

Background

Over recent years soybean production in South America has been increasing rapidly, a trend which is likely to continue.

While the expansion of soybean production has many economic and social benefits, there is also concern at the potential negative environmental and social impacts. In particular, soy expansion has resulted in the conversion of many areas which were very important for conservation, including forests and savannas. Other negative impacts that have been associated with some soy production include: use of fire for forest clearance, soil erosion, heavy use of chemicals, marginalisation of smallholders, changing patterns of land ownership and infringements of labour rights.

One way of accomplishing this is the development and use of an internationally accepted set of criteria that define responsible soy production. This provides clarity to producers about what they need to do, and allows purchasers to source soy and soy products from producers who meet the criteria and are therefore not associated with negative environmental and social impacts such as those identified above.

This invitation is addressed to all stakeholders of Soy-, Animal Feed- and Food-Industry as well as scientists dealing with agriculture and natural resources. WWF is convinced, that through a collective acting of all parties we could contribute to the preservation of unique eco-regions.



Venue

Free University of Bozen - Bolzano,
Universitätsplatz 1 - piazza Università, 1
39100 Bozen-Bolzano, Italy

Map



Public Reachability

Bicycle

Bozen/Bolzano is serviced by a superb network of bike paths. Visitors can rent bikes directly from one of the many rental stations located in various parts of the town.

Bus

Shuttle-bus service every 10 minutes links the Train Station with the University (Bus Line 10a – Stop at Sernesiplatz / Universitätsplatz)

Train

Bozen/Bolzano's main train station is near the centre of town

Car

Tollway Brennero A22, exit Bozen/Bolzano Sud or Nord, 5 minutes from car parking

Air

Bozen/Bolzano Airport – 2.5 Km from FUB



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Invitation to Conference:

Certified Sustainability in Soy Cultivation



**Free University of
Bozen – Bolzano**

**Thursday, 8th October 2009
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Aula D102**



Agenda

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome and Initial Words**
Prof. Massimo TAGLIAVINI
(Free University of Bozen)
- 9:10 – 9:20 **Welcome and Initial Words**
Luigi MARIOTTI and Axel HEIN (WWF)
- 9:20 – 9:30 **Welcome**
Dr. Albert WURZER
Representative of the
Department for Agriculture of
the Regional Government
Südtirol /Alto Adige
- 9:30 – 9:50 **Ecological Impacts of Soy Cultivation and Possible Solutions**
Franziska MEY (WWF)
- 9:50 – 10:10 **Economical Aspects of the GM Soy Adoption**
Prof. Dario FRISIO
(University of Milan)
- 10:10 – 10:30 **Do Transgenic Plants Affect Microbial Communities in Hot Spot Environments?**
Dr. Lorenzo BRUSETTI (Free University of Bozen)

- 10:30 – 10:50 **Horizontal Gene Transfer between rDNA Plants and Bacteria**
Prof. Kaare Magne NIELSEN
(University of Tromsø)
- 10:50 – 11:10 **Analytical Methods for the Detection of GMO Soybeans**
Dr. Francesco PINTUS
(Biodiversa)
- 11:10 – 12:00 **Panel Discussion**
- 12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 13:50 **Sustainable Soy in Practice – Challenges and Chances**
Brigit HOFER
(Coop Schweiz)
- 13:50 – 14:10 **From the Basel Criteria to ProTerra®: Practical Benefit from Producer to Consumer**
Ass. Jochen KOESTER,
(TraceConsult)
- 14:10 – 14:30 **Feasability Study of Use of Basel Criteria Soy**
DI Dr. Alexandra RIBARITS
(Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety– AGES)

- 14:30 – 14:50 **Certified GMO Freedom and Sustainability of Soy Products**
Paul KLEMENZ (Fenaco)
- 14:50 – 15:10 **Sustainable Soy from the Perspective of a South-tyrolean Compound Feeds Producer**
Dr. Reinhard FUCHS
(Consorzio Agrario Prov.le di Bolzano soc.coop. a r.l.)
- 15:10 – 15:30 **Soy-Plantation for European Cows and the Consequences for Brazilian Small Scale Farmers**
Bruder Bruno HASPINGER
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee**
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Panel Discussion**
- 17:00 **Conclusion**
- 17:30 **Farewell**

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