

**Draft agenda**  
**Conference "Towards Future Challenges of Agricultural Research in Europe"**  
**Brussels, Charlemagne Building, 26 – 27 June 2007**

**Tuesday, 26 June 11:30-20:00**

|   | Time          | Description   | Speaker   |
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| Registration  | 11:30 – 13:00 | Registration, sandwiches, coffee available  |   |
| <b>Opening of the conference</b><br><br><i>chair: José Manuel Silva Rodríguez, Director General, European Commission, Directorate General for Research (tbc)</i>  | 13:00 – 14:00 | <b>Welcome - Expectations with respect to research</b><br><br>- Challenges for Research and Foresight European agriculture 2020<br><br>- The future of agriculture in Europe<br><br>- Visions for the German agriculture in the European context  | <i>Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for Science and Research</i><br><br><i>Mariann Fischer-Boel, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development</i><br><br><i>Gert Lindemann, Secretary of State, Federal Ministry of Food Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Germany</i> |
| <b>The SCAR Foresight Process</b><br><br><i>chair: Christian Patermann, EC, Director DG Research</i>  | 14:00 – 14:15 | The SCAR Foresight process  | <i>Uno Svedin</i>   |
|   | 14:15 – 14:30 | Major findings of the Foresight Expert Group  | <i>Thierry Gaudin</i>   |
|   | 14:30 – 14:45 | Follow-up of the SCAR Foresight Process   | <i>Wolfgang Ritter</i>  |
| Coffee Break  | 14:45 – 15:15 |   |   |
| <b>European Agriculture in the global context - Future Scenarios</b><br><br><i>chair: John Bensted-Smith, EC, Director DG Agriculture</i><br><br>Panel discussion with 15 minutes introductory comments based on a set of questions | 15:15 – 17:10 | <b>European agriculture in the global context – Future scenarios</b><br><br>SCENAR 2020 – baseline and scenarios based on the future of the Common Agricultural Policy<br><br>IPCC views and prospects<br><br>Mediterra 2008<br><br>IFPRI Scenario analysis<br><br>Global Competition – A view from South America | <i>Peter Nowicki (tbc)</i><br><br><i>Rajendra Pachauri (tbc)</i><br><br><i>Bertrand Hervieu</i><br><br><i>Joachim von Braun</i><br><br><i>Eduardo Trigo</i>   |
|   | 17:10 – 18:00 | Opinions from the Audience  | All   |
| Cocktail  | 18:00 – 20:00 | All   |   |
| Dinner  | 20:00 – 22:00 | Speakers and Panel Members  |   |

**Wednesday, 27 June 09:00-12:40**

|  | Time          | Description  | Speaker  |
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| <b>The Future of Agricultural Research – Expectations from Stakeholders</b><br><br><i>chair: Tim Hall, EC, Head of Unit DG Research</i><br><br>Panel discussion with brief introductory statements | 9:00 – 10:15  | Managing the Food Chain and research challenges of the food industry                             | <i>Peter van Bladeren, Nestle (tbc)</i>  |
|  |               | High quality products – expectations of European consumers                                       | <i>Rasmus Kjeldahl, BEUC (tbc)</i>   |
|  |               | Biomass for Energy and Industry  | <i>Alfred Oberholz, Degussa (tbc)</i>  |
|  |               | The Farm and Farmers of Tomorrow   | <i>Giacomo Ballari, President Young European Farmers (tbc)</i><br><i>Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General of COPA</i>  |
|  |               | The Agricultural Researcher of Tomorrow  | <i>Marion Guillou, INRA, France (tbc)</i>  |
| Coffee Break   | 10:15 – 10:40 |  |  |
| <b>The long term agricultural research knowledge base for the future</b><br><br><i>chair: Cees Veermann, (tbc)</i>   | 10:40 – 12:00 | The 2020 agricultural research agenda<br><br>Panel discussion with brief introductory statements | <i>Cees Veermann (tbc)</i><br><br>Personalities with a background in agricultural research agenda planning from Technology Platforms, ERA-Nets, Networks of Excellence or other mechanisms |
| <b>Closure</b>   | 12:00 – 12:40 | Perspectives from the European Parliament  | <i>Angelika Niebler, MEP (tbc)</i>   |
|  |               | Towards a Commission communication on coordination of agricultural research in Europe            | <i>José Manuel Silva Rodríguez</i>   |