



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter JIAC2009

This is the second newsletter for the Joint International Agricultural Conference 2009 ([www.jiac2009.nl](http://www.jiac2009.nl)). In this letter we will give you an update on JIAC2009.

### Planning

At this point the final arrangements are being made for putting out the call for abstracts. At the conference we will have three main streams: 'methodology', 'proof of principles and demonstrations' and 'network discussions'. To stimulate interaction and creative work methods also a few cross-themes will be part of the program.

For the abstract (and paper) submission we ask participants to make use of a special Internet application (hosted by Wageningen Academic) that helps us with the process of reviewing. The reviewing will be done by the scientific committee. In the next few months potential members for the committee are being addressed.

More information on the call for abstracts will follow soon.

In the following table the planning of the abstract and paper handling is shown:

Item	Date
Call for Abstracts	May 2008
Deadline submission abstracts	August 15, 2008
Notification of abstract acceptance	October 15, 2008
Deadline paper submission	January 1, 2009
Feedback review scientific committee	February 15, 2009
Deadline final paper submission	March 15, 2009

### Registration

We are planning to open the early registration in October 2008. At this point, on the JIAC web site there will be a possibility to register for the conference. The late registration will start on April 30, 2009.

We expect the conference (late) fee to be € 550. For MSC/PhD students the fee will be € 350 (proof of status required). It will be possible to register for a one day participation for 300 €. The fee includes receptions, lunches, conference dinner, refreshments, a book of abstracts, excursion transport and transit to and from the conference hotels. If wished for, it is possible to sign up for the ECFA and/or ECPLF proceedings (book) along with the registration for the conference. The books will be printed on demand for an extra fee (the books will be available on CD for free).

### Website

Please check out our website [www.jiac2009.nl](http://www.jiac2009.nl) for more information about the conference, its location and how to contact us. The website of the conference will be updated regularly.

Right now, information is available about the conference hotels. Arrangements with these hotels are being made. It is better not to book yet until the arrangements are final.

On the website there is information available about our sponsors. Please take a look at their logos and websites.

If you are interested in sponsoring the conference, there is information available on the many possibilities we have to offer. Sponsors are welcome, so if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask (see below for contact details).

### **General Information JIAC2009**

ECPA (European Conference on Precision Agriculture) and ECPLF (European Conference on Precision Livestock Farming) will be joined for the second time with the EFITA conference (European Federation for Information Technology in Agriculture, Food and the Environment). The conference will be held at the campus site of Wageningen University and Research centre (Netherlands) from July 6 to July 8, 2009. There will also be some pre- and post conference activities. One of them will be the international Field Robot Event.

The main objective of the joint conference will be to form a platform for cooperation between different fields of research and to provide an opportunity to join forces with representatives from the agricultural industry and (EU) policy makers. A second objective will be to exchange research efforts focusing on precision agriculture, precision livestock farming and information technology in agriculture, food and the environment.

### **Organization and contact**

The executive committee coordinates the organization of the conference. The executive committee consists of the following people:

#### Jan Huijsmans (ECPA)

Field Technology Innovations, Agro Systems research  
Plant Research International (PRI), Wageningen University and Research Center (WUR)  
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#### Kees Lokhorst (chair) (ECPLF)

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