



## V Latin American Congress of Agroecology

*Agroecology: a new paradigm to redefine research, education and outreach  
for sustainable agriculture*

**7-9 October 2015**

**La Plata, Argentina**

Agroecology has recently become a comprehensive and core banner for social movements in Latin America and, to a lesser extent, for the academia and public policies, becoming a horizon to democratize food systems and change the productive matrix. In the last regional congress held in Buenos Aires in April 2015, *La Via Campesina* ratified agroecology as "the material basis for food sovereignty". Several social MERCOSUR and UNASUR summits have pointed out that this topic constitutes a pragmatic horizon to be further explored, in relation to climate and land reform issues.

The V Congress of Agroecology will be held at the School of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry of the National University of La Plata, Republic of Argentina, from 7 to 9 October 2015, with a format combining conferences, round tables, workshops and sharing of experiences. It will be attended by approximately 1 500 participants and 40 international speakers. It will have the institutional support of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA), the National Secretariat of Family Farming, the Research and Technological Development Institute for Family Farming (IPAF), the Rural Change Unit of the National Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, the FAO and the National University of La Plata. *Via Campesina*, which organized a continental congress in April 2015 in Buenos Aires, with support in logistics from the Argentine State, is involved in drafting the agenda and mobilizing leaders.

The Latin American Scientific Society of Agroecology (SOCLA) organizes this **Latin American Congress of Agroecology** every two years. Four congresses have already been held in Colombia (2007), Brazil (2009), Mexico (2011) and Peru (2013), gathering the academia, technicians, students, institutions, social movements and organized farmers, and showing the state-of-the-art agroecology in the Latin American and Ibero-American regions.

The Congress' local organization committee includes representatives from the National University of La Plata, IPAF, INTA, the Civil Society Food Sovereignty Committee (Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the Secretariat of Family Farming, the Chair of food sovereignty and nutrition of the University of Buenos Aires, the University of Lomas de Zamora, and the University of Buenos Aires.

# DRAFT PROGRAM

## KEY SPEECHES

1. **Gender and Agroecology.** Emma Siliprandi, Center for Food Studies and Research, State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil
2. **History of Agroecology: from Yesterday to Today.** Susana Hecht, University of California, Berkeley, USA
3. **Peoples, Food Systems and Regional and Global Challenges:** João Pedro Stedile, Movement of Landless Rural Workers (MST), Brazil
4. **Between Institutionality and Social Movements: Current International Situation for Agroecology.** Peter Rosset, ECOSUR-Mexico, Land Research-Action Network, La Vía Campesina
5. **Analysis of Local Knowledge to Restore Biodiversity.** Mg. Zoraida Calle, University of Los Andes, Colombia
6. **Intensification and Agroecology.** Dr. Pablo Tittone, National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA), Argentina-Netherlands; Dr. Miguel Altieri, USA

## ROUND TABLES

1. **Exchange of Knowledge and Agroecology**
  - Jaime Morales Hernández, Center for Social Training and Research, Mexico
  - Juan Caceres, farmer, Provincial Association of Organic Farmers, Argentina
  - Representative of AgriEcology Peasant Schools, National Indigenous Peasant Movement, Latin American Coordination of Peasant Organizations, CLOC - La Via Campesina, Argentina
2. **Seeds: Biocultural Diversity, Farmers' Rights and Agrifood System**
  - Carlos Vicente (GRAIN, Argentina)
  - Movement of Small Farmers (MPA, Brazil)
  - Irajá Ferreyra Antunez (Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation, EMBRAPA, Brazil)
3. **Education and Agroecology**
  - Olga Domene, National Coordinator of the Agroecology Graduate Training Program, Bolivarian University of Venezuela, Venezuela
  - Teacher of Agroecology-National University of La Plata, Argentina
  - Daniel Bareilles, Degree program in Agroecology in Cañuelas, Argentina

#### **4. Suburban Areas with Restrictions in the Use of Agrochemicals: Agroecology or Soybean Sea?**

- Patricia Propersi, researching teacher at the National University of Rosario, Argentina
- Jorgelina Porta, agricultural engineer, political and social activist, Secretary and Undersecretariat of Productive Development in the city of Mar del Plata, Argentina

#### **5. How to Build Another Economy for Agroecology**

- EcoVida Network, Brazil
- Mercados Campesinos, Bolivia or Ferias Francas Argentinas
- Jose Luis Coraggio (General Sarmiento National University, Argentina)
- Moderator: Luis Caballero (Secretary of Family Farming, Argentina)

#### **6. Agroecology Outreach**

- Dardo Selis, Argentine Association of Rural Outreach (AADER), Argentina
- Carlos Pineda, National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA), Argentina
- Francisco Caporal, Federal Rural University of Pernambuco (Brazil)
- Antonio Lattuca, Agricultural Engineer and Coordinator of the Urban Agriculture Program, city of Rosario, Argentina
- Moderator: Carlos Carballo, University of Buenos Aires

