



Organizers:

Working Group Sustainability / Soilprotection of the Working Community of the Danube Regions,
Soil and Sustainable Operations Network (SONDAR), University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU)
and the Authority of Land Reform of Lower Austria
in Cooperation with

the Network of Life Science Universities (CASEE), Healthacross, Foundation for Farming,
Klima- und Energie- Modellregion Wagram, Arche Noah, Bio-Austria, Bioforschung Austria, Nature in the Garden, Agrana
and Fertimine

25th Conference of the Working Group Sustainability / Soilprotection of the Working Community of the Danube Regions

Small-Scale Food Production Systems: Innovations for Healthy Soils & People

Small-scale food production systems are increasingly attracting the attention of producers, consumers and scientists as a possible solution to the manifold ecological and economic dilemma of agriculture and food supply in a world with an ever increasing population. Such systems typically involve intense labour and aim at high and diverse productivity on small pieces of land. Small-scale food production has been employed in weak economies (subsistence agriculture) for meeting the own demands of food, and more recently becomes popular as an alternative to conventional food supply systems for citizen and entrepreneurs also in wealthy regions, e.g. the "market gardener" company based in Canada. While this approach appears promising for meeting the increasing demand for high quality and quantity of food supply under different economic and social settings, in-depth evaluation of their sustainability is yet required. This includes various dimensions such as the origin, rate and quality of energy, organic matter, nutrient and water inputs, as well as the economic viability and implications for food security and safety if small-scale food production is to become a substantial contributor to food supply. This conference brings together practitioners, experts, scientists and students from the Danube region and other parts of the world to demonstrate and discuss the opportunities and challenges for sustainable soil use and food production in small-scale systems.

REGISTRATION

Early bird registration extended until April, 6th, 2018 (Registration fee: € 120 for regular participants, € 60 for students)

Late registration after April 6th, 2018 (Registration fee: € 200 for regular participants, € 100 for students)

Number of participants is limited!

TUESDAY, APRIL 24TH & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2018

UFT / BOKU TULLN, KONRAD LORENZSTRASSE 24, 3430 TULLN AN DER DONAU / AUSTRIA

Public transport: You can reach Tulln Main Station by train from Vienna, Krems or St. Poelten.

It takes 10 minutes to walk from Tulln Main Station to the UFT.

Note: Please do not mistake it for Tullnerfeld station, which is approx. 10 km south of Tulln.

Arrival with car: Entrance via roundabout „Baumschule“ – Ambulance, Dr. Karl Landsteiner Straße, parking lot at Gregor-Mendel-Straße. – see attached plan.

Note: Entrance via Frauenhofener Straße and Konrad Lorenzstraße ends before reaching the location!

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Registration: via www.unserboden.at/registration - **Early Bird extended till April, 6th, 2018**, limited number of participants, registrations are only valid after confirmation

Agenda

Tuesday, April 24th, 2018

Moderation: Erwin Szlezak, Authority of Land Reform of Lower Austria, WG Danube Countries (AT)

Conference language: English, with German translation available

9:00 – 10:00 am **Arrival / Registration at UFT Tulln**

10:00 – 12:30 am **Opening of the Conference**

Erwin Szlezak / Authority of Landreform & Walter Wenzel / BOKU

Keynotes to Recent Advances in Small-scale Food Production

Jeff Moyer / Rodale Institute (USA)

Sara Hellen Kaweesa / BOKU – Centre for Development Research (AT)

Ron Gilchrist / Grow Food Nature's Way / Eat Yourself Healthy (Scotland)

Eva Erhart / Bioforschung Austria (AT)

Alfred Grand / VERMIGRAND (AT)

Brian Oldreive / Foundation for Farming (Videomessage)

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12:30 pm – 01:30 pm **Buffet Lunch**

01:30 – 06:00 pm **Field Trip** to the Research Farm of Alfred Grand, Absdorf
Organic No-Till, Agroforestry, Multifunctional Hedges, Vermicomposting
VERMIGRAND NATURPRODUKTE GMBH / HAUSÄCKER STRAßE 12 / 3462 ABSDORF

06:00 – 09:00 pm **Dinner and Get-Together at “Heuriger Heiss” in Absdorf**
KELLERGASSE ABSBERG, 3462 ABSDORF

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018

Moderation: Erwin Szlezak, Authority of Landreform of Lower Austria, WG Danube Countries (AT)

Language: English with German translation available

09:00 - 10:00 am Meeting of the Members of the Working Group Sustainability / Soilprotection managed by Christian Steiner, Lower Austria (AT) with Inputs from:
Florian Ballnus (DE) Priority Area 6 Coordinator - EU Strategy for the Danube Region
Maria Romc (CRO) President of Croatian Soil Science Society
Elena Diacu (RO) University "Politehnica of Bucharest"
Othmar Nestroy (AT) "Influence of Climatechange on Soilfunction"
Meinhard Breiling (AT) "Landscape decline and Development of Transylvanian Villages"
Summerschool in Schönberg/Dealu Frumos Romania



10:00 – 12:30 am Workshop
The Polyface Farm: A best practice model for SMALL-SCALE FOOD PRODUCTION”
Joel Salatin / USA



12:30 am – 01:30 pm **Buffet Lunch & Group Picture at the Lower Austrian Soil Sign**

01:45 - 02:00 pm **Students presentation**
Moderation: Walter Wenzel / Austria
Small-scale food production for the market / Johanna Singer & Cornelia Mayr (AT)



Parallel Workshops

Self-sufficient Small-Scale Systems for Food Production (EN)
Moderation: Ronald Gilchrist / Scotland and Sara Hellen Kaawesa / Austria
Input from Festus Imarhiagbe (AT)



Market Gardening and Food for Communities in Small-Scale Systems (EN + DE)
Moderation: Jeff Moyer / USA and Joel Salatin / USA



Healthcross (EN)

Moderation: Elke Ledl / Austria
Cross-Border Health and Sustainability cooperation projects
Inputs from Nick Hansmann (GB) and Robby Gass (SCO) Healthgarden



04:00 – 04:30 pm **Coffee Break**



04:30 – 05:45 pm **Reports on the Workshops & Panel Discussion**
Moderation: Walter Wenzel / Austria
Panel members: Sara Hellen Kaweesa, Elke Ledl, Joel Salatin, Jeff Moyer, Alfred Grand, Ron Gilchrist, Olivier Duboc (BOKU), Anton Reinl (Austrian Chamber of Agriculture)



05:45 – 06:00 pm **Presentation of the Work Programme 2018/19** Erwin Szlezak



06:00 – 07:00 pm **Dinner & Get Together**, Connection of Projects in the Danube Countries and international Cooperation projects in the Context of Soil and Sustainability



07:00 – 09:00 pm **Poster presentations of Projects and Organisations in the fields of Sustainability and Health**





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Interuniversitäres Department für Agrarbiotechnologie (IFA):

Fachhochschule Wr. Neustadt, Standort Tulln (FH):

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