

12th-19th May, previous to Agroforestry 2019

Special event for young participants

THE LEARNING VILLAGE

ENTER

- Become part of a community of young professionals and researchers from all over the world and from different disciplines, working on agroforestry.

CONNECT

- Share with your peers about your academic journey, get mentorship from the best experts on your field, start to build a solid and powerful network.

THINK

- Take a step back from your research and reflect about your possible career paths.

DISCOVER

- Get to know a genuine, exciting and innovative ecosystem that develops agroforestry systems on the region by supporting new farmers on their settle down.

LEARN

- Improve your soft skills leaving your comfort zone by addressing a non-expert audience.

ENJOY

- Experience collective work in a trustful and respectful atmosphere.

RATIONALE

One of the major factor of success for a young graduate aiming to undertake a research career, is his/her capacity to build strong network with other young fellow scientists and with leading senior researchers in their field. This is often achieved through the participation of these young graduates in large research projects. However, just a few of them can access this type of network.

International congresses offer promising venues for these young graduates to build such network. However, it appears to be hard for them to take full advantage of their participation in this type of events, as they might feel intimidated by the environment and the presence of high-level well-known scientists.

With ARTrees, we would like to foster the development of a network of young professionals who are taking the opportunity that the World Agroforestry Congress 2019 represents.

There is a critical need for training and support programmes to help both young graduates and young researchers get prepared for a successful development of their professional career. By attending ARTrees learning village participants will have the chance to reflect and take action for building up an accomplished professional trajectory.



MAIN OBJECTIVES

The **overall objective** of ARTrees learning village is to induct the beginning of a community of practice upon selected young participants attending Agroforestry 2019 and to foster links with senior leading researchers. This as a means to trigger their positive impact at the congress.

Specific objectives:

- to support the emergence of a network of French and international young professionals who are working on topics in agroforestry.
- to offer a mentoring program that will constitute the starting point of participant's scientific network and recognition.
- to improve their communication skills with non-expert audiences.
- to induct a collective reflection on agroforestry as a means to restore degraded ecosystems that could serve as a basis for a future working paper, through several rounds of discussions and the analysis of an agroforestry project set up by the association Terracoopa.

LEARNING VILLAGE APPROACH

One week, 20 participants, experienced team of experts and mentors. Collective research work on the field, seconded by a mentoring program, with results to be presented to non-expert audience. Building up a community. Reinforcing soft skills. Discovering a genuine structure from the socio-economic tissue to broaden participants' career reflections.

The learning village approach is practical, empowering, transdisciplinary, intercultural.

COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM

The group of participants will work together as a whole, but each participant will be able to choose the focus they want to take for the week. Common components will ensure consistency of the collective work.

Optional choice between:

1. Fieldwork research
2. Development of communication skills

Common components:

3. Mentoring program
4. Artistic spaces



ACTIVITIES

- E-learning module to get started
- Interactive webinars as introduction
- Short guest lectures with discussions
- Semi-structured interviews on the field
- Real life teaching exercise
- Reflexive sessions on communication and research practice
- Open Art sessions
- Collective presentation of results
- Personal mentoring

LEADING TEAM

Coordination and Mentoring programme: GAEA (<http://www.gaealliance.org/>) - With its origins on the EMA community (<https://www.em-a.eu/>), GAEA will deliver the mentoring programme and guarantee the coordination of the whole week. They will facilitate collective teamwork and ensure trustful and respectful atmosphere by enabling spaces for convivial exchanges.

Scientific partner: CIRAD -- CIRAD researchers will lead the fieldwork together with our field partner.

Field stakeholder: Terracoopa (<https://www.terracoopa.net/>) -- All the fieldwork has been constructed and organized hand in hand with Terracoopa (genuine structure from the socio-economic tissue that allies farm incubator, consultants, farmers, trainers, different and original shapes of entrepreneurship).

This sounds great, where can I sign up?

Further details and deadlines of the application process on our website

<http://www.gaealliance.org/artrees.html>



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