

XIIth Congress of the
European Association of Agricultural Economists

EAAE 2008 Congress

Ghent, Belgium
August 26 – 29, 2008

*People, Food and Environments:
Global Trends and European Strategies*



CALL FOR PAPERS

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Invitation

The Local Organising Committee cordially invites you to the XIIth Congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists, EAAE.

The Congress will take place at the International Convention Center, ICC, in Ghent – Belgium, from Tuesday, August 26 until Friday, August 29, 2008.

Scientific Information

Theme

The general theme of the congress is

*People, Food and Environments:
Global Trends and European Strategies*

The Congress theme suggests that Agricultural Economics is a dynamic field, capturing elements relevant to agriculture and its environment in a broad sense with a focus on human well-being. The theme also emphasizes the fact that we are entering a new era with many new issues and important challenges for the European agri-food sectors.

We invite prospective participants to adopt this integrative approach when considering their contribution to the EAAE 2008 Congress.

The year 2008 also marks the 50th anniversary of the Stresa Agreement on the Common Agricultural Policy. Therefore, a special event will be organised in collaboration with the EU on the future of the Common Agricultural and Rural Policy.

The EAAE has appointed a Programme Committee to organise the scientific programme of the Congress. The Local Organising Committee and the Programme Committee aim to compile an interesting programme consisting of a mixture of invited plenary speakers, contributed papers, poster and organised sessions.

We particularly invite also non-academic, different groups of thought within our profession as well as non-European researchers to contribute to the programme. Our hope is that also those at the fringes of our discipline will feel at home at the EAAE 2008 Congress in Ghent

Call for papers, sessions and posters

Contributed papers and posters as well as organised sessions are welcomed from all fields of Agricultural Economics and related disciplines, including:

- *Agricultural and Food Policies*
- *Trade, Globalisation and Demography*
- *Environment and Resources*
- *Rural development*
- *Sustainability*
- *Market and Demand Analysis*
- *Consumer, Health and Safety*
- *Agribusiness and Chain Management*
- *Technology, Innovation and Communication*
- *Agriculture and Development*
- *Agriculture and Economies in Transition*
- *Institutions*
- *Methodological developments*

The deadline for submission of contributed papers will be February 15, for organised sessions March 15 and for posters April 1, 2008.

Guidelines for submitting papers will be announced on the website (www.eaae2008.be).

Pre-Congress Symposia

The Local Organising Committee offers possibilities for organising pre-congress symposia on Tuesday, August 26. In particular, we welcome sessions organised by international project consortia or in collaboration with sponsoring organisations or companies. Further information and conditions are available on the website.

Meeting rooms

For associations, organisations or projects who wish to take advantage of the Congress as an opportunity to organise 'internal' meetings, the Congress venue offers meeting rooms at a modest price. Details can be found on the website.

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Registrations

Expressions of interest are already possible by submitting your personal information on the web page. You will then be provided further details on deadlines and registration.

For more information: www.eaae2008.be

Congress Venue in an Inspiring Environment

We hope that the scientific quality of the Congress together with the marvellous infrastructure of the Congress venue in the historical city of Ghent will inspire lively debate and exchange on the wider trends and challenges facing our profession. The ICC, Congress venue, is located in a nice park and within walking distance of the historical centre of Ghent. Venue and environment invite for meeting and networking.

The rich traditions and culture of Ghent city and the social events combining renowned Belgian food, beer and hospitality will hopefully serve as an additional incentive to encourage many people to participate in the EAAE 2008 Congress.

A special activity programme for accompanying persons should encourage participants to bring their families and share with them the experience of meeting in the city of Ghent and its surroundings.

***We look forward to seeing you
in Ghent in August 2008 !***