



The 7th International Conference on Life Cycle Assessment in the Agri-Food Sector

22 – 24 September 2010, Bari (Italy).

The University of Bari (Italy) will host the International Conference on LCA in the Agri-Food sector, from 22 to 24 September 2010. This is the seventh in a series including Brussels (1996, 1998), Gothenburg, (2001, 2007), Horsens (2003), Zurich (2008).

The objectives of the conference are:

- to show the recent developments in the methodology, approaches, databases and tools
- to present applications of the LCA methodology to food product systems and to food consumption patterns
- to increase the use of LCA and other industrial ecology tools in agricultural and industrial food products
- to support information sharing and exchange of experience regarding environmental conscious decision making in the agri-food chain
- to provide background for the sustainability of the agri-food sector

The Conference welcomes inter-disciplinary contributions concerning a broad range of discussion topics that are of interest for the theory and practice of LCA in the agri-food sector, such as:

- Specific aspects of the Agri-Food Industry – treatment in LCA (LCA of artificial and natural food ingredients, Food processing and waste treatment, Aquaculture LCAs, Related sectors: biofuels and bioplastics, Case studies)
- Agri-food System analysis and LCA modelling (Specific impact categories of the primary sector (land use, water use, biodiversity etc.); Homogenization of databases and Life cycle inventory - pesticides dispersion models etc.)
- Meso-level food-related LCAs (LCA applied to diets or lifestyles (Mediterranean diet, low-income diets); Connecting LCA and govt.-sponsored healthy-eating recommendations (e.g.

balanced-diet mixes); IO-LCAs in the agri-food area)

- LCA and sustainable food systems (Eco- Labelling and communication (incl. footprinting); Economic and Societal assessment in LCA; LCA and food policy/corporate strategy; Case studies)

The papers accepted as both platform and poster presentations will be published in the proceedings. A maximum of 10 selected papers will be published on a special issue of a refereed Journal.

**Deadline for abstract submissions:
January 15th, 2010**

Please check the Conference website for further details and important dates:

<http://www.lcafood2010.uniba.it/>

The website will be updated regularly. For further enquiries, please contact the Organising Committee at the following email address:

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The Scientific and the Organising Committees of the LCA Food 2010 warmly invite scholars and practitioners to submit their papers and join this scientific event hosted in the beautiful setting of the Mediterranean sea.

Conference Venue:
Università degli Studi di Bari
Palazzo Ateneo
Salone degli Affreschi
Piazza Umberto I, Bari - Italy