



The Euracademy Association, CNR-Ibimet and Iacocca foundation

you to take part in the
8th Summer Academy

on

“Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development”
an integrated approach

to be held in San Marco dei Cavoti, Benevento, Italy

18th –26th July 2009

The 8th Summer Academy aims to discuss the current practice and prospects of sustainable agriculture in the context of integrated rural development in Europe. The Academy will explore such topics as:

- Contribution of sustainable agriculture to rural development: technical, social, economic and institutional aspects in the context of an integrated approach.
- Redefining food quality.
- The Consumer Movement: consumer needs, marketing and distribution of rural products; cooperation between consumers and producers.
- Impact of sustainable agriculture on the environment and landscape.
- Institutional and legal context of sustainable agriculture.
- Focus at the local level: local governance and the role of rural animators.

The 8th Summer Academy will be based on the experience of successful previous similar events in Sweden (2002), Greece-Epirus (2003), Poland (2004), Finland (2005), Hungary (2006), Greece-Crete (2007), Slovenia (2008).

The 8th Summer Academy for Rural Development is hosted by the Lee Iacocca Foundation of San Marco dei Cavoti (Italy) and promoted by the Euracademy Association with the scientific support of **IBIMET-CNR**

The Target Group: *rural development organisations, local and regional authorities, agricultural organisations and cooperatives, environmental NGOs, social partners as well*

as individuals with a particular interest in agriculture and rural development more generally

The 8th Summer Academy welcomes participants from all over Europe, south, north, east and west, who work in the field of sustainable rural development, including its constituent components, such as agriculture, environment, education, culture, community development, local and regional planning. The course is designed for 40 participants who will be invited to share their experiences, to acquire new knowledge and skills and to benefit from the wide networking opportunities offered by Euracademy Association.

Participants should have a reasonable command of English.

Format: *Open sessions, lectures, workshops, study trips and discussion fora.*

The 8th Summer Academy will take place at the village of San Marco dei Cavoti, Benevento, Italy. The first three days will include an open session, 6 lectures followed by small group discussions, groupwork in small groups, presentations of participants' case studies and workshops. The next two days will be devoted to study trips to surrounding rural areas to visit examples of good practice and talk with the local stakeholders. The concluding two days will be devoted to presentations of the study trip reports and plenary sessions for drawing the conclusions of the summer academy; and for evaluation and networking.

Award of Diplomas will be followed by a cultural evening.

Course support: *Thematic Guide and Participants' Handbook*

Course materials will be provided before and during the Summer Academy in printed and electronic format. These include a course manual on the theme of sustainable agriculture in the context of an integrated approach to rural development; and a Participants' Handbook, containing practical information, explaining the methodology that will be used during the Summer Academy, and providing a list of tasks to be prepared by participants before their arrival.

Location

San Marco dei Cavoti is a small village located on the mid-southern Apennines, the long mountain chain that crosses Italy from north to south. The village falls in the territory of the Campania region, province of Benevento, situated 100 km from Naples (the regional capital) and 300km from Rome. The town is an ancient medieval settlement, typical of the Italian inner areas, with a well-conserved historical centre. The area offers an attractive natural environment and rural experiences such as local food products, traditions and customs. The village has taken several initiatives to promote sustainable rural development and rural animation, and has been acclaimed as an example of best practice.

San Marco dei Cavoti is accessible from outside Italy through Rome by plane (Fiumicino or Ciampino airport) and train from Roma Termini railway station to Benevento. By car, from north or south, follow indications for Naples – Benevento.

For some pictures about the location, visit <http://www.festadeltorrone.it/ilpaese/attuali.htm>

Participation Cost

The cost of attending the Summer Academy is kept to a minimum. There is no attendance fee, but only a charge to cover accommodation, course materials, full board and travel for the study trips. Accommodation is provided in hotels in San Marco. The subsistence cost for the full duration of the summer academy varies from 500 to 400 Euro, depending on the type of accommodation preferred (single or shared room).

Ten scholarships of 200 - 300 € each are available to candidates who apply before 1st of

June 2009, covering part of the participation costs. Priority for the scholarships will be given to residents of the new EU member states and neighbouring states, and to students.

How to apply

To apply for the 8th Summer Academy, please visit the Euracademy Association's website at www.euracademy.org where you can find the on-line application form and more information about the Association and its activities. You may alternatively use the attached form. For individual questions regarding the Summer Academy please send an e-mail to: info-association@euracademy.org.

Registration Form

Please fill in the requested information and return this form **with a copy of your current C.V** to the e-mail or postal address given at the end of the form by the **10th June 2009**. If you wish to apply for a scholarship, you must return this form by **1st June at the latest**.

Contact information

First Name:

Surname:

Street address:

Postal code:

City:

Country:

Telephone:

Mobile (to reach you during traveling and the Summer Academy):

Fax:

Email:

Personal information

Sex:

Age:

Nationality:

Occupation/Position:

Education:

Native language:

Knowledge of English (fair, good, excellent):

Date of arrival (and time and place if possible):

Date of departure (and time and place if possible):

Do you want to stay in single or double room?

single double

If your participation fee will be paid by someone else but you, (e.g. your employer), please add the contact information needed to send the invoice:

Please state here if you wish to apply for a scholarship (deadline 10th May 2009). Scholarships will be available only to individuals who pay their own participation fee (i.e. the fee is not paid by the employer)

Yes, I wish to apply for a scholarship

No, I do not need a scholarship

If you have some other information for the organizers (e.g. special diets, allergies etc) relating to your participation, please use this space to inform us:

Please make a summary of your main personal and professional interests:

Thank you!

The registration forms should be e-mailed/posted/faxed to:

Email: info-association@euracademy.org

Or CNR-Ibimet, Danilo Marandola d.marandola@bimet.cnr.it