#### **7. Climate Change**

- Dr. Fernando Funes Monzote, SOCLA Cuba
- Diego Ramilo, Forestry Engineer MSc., National Coordinator of Transfer and Outreach at INTA, Argentina
- Mr. Lucas Di Pietro, Department of Climate Change, Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development, Argentina
- Moderator: Clara Nicholls, SOCLA, USA

#### **8. Social Movements, Food Sovereignty and Agroecology**

- Organized by Peter Rosset and La Vía Campesina

#### **9. Institutional Innovation at INTA**

- Andrea Maggio, Director of the Center for Research and Technological Development of Family Farming, CIPAF-INTA Argentina
- Pablo Tiftonell, National Program of Natural Resources, INTA Argentina
- Jorge Ullé, INTA Agroecology Network, Argentina
- Moderator: Gustavo Tito, INTA Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area, Argentina

#### **10. The Agroecology Proposal in view of the Increased Use and Effect of Pesticides**

- Javier Souza, Pesticide Action Network and Alternatives for Latin America (RAPAL)
- Margarita Goycochea, Environmental Forum of Los Toldos, Argentina
- Jesús Contreras, Organic Agricultural Network of Misiones, Argentina
- Fernando Carneiro, Campaign against Agrottoxics, Brazil

#### **11. GM foods/GMO**

- Walter Pengue, General Sarmiento University, Argentina
- Pablo Galeano, University of the Republic, Uruguay
- Silvia Ribeiro, ETC Group, Mexico

#### **12. Family Farming and Agroecology**

- Member of the National Universities Forum for Family Farming. Argentina
- Representative of the Movement of Small Farmers of Brazil, CLOC La Via Campesina
- Mr. Lautaro Vizcay, Head of the Technical Secretariat of MERCOSUR's Specialized Meeting on Family Farming

- Mr. Guillermo Krayeski, Family farmer, Parque Pereyra Area, Argentina

### 13. **Research in Agroecology**

- Santiago J. Sarandón, Agricultural Engineer at the School of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry of the National University of La Plata, Argentina
- Flavio Dal Soglio, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
- Jose María Silveira, President of the Committee of Scientific Research (CIC), Argentina
- Moderator: Sergio Martins-Costa Gomes

### 14. **Land Access and Possession in Agroecology-based Farming / Agroecology and Fight for Land**

- Representative of the Land Workers Union (UTT), Argentina
- Ms. Ivette López Carreño, Council of Community-based Economy of the Alto Tuy Rural Tourism Community, Venezuela
- Representative of the National Coordinating Group of Rural and Indigenous Women Workers' Organizations (CONAMURI), Paraguay
- Mr. Edgardo González, Researcher into issues related to access and possession of land at IPAF Pampas Region
- Moderator: Edgardo Gabriel Gonzalez, IPAF Pampas region, Argentina

### 15. **Public Policies and New Institutionalities for Agroecology-based Indigenous, Peasant and Family Farming**

- Paulo Petersen, Brazilian Association of Agroecology AS-PTA, Brazil
- Diego Montón, Latin American Coordinator of Rural Organizations (CLOC-VC), Argentina
- Nemesia Acacholla, Minister of Land and Rural Development of the Plurinational State of Bolivia
- Moderator: Ramiro Fresneda, National Secretariat of Family Farming, Argentina

### 16. **Agroecological Transition:**

- Laura de Luca, IPAF Pampas region, Argentina
- Freddy Fleitas, farmer from Tres Colonias - Bella Vista, Corrientes (Agroecological Movement for Latin America and the Caribbean (MAELA), Argentina
- Gervasio Paulus, Technical Assistance and Rural Outreach Corporation (EMATER), Brazil
- Moderator: Claudia Flores, School of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry, National University of La Plata, Argentina

### 17. **Ecological Management of Pests**

- Clara Nicholls, Latin American Scientific Society of Agroecology (SOCLA), University of California, USA
- Luis Vazquez, Agricultural Engineer at the Plant Health Research Institute (INISAV), Cuba

### 18. **Convergence of the Agroecological Movement Leaders**

- José Guillermo Rivadeneira Serrano, Agricultural Engineer of the Central University of Ecuador, Executive Coordinator of the Ecuadorian Coordinating Agency on Agroecology (CEA), Ecuador
- Javier Rivera Laverde, Legal Representative of the Association of Small Coffee Growers of La Marina district (ASOPECAM), Colombia

### 19. **Small Scale Agroecology**

- Leaders from Argentina, Brazil, Chile (Miguel Altieri)

### 20. **Large Scale Agroecology**

- *To be defined*