

## **Is Italian agriculture ready for climate change? Let's hear the voice of the Agroscenari project**

**Rome, 29 -30 October 2014  
Conference Center Palazzo Rospigliosi  
Via XXIV Maggio, 43**

The Agroscenari project has been carried out under a grant awarded, in 2008 by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forest Policies, has come to an end.

The meeting is an opportunity to review the results of research activities in a setting conducive to exchanges with other actors in the agriculture sector, including the Ministry towards solution for the adaptation to climate change, specific policies.

The following main production systems targeted by Agroscenari research:

- Intensive cereal and animal production (Valpadana),
- Intensive fruit production (Faenza),
- Extensive cereals and animal production (Oristano),
- Viticulture, olive and cereal production (Beneventano and Marche),
- Intensive horticulture (Destra Sele).

Research under the research themes addressed the entire national territory, i.e. plant phenology, pests and diseases, land degradation.

The meeting will review the current state of the art on adaptation of agriculture to climate change, to provide guidelines on research priorities for the near future.

The meeting is scheduled over two days with different content and targets.

In the first day project results will be presented. After a short summary, climate change scenarios used in the research will be illustrated. Afterwards all the cropping systems examined in Agroscenari will be presented at dedicated booths in a Science Fair, where researchers will be available to show details of the experimental activities carried out and to discuss results using posters and other exhibits.

The final discussion will focus on feedback by participants by means of a questionnaire distributed with the registration materials.

In the second day a more formal meeting will take place, devoted to regional, national and European policies examined in the light of Agroscenari results. Further developments in climate change and agriculture research activities will also be analysed in detail.

The meeting will end with a round table discussion on the subject "Response and Adaptation of the Italian agricultural systems to climate change".

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### Wednesday, 29 October 2014

#### "Results of the Agroscenari project"

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| 14.00-14.20 | Registration   |
| 14.20-14.30 | Opening addresses:<br><b>Giuseppe Alonzo</b> - President of Agricultural Research Council  |
| 14.30-14.45 | <i>The Agroscenari project: objectives and results</i><br><b>Domenico Vento</b> – Project Coordinator  |
| 14.45-15.00 | <i>Climate change and future climatic scenarios (2021-2050)</i><br><b>Massimiliano Pasqui</b> – National Research Council, Institute of Biometeorology   |
| 15.00-16.00 | Introduction to Science Fair by Agroscenari Researchers:   |
| 15.00       | <i>Intensive forage cropping systems (Valpadana)</i><br><b>Francesco Masoero</b> – Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Univ. Cattolica del Sacro Cuore                                |
| 15.10       | <i>Intensive fruit-cropping (Faenza)</i><br><b>Vittorio Marletto</b> – HydroMeteoClimate Service of the Emilia-Romagna Region  |
| 15.20       | <i>Cereals and livestock (Oristano)</i><br><b>Pier Paolo Roggero</b> – Dep. of Agricultural Sciences, Desertification Research Centre, University of Sassari   |
| 15.30       | <i>Viticulture, olive growing and rainfed cereals (Beneventano and Marche)</i><br><b>Massimo Menenti</b> – Dep. Geoscience & Remote Sensing, Delft University of Technology                                |
| 15.40       | <i>Intensive irrigated horticulture (Destra Sele)</i><br><b>Francesca De Lorenzi</b> – National Research Council, Institute for Mediterranean Agricultural and Forest Systems                              |
| 15.50       | Phenology, crop pathogens and parasites, land degradation (national analysis)<br><b>Luigi Perini</b> – Agricultural Research Council, Research unit for Climatology and Meteorology applied to Agriculture |
| 16.00-16.20 | Coffee break   |
| 16.20-18.00 | Science Fair   |
| 18.00-19.00 | Panel discussion   |

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### Thursday, 30 October

#### **"Perspectives of climate-smart agriculture: a debate between policy makers and scientific world"**

09.00-09.30 Registration

09.30-10.00 Opening addresses

Chair: **Marina Montedoro** – FACCE JPI Governing Board Vice Chair

**Giuseppe Blasi** - Head of Department of European and International Policy and Rural Development,  
Ministry of agricultural food and forestry policies

**Stefano Bisoffi** – Director Central Administration for Scientific Activities, Agricultural Research Council

10.00-10.20 *The Common Agricultural Policy and climate change*

**Ignacio Seoane**- Acting Head of Unit H.4: Environment, forestry and climate change, DG Agriculture and Rural Development - European Commission.

