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## **Sustainable Agriculture in Cambodia** **Current knowledge applications and future needs**

**UNICAM conference**  
**27-29 August 2018**  
**Siem Reap (or Phnom Penh), Cambodia**

We are very pleased to announce the upcoming UNICAM conference held in Siem Reap (or Phnom Penh) Cambodia from 27-29 August 2018.

[UNICAM](#) is an Erasmus+ project focused on the development of master programmes in sustainable agriculture (MSA) made up of eight universities from Cambodia, Belgium, France, Italy and Spain.

The main objective of this event is to share the knowledge and agree on the steps needed to encourage more and more sustainable agriculture production.

As we know there is undeniable evidence that agriculture plays an important role on global change. To that is added the large carbon footprint that food production and distribution leaves behind. Likewise, global change and more specifically the uncertainty deriving from climate change poses a threat to agriculture as it is understood today. This is truly a pressing matter which demands more and more a move to sustainable agriculture worldwide.

It is worth mentioning that if we move to agricultural practices that minimize the use of pesticides the benefits will not be only for human and environmental health but it will also increase the commercial value of the agricultural goods.

We are convinced that the concepts taught in subjects in our MSA, and those that will be presented and discussed with key stakeholders and end-users during the conference will benefit our society, but more importantly will persist in future generations leading to a sustainable implementation of the lessons learnt.

Helena Guasch on behalf of the organizing committee



## Preliminary Program

### 27 August

#### Short training courses (morning) and welcome (afternoon)

8:30-12:00 (simultaneous courses)

- Course on communication skills (addressed to master students)

14:00-17:00

- Welcome (organizers and authorities)
- Presentation of the conference and summary of UNICAM results

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### 28 August

#### Sustainable Agriculture in Cambodia

*Session 1. Sustainable agriculture in Cambodia: state of the art and future trends*

9:00-10:45. Conference (40 min.) and three presentations (15 min. each)

10:45-11:15. Coffee break

11:15-13:00. Presentations (two, 15 min. each) and poster session (with a 2-3 min. presentation each)

13:00-14:30. Lunch

*Session 2. Sustainable agriculture in Cambodia: case studies*

14:30-17:30. Conference (40 min.) and round table between academia, stakeholders and end-users on the difficulties and strategies followed to move to sustainable agriculture in Cambodia

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### 29 August

#### Environmental, social and economic impacts of Agriculture

*Session 3. Environmental and human health effects of agriculture and strategies for an efficient use of water resources and chemicals*

9:00-10:45. Conference (40 min.) and three presentations (15 min. each)

10:45-11:15. Coffee break

11:15-13:00. Presentations (two, 15 min. each) and poster session

13:00-14:30. Lunch

*Session 4. Social and economic impacts of sustainable agriculture in Cambodia*

14:30-17:30. Conference (40 min.) and round table between academia, stakeholders and end-users on social and economic impacts of sustainable agriculture in Cambodia

*Closure and communication of poster awards*

17:30-18:00



### Important dates

- First announcement: 20 April
- Final program: 20 June
- Early registration: 25 June-20 July
- Late registration: until 15 August 2018

*Abstracts for a poster or oral presentation are welcome:*

- Submission of abstracts: 5 May-5 June
- Selection of abstracts: 16 June

We encourage master students to submit an abstract and prepare a poster of their master thesis and follow the short training courses that will help them to build up the skills needed to present a poster to an international audience.

There will be a committee (made up of attendees and specialists in communication) that will assess the posters and presentations and propose the awards.

### Organizing committee

Dr. Sovan Lek, University Paul Sabatier, Toulouse III, France

Dr. Anna Tozzi, Università degli Studi dell'Aquila (UNIVAQ – Italy)

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