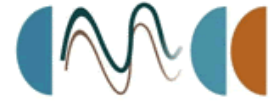




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Doctoral School on Agricultural and Forestry Eco-Systems and Food Production Sciences

SUMMER SCHOOL ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND AGRICULTURE

Alghero, Sardinia - Italy 14-18 September 2009

Objectives

The aim of the Summer School is to give our doctoral students a wide view of the context of climate change impacts on agriculture, focusing on the most important models and tools. Agriculture is one of the main sectors affected by climate change and there are still uncertainties as to how the combined effects of climatic variables (CO₂, temperature, and precipitation) affect crop growth and yield. Issues relating to adaptation and mitigation strategies for climate change will also be discussed.

Main Topics

The following topics will be discussed:

- Climate change impacts on agriculture
- Adaptation strategies
- Mitigation strategies
- Adaptation and mitigation: potential synergies

Contents

- Introduction to climate change impacts on agriculture
- Temporal and spatial scales: focusing on downscaling
- Models and tools to evaluate the climate change impacts on agriculture:
 - o Land evaluation techniques (land capability and suitability)
 - o Crop growth models
 - o Statistical approach
 - o Case studies
- Adaptation strategies
- Mitigation strategies
- Potential synergies and economic evaluation
- Changes in land use: impacts on agriculture areas

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PARTICIPATION (ADMISSION)

Participants are required to have an adequate knowledge of English.

The number of participants is limited to 35 (20 students from the Doctoral School Changes and 15 other participants.)

DEADLINE

The deadline for requesting participation is August 14th 2009.

REQUESTS FOR PARTICIPATION

The registration fee is 400 euros for non-Doctoral School Changes participants.

The way of payment will be specified later.

When applying the participants are requested to send by e-mail the application form, a letter of interest and a curriculum vitae to the address agromet@uniss.it

ORGANIZATION OF LECTURES

The School will consist of frontal lectures and/or laboratories given in the morning and afternoon.

The working language will be English.

Some of the invited lecturers are:

- Ted DeJong, University of California, Davis
- R.Snyder, University of California, Davis
- Arnold J. Bloom, University of California, Davis
- Martin Dubrovsky, Institute of atmospheric physics, Prague
- Gerrit Hoogenboom, University of Georgia, USA