

5th European COST 866 Conference in Green Care in Agriculture

Advancing our Knowledge of Green Care in Agriculture: the State of the Art and Future Directions



24–26 August, 2010

Witzenhausen, Germany

Monday 23 August 2010

9:00-18:30 Pre-Conference (at "Neue Aula" [new assembly hall] "2" in the city-map)

20:00 Buffet and Networking at "Gasthaus Krone", "4" in the city-map)

Tuesday 24 August 2010

08:00-09:00 Conference Registration (Nordbahnhofstrasse 1a)
(at "Neue Aula" [new assembly hall] "2" in the city-map)

SESSION 1:

Chair: Dr. Thomas van Elsen, PETRARCA, University of Kassel, Witzenhausen, Germany.

09:00-09:30 Conference Opening and Welcome from Local Hosts
Angela Fischer, Mayor of Witzenhausen
Prof. Dr. Michael Wachendorf, Dean of the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences, University of Kassel - Witzenhausen

09:30-09:45 **Dr. Deirdre O'Connor, University College Dublin, Ireland.**
Chair of Cost Action 866

Overview and Introduction to Conference

09:45-10:15 **Dr. Joe Sempik, Centre for Child and Family Research, Department of Social Sciences, Loughborough University, UK.**
Developments in Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Green Care – Reflections on the State of the Art

10:15-10:45 **Mr. Tadeu Caldas, Ecotropic Consulting, Cologne, Germany**
Sustainability Issues and Green Care in Agriculture

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

SESSION 2:

Chair: Dr. Joe Sempik, Centre for Child and Family Research, Department of Social Sciences, Loughborough University, UK.

11:15-11:45 **Prof. Marian Barnes, Professor of Social Policy, University of Brighton, UK**
A Social Justice Perspective on Green Care in Agriculture

11:45-12:30 Plenary discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break
(lunch at "Zeichensaal" in monastery building, "3" in the city-map)

SESSION 3:

Co-chairs: Dr. Deirdre O Connor, University College Dublin, Ireland and Ir. Marjolein Elings, Plant Research International, Wageningen University and Research Center, Wageningen, The Netherlands.

14:00-14:30 **Ms. Emma Clarence, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) Programme, Italy**
A Social Economy Perspective on Green Care in Agriculture

14:30-15:00 **Dr. Thomas van Elsen, PETRARCA, University of Kassel, Witzenhausen, Germany.**
Policy and Practice Interactions in Green Care: a Cross Country Analysis.

15:00-15:30 **Mr. Wolfgang Reimer, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Germany**
The role of multifunctional and social farming in the perspective of agricultural policy

15:30-16:00 Coffee

16:00-17:00 Plenary discussion

17:00-17:15 Summary of the day

17:15 Poster Presentation and Launch of photo exhibition
"Faces of Social Farming" (by Daniel Thomas Funda)

19:30 Dinner (at the "Backhaus", Walburger Str., "8" in the city-map
[change of location!!])

Wednesday 25 August 2010

8:45 Start from Nordbahnhofstr.1a ("2" in the city-map) with 2 buses

Full day's excursion to social farms:

Group A will start with the visit of Richerode Farm, and after lunch carries on to Fleckenbuehl Farm. Guides: Anne Jaenichen and Johanna Schuessler.

Group B will start with the visit of Fleckenbuehl Farm, and after lunch carries on to Richerode Farm. Guide: Thomas van Elsen.

Both tours will end up at Biohotel Laubach (Hann. Münden) for dinner at 19:30

(1) Richerode Farm: Workshop for disabled people (WfBM) with 180 users, organic mixed farm with 230 ha, winner of the "support price for organic farming" (2008):

www.foerderpreisoekologischerlandbau.de/de/preistraeger/preistraeger-2008/hephata-hessisches-diakoniezentrum/

Movie download: www.foerderpreisoekologischerlandbau.de/de/medien/filme-der-preistraeger-2008/der-film-hephata-hessisches-diakoniezentrum/

Pictures: www.foerderpreisoekologischerlandbau.de/de/medien/bilder-der-preistraeger-2008/hephata-hessisches-diakoniezentrum/

(2) Fleckenbuehl Farm: 250 ha- Biodynamic Farm run by a community of 200 former addicts. Three rules are crucial for everyone on the farm: No drugs, no violence, no smoking. Bakery, butchers, removal service, pottery are further enterprises of the community.

