INNOVATIONS in Urban Food Systems

The event is organised by the two French research labs UMR Innovation and UMR Moisa (that are joint research units from INRA, CIRAD and Montpellier SupAgro), the UNESCO Chair on World Food Systems, in connection with the research program SURFOOD (Sustainable Urban Food Systems) and Agropolis International.

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Food policies can improve urban sustainability, in relation to issues of health and nutrition, education, economic development, environment and social cohesion. Conversely, cities and urban regions are gradually emerging as relevant scales and major forces driving the sustainability of agro-food systems and fostering food justice.

Building upon the first four Conferences of the AESOP thematic group Sustainable Food Planning in Almere (2009), Brighton (2010), Cardiff (2011) and Berlin (2012), this 5th conference will focus on innovations in urban food systems, with specific sessions on flows, land and governance.

**PARALLEL TRACKS**

**FLOWS:**
**REFRAMING URBAN FOODSHEDS**
This session will focus on the flows of people, goods, materials and knowledge that create urban food systems and reshape rural/urban linkages.

**LAND:**
**FARMING FOR THE CITY**
This session will focus on planning and urban agriculture promoting dialog between agronomy, architecture and social sciences.

**GOVERNANCE:**
**TOWARDS FOOD JUSTICE**
This session will focus on governance of urban food strategies with the aim of developing policy recommendations.

**PLENARY SPEAKERS**

***Nik HEYNEN***
Professor of geography at the University of Georgia (USA): *Abolition Ecology and Urban Hunger in the City*

***Marielle DUBBELLING***
Director of the RUAF-Foundation (International Network of Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food security): *Integration of agriculture into urban planning*

***Mary NJENGA***
Dr., Research scientist in urban agroecosystems and environment at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and University of Nairobi, Kenya: *Innovation in urban agriculture for food security, livelihoods and the environment in Kenya*

***Paule MOUSTIER***
Senior researcher and food market specialist at CIRAD, the French research centre specialized in tropical agriculture: *Short urban food chains in LDCs: signs of the past or of the future?*

***Robert GOTTLIEB***
Professor of urban & environmental policy, Director of the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College, Los Angeles (USA): *Food Justice: An Action Research Agenda*