

Food for The Future

A Food and Environment Conference 1-3 September 2015

Introduction

The Faculty of Agriculture and Environment is the home of the science of food production at the University of Sydney (USYD). The University of Padova is one of the oldest universities in Europe and one of the most important in Italy.

Over the last year, the FAE has forged a partnership with the University of Padova to further our mutual research interests, and to open up international opportunities for students and local industry.

Academic staff from Sydney and Padova have agreed to hold an annual workshop/conference, alternating between USYD and Padova. These workshops are intended to be a forum for research discussions and for informing industry and the general public of the science behind food production.

The first meeting is to be held in Sydney in September 2015.

Conference Theme

The theme of the first Sydney-Padova conference is “Food for the Future”. The conference is arranged specifically to provide both (a) a window into research at Sydney and at Padova for industry and the general public and (b) high level forum for scientific discussions on key topics.

The first part of the conference is devoted to explaining the science of food production to an educated, non-academic, industry-focussed audience. Particular topics of importance include issues such as the sustainability (e.g. carbon and energy costs, food miles) of agriculture in general, water use efficiency in agriculture and horticulture, plant and animal nutrition, enhancing livestock production in water and nutrient constrained environments, enhancing flavour and quality of fresh foods. This part of the conference is an opportunity to showcase the breadth of research being conducted by the two universities to industry groups. The pitch to industry would be access and opportunity to hear the latest research in food and food science

The second part of the program is devoted to providing a forum for researchers to talk to their colleagues about the latest trends in research and how to develop research collaborations across the two universities, and that help industry.

Draft Program**Monday 31 August**

Delegates arrive, time for individual face-to-face meetings as required to be organised by delegates

Tuesday 1 September

Day 1 Conference

Venue: Darlington Centre

No. of people: 50+

Open to the public and industry

See separate attached file for program details

Wednesday 2 September

Day 2 Conference

Field Trip: Camden campus

No. of people: 20+

Time	Theme/Speaker	Venue
8.30am	Bus departs Rendezvous Hotel, Central for Camden	Rendezvous Hotel
10am	Arrive PBI Cobbitty	PBI Cobbitty
10-10.15am	Coffee	PBI Cobbitty
10.15-11 am	Tour of Green Camel (formerly Urban Ecological System Australia Pty Ltd), Levi Nupponen, General Manager, Business Development CONFIRMED	Urban Ecological System Australia Pty Ltd, Cobbitty
11.15am-12noon	Tour of vegetable breeding project Graham Brown and Nabil Ahmad CONFIRMED	PBI Cobbitty
12noon-1.15pm	BBQ Lunch	PBI Cobbitty
1.30pm-2.15pm	Tour PBI Glasshouses and facilities Prof. Peter Sharp CONFIRMED	PBI Cobbitty
2.30-3.15pm	Centre for Carbon, Water and Food (CCWF), A/Prof. Margaret Barbour CONFIRMED	CCWF, Werombi Rd
3.15pm	Afternoon tea	CCWF, Werombi Rd
3.30pm	Depart CCWF, Werombi Rd	CCWF, Werombi Rd
5.00	Arrive Rendezvous Hotel	Rendezvous Hotel

Thursday 3 September

Day 3 Academic Workshop

Open to USYD and Padova only

Research discussions, forging academic links, teaching, actions, next steps

Venue: Room 422, ATP

No. of people: 20+

See separate attachment

Friday 4 September

Day 4 Conference

Delegates depart also time available for individual face-to-face meetings as required organised by delegates, follow up meetings, networking etc