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Important dates

Submission deadline for abstracts: **31st March 2018**

Authors' notification: **30th April 2018**

Early Bird registration deadline: **31st July 2018**

Deadline for final registration: **20th August 2018**

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164th EAAE Seminar

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Preserving Ecosystem Services via Sustainable Agro-food Chains

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► Theme

Unambiguously, preserving the ecosystem and securing sustainability is a very complex topic with several interlinked dimensions. Nevertheless, agro-food chains in the current economic system play a core role as the way they function can influence both producers and consumers. The seminar covers the topic using a broad approach, while focusing on sustainable food chains, and how they can influence agro-food production, and consumption as a whole. Special attention is given to the stakeholders' power to support sustainability through the supply and demand of the ecosystem services. In addition, the role of climate change and environmental challenges in the supply and demand of the ecosystem services can be addressed from a food system point of view. Major emphasis is placed on institutions such as consumer-producer partnerships.

► Background

Sustainability prevails as one of the most significant policy objectives. A huge effort is devoted to establishing and supporting more sustainable agro-food chains, but stakeholders show limited involvement. At the same time, current challenges (climate change, high unemployment rates, economic and political turmoil) put a pressure on drafting a functional and effective plan for a sustainable food system. Agro-food chains as they function today can serve as powerful tools to facilitate the establishment of sustainable forms of agriculture, consumption and production embedded in a viable ecosystem. Hence, researchers, academicians and policy makers can exchange ideas, present methodologies and design collaborations on such crucial societal issues.

► Objectives

The main objective of this seminar is to bring together researchers and policy makers and establish the relation between agro-food chains and the preservation and provision of ecosystem services. In addition, environmental, methodological and societal issues will be tackled from a transaction perspective. The seminar's outcome will provide extensive background on the topic for further applications and research.

► Topics

- Exploring the concept of the sustainable market
- Challenges threatening the ecosystem and food-chain sustainability
- Sustainable food and packaging technologies
- Consumer behavior and sustainability
- Nutrition/diet and health
- Comparative costs of sustainable food products and systems
- Institutional innovations to link consumers and producers
- EU policy to enhance sustainability
- Trends and policies affecting the structure of the food market, including trade
- Quality food chain policy
- Climate change and food sustainability
- Food chain and Rural Environment

► Publications

Efforts will be made to publish a book volume (Springer) and Special Journal Issues.

► Call for papers

Participants who would like to present a paper are requested to submit an abstract before March 31st, 2018. Notification of acceptance will be forwarded by April 30th, 2018. The deadline for the final submission of accepted papers is August 31st 2018.

► Language

The working language of the seminar is English

► Registration

Participants are asked to register before **31st July, 2018** via the online registration platform which will be activated in **January 2018**, at the seminar's website, eaae164.maich.gr.

► Participation fees

Participation fees have been set at **200 EUR**, if you register **before 31st July 2018**, and 250 EUR if you register after this date.

The participation fee includes coffee breaks, two lunches, a welcome reception, a festive Cretan evening, conference materials and bus transfers between the hotel and the Conference Centre.

Participants of an EAAE seminar have to be members of the EAAE at the time of registration for the seminar. For those who are not yet members, the EAAE membership fee is 120 EUR for the period 2017 – 2019 and 150 EUR for the period 2018 – 2020. This amount is to be paid in advance of registration to the EAAE via the EAAE website, <http://www.eaae.org/>.

► Cancellation policy

If cancellation is confirmed by **August 31st, 2018**, fees will be refunded, minus a cancellation fee of 50 EUR. Only written cancellation by fax or e-mail will be accepted for refund purposes. In the case where the candidate has omitted to inform us of the cancellation, no fees will be refunded. Please note that after this date no refund will be given.

