

Swiss Forum on International Agricultural Research (SFIAR)

SFIAR is a coalition of Swiss institutions and individuals interested in international agricultural research. Its aim is to promote collaboration, synergies and complementarities between different actors involved in international agricultural research in Switzerland. SFIAR includes public agencies, farmers' organizations, the private sector and NGOs.

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Swiss Centre for International Agriculture (ZIL)

The Swiss Centre for International Agriculture (ZIL) is an association based at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich, founded in 1993. Its members are engaged in research collaboration with developing countries and countries in transition with the aim to achieve poverty alleviation, food security and environmentally sound management of natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

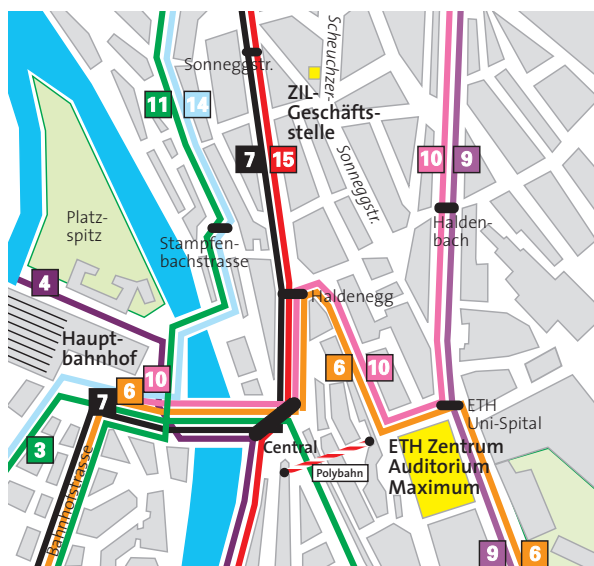
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The Auditorium Maximum is located in the main building of the ETH Zurich (Hauptgebäude) close to the tram stop 'ETH / Universitätsspital' (lines no. 6, 9 and 10).

Conference website: www.sfiar.infoagr.ch/rioplus11



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«Towards a New Paradigm in Agricultural Research – The Challenge of Sustainable Development»

Freitag, 6. Juni 2003, Audimax, ETH Zentrum, Zürich Eintritt frei



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Rio+11: Towards a new Paradigm in Agricultural Research – The Challenge of Sustainable Development

Programme

Since the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 agricultural research has gradually been transformed. Two factors characterize this shift.

- (i) Sustainability is now being claimed as the overall guiding principle for all (agricultural) research. How far has this paradigm shift changed the practice of development oriented agricultural research in Switzerland and among our partners?
- (ii) The second transformation relates to the actors and the institutional setting of the research process. Today it is recognized that knowledge generation and implementation goes beyond linear technology transfer. It takes place in a multi-stakeholder environment requiring inter- or trans-disciplinary approaches. How has this changed research environment entered into the practice of research here and elsewhere?

The conference will review these two issues. In the morning, two key speakers will highlight these developments from an international perspective. Marianne Bänziger (International Wheat and Maize Improvement Center CIMMYT) has been involved in crop improvement research in Mexico and Southern Africa for more than ten years. Joseph Mukiibi (National Agricultural Research Organization, Uganda) has been instrumental in the regional and continental coordination of agricultural research in Africa. He is currently the Chairman of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA).

The two workshops in the afternoon will serve to discuss these paradigm shifts in Swiss research institutions, with presentations by various members of the Swiss Forum of International Agricultural Research (SFIAR). Finally, the three former presidents of the Swiss Centre for International Agriculture (ZIL) will present their reflections how they experienced these changes over the last decade and thereby tribute to the 10th anniversary of ZIL.

Poster Presentation

A Poster Exhibition will be held in the Foyer of the Auditorium Maximum of the ETH Zurich. The objective of this poster presentation is to show the range and diversity of Swiss contributions to international agricultural research. All Swiss researchers working in the field of international agriculture are kindly invited to present their work with a poster.

ZIL/SFIAR Conference Friday, 6 June 2003, Auditorium Maximum, ETH-Zentrum

09.30	Arrival, Poster Presentation, Coffee
10.15	Welcome Address <i>Silvia Dorn, Head of Department of Agriculture and Food Science</i>
10.25	Opening Address <i>Urs Scheidegger, Co-President of SFIAR</i>
10.30	<i>Marianne Bänziger (CIMMYT, Zimbabwe)</i> Does a multi-stakeholder approach lead to more sustainable development in agriculture? – Experiences from Southern Africa
11.30	<i>Joseph Mukiibi (Chairman FARA, Uganda)</i> Towards a new paradigm in agricultural research in Africa
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Poster Presentation
14.00	Parallel Workshops Research partnerships for sustainable development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshop 1: Focus on sustainable land and water management (Room HG F33.1)• Workshop 2: Focus on sustainable agri-food chains (Room HG F33.5)
16.00	Coffee Break
16.30	Final Plenary Session Workshop Reports Statements by former ZIL presidents: <i>Peter Rieder, Josef Nösberger, Ralf Hütter</i> 10 years of international agricultural research at ETH Zurich Discussion
17.15	Closing Remarks <i>Felix Escher, ZIL President</i> <i>Urs Scheidegger, SFIAR Co-President</i>
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