA Advisory Groups

Important!

We have a free place as reimbursed participant in the Advisory Group for Fruit and Vegetables, 26th February. Please, let us know if someone from your organisation would like to participate.

Expert participation in Advisory Groups as CEJA representative

Member organisations scheduled to attend their relevant AG are reminded that they participate in these groups as CEJA experts, representing one million young farmers across the European Union. The CEJA experts are asked to contact the office in Brussels at ceja@ceja.be to **confirm** their **participation**, at least **one week before the meeting** and to obtain all the necessary information and meeting documents.

Participants are also asked to visit the CEJA office before attending any meeting on behalf of CEJA and take a copy of the documents for the CEJA office.

Date	Subject	CEJA Expert	Country	Observer
22/02	Sugar		Austria	
26/02	Fruit and Vegetables	FREE!!!	FREE!!!	
1/03	Energy and non-food crops		France	
10/03	Quality of Production		Luxembourg	
11/03	Rural Development		Spain (COAG), Finland	

Events Agenda for CEJA Members

NB: CEJA events are marked in red, CERYC activities in green and IFAP activities in blue.

Date	Event	Attendance	City	Country
27/02-07/03 2010	Salon International de l'Agriculture		Paris	FR
11- 13/03/2010	AGRYA-CERYC best practices workshop	All CEJA members		HU
22- 23/02/2010	Agriculture Council Meeting		Brussels	BE
10/03/2010	MER Seminar: Recovery towards a sustainable economy in rural areas	All CEJA members	Brussels	BE
16 March 2010	3 rd Forum for the Future of Agriculture		Bruxelles	BE
25/03/2010	European Wine-growers seminar in Germany	All CEJA members		DE
25-27/03/ 2010	CERYC workshop IV: Strengthening social cohesion and European integration in rural regions		Romania	RO
26/03/2010	"WHAT FUTURE FOR MILK?" COPA-COGECA		Brussels	BE
March 2010	Women's preparatory meetings for the IFAD Farmers' Forum		Rome	IT
28- 31/03/2010	Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD)		Montpellier	FR
29- 30/03/2010	Agriculture Council Meeting		Brussels	BE
07/04/2010	CEJA General Assembly	All CEJA members	COPA-COGECA, Brussels	BE
08/04/2010	CEJA CAP working group	All CEJA members	COPA-COGECA, Brussels	BE
05- 09/04/2010	18 th IMS World Meat Congress		Buenos Aires	RA
19- 20/04/2010	Agriculture Council Meeting		Luxemborug	LU

22-26/04/2010	CERYC Young Farmer conference, CAP after 2013 – young farmers in the Central-European region		Hungary	HU
26-28/04/2010	Conference on Integrated River Basin Management under the Water Framework Directive: action programmes and adaptation to climate change		Lille	FR
15-20/05/2010	39 th IFAP World Farmers' Congress			Algeria
17-18/05/2010	Agriculture Council Meeting		Brussels	BE
30/05 – 1/06/2010	Informal Agriculture Council		Extremadura	ES
13-21/05/2010	CBD Fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (to be confirmed)			
28-29/06/2010	Agriculture Council Meeting		Luxembourg	LU
10-14/11/2010	EIMA International Agriculture Fair		Bologna	IT
July 2011	3 rd IFAP Young Farmers' World Congress (to be confirmed)			Kenya

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