



NEWSLETTER – October 2011

1. MEMBERS COMING (AND LEAVING)

The Division for Agricultural and Food Economics is very happy to be back after the summer break...

First of all, we would like to welcome our new division members, **Pieter** Vlaeminck and **Teopista** Akoy. In the framework of his PhD, Pieter will study the effects of complete information on green market expansions, while Teopista will start a pre-doctoral program. Moreover, we would like to welcome back division members that took advantage of the summer break for data collections: while **Monica** Schuster carried out a exporter company survey in Peru, **Isabel** Lambrecht supervised a MSc student on the adoption preferences of ISFM practices in Burundi. In the context of the VLIR-UOS program, **Miet** Maertens joined Monica for a short time in Peru and will attend the CIALCA conference in Kigali, Rwanda at the end of this month.

Kidane M.G. Egziabher and **Abebe** Ejigu Alemu will join us from Ethiopia from 1 November onwards for their final PhD phase.

Finally, we are glad to announce the arrival of **Luka** Kenis, by far the youngest division member, and extend our congratulations to our colleague Anneleen Kenis for the birth of her daughter.

2. NEW PUBLICATIONS

Papers recently accepted

Ang, F., Van Passel, S., Mathijs, E. 2011. An aggregate resource efficiency perspective on sustainability: A Sustainable Value application to the EU-15 countries. *Ecological Economics*, in press.

3. DIVISION MEMBERS PRESENT ...

Erik Mathijs gave an **IRRI-seminar** in Los Banos (Philippines) on 18 August 2011 on Sustainable Food Consumption and Production in a Resource-Constrained World

Erik Mathijs presented the results of the 3rd SCAR foresight report on the 2nd OECD Food Chain Network Meeting at OECD in Paris on 12 September 2011.

M. Tilahun, L. Vranken, B. Muys, J. Deckers, K. Gebregziabher, K. Gebrehiwot, H. Bauer, E. Mathijs, 2011. Rural households' demand for irrigation water in Tigray: a contingent valuation analysis"; **Poster presentation, International Congress: Water 2011**- Integrated water resources management in tropical and subtropical dry lands; 19-26 September 2011

Mugonola, B., Mathijs, E., Deckers, J., Poesen, J., Isabirye, M., Maertens, M., 2011. Adoption of Soil and Water Conservation Technologies in the highlands of south western Uganda. **Contributed paper, International Congress: Water 2011** - Integrated water resources management in tropical and subtropical drylands. Mekelle, Ethiopia, 19-26 September 2011, Book of Abstracts, p. 30.

Alemu, A.E., Mathijs, E., Maertens, M., Deckers, J., Kidanemariam, G., Bauer, H., Gebrehiwot, K., Mohamedbirhan, S., 2011. Fish Market Potential and Livelihood Effect to Fishing Households: Evidence from Tigray, Northern Ethiopia. **Contributed paper, International Congress: Water 2011** - Integrated water resources management in tropical and subtropical drylands. Mekelle, Ethiopia, 19-26 September 2011, Book of Abstracts, p. 61.

Nakiyemba Were, A., Isabirye, M., Mathijs, E., Deckers, J., Poesen, J., 2011. Farmers, politicians and technocrats: conflict dynamics surrounding water and livelihoods in the upper river Ruizi water catchment Lake Victoria Basin Uganda. **Contributed paper, International Congress: Water 2011** - Integrated water resources management in tropical and subtropical drylands. Mekelle, Ethiopia, 19-26 September 2011, Book of Abstracts, p. 66.

Romero-Perezgrovas, R., Hernández, V., de la Rosa, D., Salgado, J.L., Flores, D., Verhulst, N., Maertens, M., Deckers, J., Chocobar, A., Govaerts, B., 2011. Conservation Agriculture as an economically viable alternative for climate change adaptation in Mexico: evidence from the central highlands. **Contributed paper, International Congress: Water 2011** - Integrated water resources management in tropical and subtropical drylands. Mekelle, Ethiopia, 19-26 September 2011, Book of Abstracts, p. 70-71.

Gebreegziabher, K., Mathijs, E., Woldu, T., Tilahun, M., Giday, A., Ooms, D., Bauer, H., Deckers, J., Gebrehiwot, K., 2011. Welfare impact of different water harvesting schemes and farmers willingness to pay for earth dam. Mid-conference tour presentation, **International Congress: Water 2011** - Integrated water resources management in tropical and subtropical drylands. Mekelle, Ethiopia, 19-26 September 2011, Book of Abstracts, p. 99.

Erik Mathijs gave a presentation on Actie-onderzoek, complexiteit en duurzaamheidstransities (Action research, complexity and sustainability transitions) on the seminar "OVER NORMATIVITEIT, ONZEKERHEID EN COMPLEXITEIT REFLECTIES BIJ DUURZAAMHEIDSONDERZOEK IN VLAANDEREN" (On normativity, uncertainty and complexity – reflections on sustainability research in Flanders), Ghent, 22 September 2011.