Website: www.diefleckenbuehler.de/

Brochure: www.diefleckenbuehler.de/downloads/Broschuere-die-Fleckenbuehler.pdf

19:30 Dinner at Biohotel Laubach (Hann. Münden),

21:30 Transfer to Witzenhausen (15 km)

Thursday 26 August 2010

SESSION 4:

Chair: Dr. Jan Hassink, Plant Research International, Wageningen University and Research Center, Wageningen, The Netherlands.

- 9:00-9:30 **Dr. Joost Dessein, Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO), Social Sciences Unit, Belgium.**
Economics and Values in Green Care: What are the Issues?
- 9:30-11:00 Towards a Research Strategy for Green Care in Europe;
Facilitated discussion with **Dr. Jan Hassink** with opening contributions from Working Group representatives.
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:30 Plenary discussion
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch Break
(lunch at "Zeichensaal" in monastery building, "3" in the city-map)

SESSION 5:

Chair: Dr. Thomas van Elsen, PETRARCA, University of Kassel, Witzenhausen, Germany.

- 14:00-14:30 **Ms. Mara Lai, European Network for Rural Development (ENRD), Belgium.**
Institutional Support Mechanisms for the Development of Green Care in Europe: Insights from a Rural Development Perspective
- 14:30-15:00 **Mr. Michael Kügler, German Chambers of Agriculture Brussels Office**
Green Care in Agriculture as an innovative element in EU-rural-development policies: From niche to mainstream
- 15:00-15:30 Summary Discussion and closing remarks
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00 MC Meeting of COST Action 866
- 18:30 Evaluation meeting
- 19:30 Conference Dinner (at "Zeichensaal" in monastery building, "3" in the city-map)

Friday 27 August to Saturday 28 August 2010

Post-conference tour to social farms in Northern Germany

The tour will start at 27 August at 9:00 and end at 28 August at 20:00 in Witzenhausen. The farms will be visited using a Mini-Bus. The costs will be 200€ and include travel (1.000 km), accommodation at Dannwisch Farm and all meals.

Friday 27 August

9:00 Start in Witzenhausen Nordbahnhofstr. 1a ("2" in the city-map) with mini- bus

9:15 **School Farm "Hutzelberg"**: Educational Farm offering stays for school classes for one week. During their stay the pupils care for the animals, work in the garden, bake bread and produce cheese – they experience farm life on a small organic farm.

Website: www.schulbauernhof-hutzelberg.de/

11:00 Travel to **Weide-Hardebek** (353 km, 3,5 hrs) www.weide-hardebek.de/

14:30 Arrival in **Hardebek-Farm** (Farm Visit, Coffee), afterwards transfer to **Weide-Farm** (10 km), Farm Visit

18:00 Dinner at Weide Farm

19:00 Travel to **Dannwisch** (38 km, 50 minutes) <http://www.dannwisch.de/>

20:00 Arrival at **Dannwisch-Farm**

Accommodation in huts on the Farm

Saturday 28 August

8:00 Breakfast together with people of Dannwisch Farm

until 11:00 Farm Visit: Farm-kindergarten, Integration of handicapped people; working with school-classes, option to buy cheese ...

11:00 travel to Fuhlenhagen (82 km, 1h15) www.buschberghof.de/

12:30 Lunch at **Buschberg-Farm**

until 16:00 Farm visit (Integration of people with psychiatric disabilities, CSA-concept)

16 Uhr coffee

Travel back to Witzenhausen (324 km, 3 hrs), Arrival depending on traffic jam (bottle-neck Elbe-tunnel in Hamburg) at or after 20:00 in Witzenhausen.

Local taxi service phone +49-5542- 4555.

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