



JOINT SEMINAR OF NETWORKS
ON PASTURE AND FORAGE CROPS
AND ON SHEEP AND GOAT NUTRITION
CATANIA/SICILY 27-29 SEPTEMBER



Food and Agriculture
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Scientific Programme



DAY 1

27 SEPTEMBER

MORNING

8.30 Welcome address

8.45 Presentation of the Seminar

9.00 **Opening Lecture:** overview of pastures and small ruminants in Sicily (Dario GIANBALVO e Antonio NATALICCI)

ANTONIO NATALELLO)

9.30 Session 1: Alternative feed resources and sustainability

Two keynotes will be given by **Dr. Guillaume Martin** (INRAe, France) and **Dr. Cletos Mapiye** (Stellenbosh University, South Africa) on topics related to sustainability of production systems based on the valorisation of local feed resources in a comprehensive system-approach.

10.30-11.30 Coffee break and Posters at the Cloister

11.30-12.15 Contributions: Novel and underexploited local feed resources to boost self-sufficiency, circularity and sustainability of small ruminant production systems. Emphasis will be given to: wastes and by-products, underexploited energy and protein sources alternative to conventional imported feeds, promising forages and rangeland resources. Peculiar focus of the session will be on: i) technical issues related to the introduction of such resources in the diet (e.g. preservation, formulation, combination, etc.); ii) feed safety, iii) environmental impact; iv) impact on animal productivity and product quality.

12.15-13.15 General discussion**13.15** Lunch**AFTERNOON****15.00 Session 2: Alternative feed resources and sustainability**

Two keynotes will be given by **Dr. Phillip Nichols** (University of Western Australia) and **Prof. Laura Gasco** (University of Turin, Italy) on topics relevant to the session

16.00-16.30 Coffee break and Posters at the Cloister**16.30-17.30 Contributions:****17.30-18.30** General discussion**20.00** Welcome cocktail

DAY2
28 SEPTEMBER

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At the end of this session, the best oral presentation and the best poster presented by an U35 will receive a prize

8.30-9.30 Session 3: Research funding: Context, directions, opportunities and successful examples

Two keynotes will be given by a representative from FAO (**Dr. Aimable Uwizeye**) and a representative from a funding body responsible for international research programmes (**Dr. Ivana Trkulja**, CORE ORGANIC, ICROFS Denmark).

09.30-10.30 Coffee break and Posters at the Cloister

10.30-11.30 Contributions: the session will welcome contributions on results from successful funded projects (PRIMA; ERANET, H2020 etc.) on sustainability, circularity, crop-livestock systems under conventional and conservation agriculture, agroforestry, agroecology and, in general, on topics relevant to the seminar.

11.30-12.30 General discussion

12.30 Lunch

AFTERNOON

14.00-15.00 Session 4: A stage for young researchers

One keynote from **Dr. Saheed Salami** (Alltech, UK). The Session will be introduced and animated by **Dr. María del Mar Campo** (University of Zaragoza, Spain).

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break and Posters at the Cloister

15.30-16.30 Contributions: This section will serve as a stage dedicated to early researchers (under 35 y.o.) to present their scientific achievements in topics relevant to the seminar

16.30-17.30 General discussion

19.00 Social dinner

DAY3
29 SEPTEMBER

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Technical tour: CORFILAC will welcome the participants and organize the technical visit.



AFTERNOON

A *special session*, organised as a sort of round-table, will be held at CORFILAC and will focus on the “**Importance of a right diffusion and transfer of scientific research**”.

The round table will be animated by 3 keynotes on:

Issues related to scientific publications: **Prof. Serge Landau** (Editor-in-Chief of Small Ruminant Research); **Prof. Marcello Mele** (Editor in Chief Italian Journal of Animal Science); **Dr. Margherita Caccamo** (CORFILAC).

Scientific and technological transfer as the bridge from research to stakeholders (CORFILAC)