Erik Mathijs attended the first Belgian Agroecology Meeting in Louvain-la-Neuve on 29 September 2011 and gave a presentation entitled "From historical transitions to contemporary challenges: exploring the roots of seven deep patterns of our agri-food system"

J. De Valck, L.Vranken, 2011; "Mapping the effect of substitutes on the perceived value of nature areas: Concept, methodology and road ahead", in the general context of "Quantifying, mapping and modelling of ecosystem services"; **4th ESP Conference**; 4-7 October 2011, Wageningen University, Netherlands

M. Tilahun, L.Vranken, B. Muys, J. Deckers, K. Gebregziabher, K. Gebrehiwot, H. Bauer, E. Mathijs, 2011. "Valuing dry land forest ecosystem services: a case of rural households' willingness to pay and contribute labor for frankincense forest conservation in Ethiopia"; Ecosystem Services: integrating Science and Practice; **4th ESP Conference**; October 4-7, 2011, Wageningen University, Netherlands

M. Tilahun, L.Vranken, B. Muys, J. Deckers, K. Gebregziabher, K. Gebrehiwot, H. Bauer, E. Mathijs, 2011. "Contingent Valuation Analysis of Rural Households' Willingness to Pay and

Contribute Labor for Frankincense Forest conservation”; Development on the margin: Livelihood strategies; **Tropentag** October 5-7, 2011

4. CALLS FOR PAPERS

The **Fourth Euro-African Conference in Finance and Economics** (CEAFE 2012) will be held at the American University in Cairo, May 7-9, 2012. Papers in all areas of finance and economics are permitted. All papers have to be submitted online via the conference website at [http://conf.aucegypt.edu/CEAFE 2012](http://conf.aucegypt.edu/CEAFE%2012) by January 4, 2012

4th FORUM FOR AGRICULTURE (FFA) – Regional conference- PARIS- 18th of October 2011 » ; « Competitiveness and environment for the future of agriculture: the unique option for Europe and France »; 18 OCTOBRE 2011; Siège de la SAF-Agriculteurs de France ,**Paris**

The **8th International Symposium AgroEnviron** to be held from 1 - 4 May 2012 in **Wageningen**, the Netherlands (www.agroenviron.com). The conference is organised around 5 main themes: (1) Innovative land management for sustainable use; (2) Innovation of models across agro-environmental scales; (3) Soil as water resource; (4) Sustainable land management policies; (5) Academic training and development.

The **Future Agricultures Consortium** and **ISSER** are organising an international conference entitled '**Young People, Farming & Food: The Future of the Agrifood Sector in Africa**' to be held in Accra in March 2012. For the general call for papers click here: [Call for Papers](#).

6th International European Forum (Igls-Forum) on **System Dynamics and Innovation in Food Networks** is scheduled for February 13-17, 2012 in Igls, Innsbruck/Austria. For more information: www.fooddynamics.org<<http://www.fooddynamics.org>

Annual International Conference on Sustainable Energy and Environmental Sciences (SEES 2012); Conference Date: 13-14 February 2012 in Singapore; for more information: www.env-energy.org

5. SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Vredeseilanden Workshop “The Farmer Effect”; Friday 14th and Saturday 15th of October; Museum M, Leopold Vanderkelenstraat 28, Leuven
<http://www.vredeseilanden.be/nieuws/farmer-effect>

“20 years of Farming and Rural Transition in Eastern Europe: what have we learned?” A **SFER - Rural’Est Conference**, 20-21 October 2011, Agrosup Dijon – 26 Bd du Dr Petitjean – BP 87999 21079 DIJON Cedex

Invitation for the 1-day workshop on ‘**GIS-education in a changing academic environment**’ that will be held in **Leuven** (Belgium) on the **18th of November 2011**. The **registration** module for LeGIO is now **open**. Please check the website: www.ees.kuleuven.be/legio. The deadline of registration is the **10th of November**.

1st Brussels High-Level Lecture on Food Security and Development on Monday, **November 21st**. The lecture will host two renowned speakers , **Dr Shenggen Fan**, Director of IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute) and **Dr Dacian Ciolos**, EU commissioner for

Agriculture on where we stand regarding Food Security in the World and the role of the EU in securing food policy security. For full invitation and registration please click [here](#).

International Conference Forest 2011; Leuven 23-24 November 2011; An international conference for policy makers and scientists to discuss what science can contribute to improved ecosystem services of forests in Europe and beyond. For online registration and poster abstract submission <http://ees.kuleuven.be/forests2011>

EPFL course on discrete choice models to predict demand and market shares to be held in January 2012. For the announcement: <http://transp-or.epfl.ch/dca>. Please notice that fellowships for professors and PhD students are available.

6. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The **5th IES's Call for Grantholder 2011** has been published and offers 4 doctoral positions and 30 post-doctoral positions. The cut off is fixed to the 9th November 2011, 12.00 Milan time. For more information: <http://ies.jrc.ec.europa.eu/call-for-grantholders>

11 IFAD vacancies:

Head, Corporate Service Department

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1049

Director, East and Southern Africa Division

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1051

Director, Asia and the Pacific Division

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1050

Director, Near East, North Africa and Europe Division

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1038

Director, Policy and Technical Advisory Division

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1039

Lead Resource Mobilization Officer

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1048

Private Sector and Foundations Resource Mobilization Officer

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1047

Investigation Officer

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1046

Portfolio Officer

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1044

Systems and Data Officer

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1052

Accounting Officer - Accounts Payable

https://job.ifad.org/index.html?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&SiteId=1000&JobOpeningId=1045

7. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Tollens has been appointed as member of the Strategic Advisory Council of IFPRI

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