10.20-10.40 *Italian agricultural policies and climate change*

**Giuseppe Blasi** - Head of Department of European and International Policy and Rural Development,  
Ministry of agricultural food and forestry policies

10.40-11.00 *Research and innovation in the regions and autonomous provinces*

**Carlo Chiostrì, Stefania Nuvoli** – Tuscan Region, Secretariat of the Inter-Network for agricultural research,  
forestry, aquaculture and fisheries

11.00-11.40 Coffee break

11.40-12.20 *Results and ideas from the Agroscenari project*

*Results from the Agroscenari project and perspectives for agricultural research*

**Domenico Vento** - Project coordinator

*Adaptation of Italian farms to climate change: economical aspects*

**Gabriele Dono** – Dep. of Science and Technology for Agriculture, Forestry, Nature and Energy,  
Tuscia University

12.20-13.30 Panel discussion: **"Response and adaptation of agricultural systems to climate change Italian"**

Chair: **Letizia Martirano**

**MiPAAF, CRA, Agroscenari researchers, Stakeholders**

13.30-14.00 Conclusions

14.00 Lunch

## **Registration form:**

<http://www.agroscenari.it>

## **How to reach the conference:**

The conference will be held at the “Palazzo Rospigliosi”, Via XXIV Maggio 43 in Rome.

### **by car:**

Exit the A1 highway at Roma Nord. Drive along the ring road G.R.A – Grande Raccordo Anulare towards Fiumicino Airport and take the Via Salaria towards the city center. Follow the signs to Via Veneto and then continue on Via Bissolati until you reach Piazza della Repubblica, where, on the right you will find Via Nazionale (ZTL).

### **from Termini Station:**

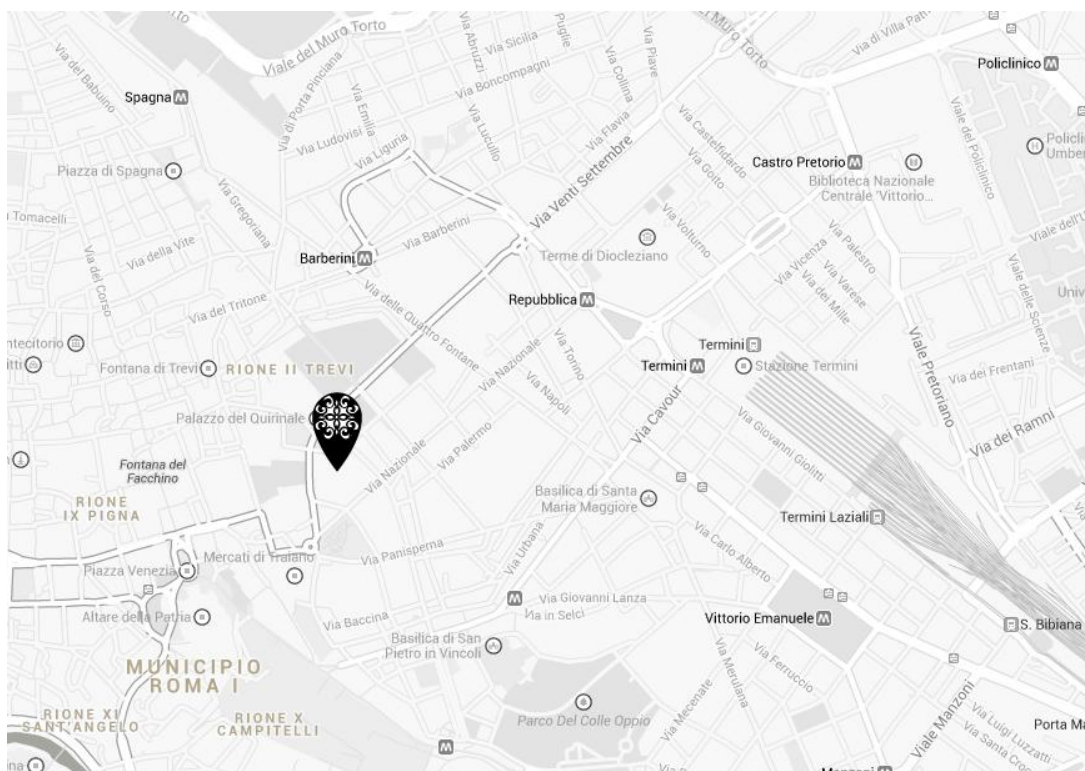
Take the Exit on Piazza dei Cinquecento, where the bus terminal is located. Cross the square towards the left and reach Piazza della Repubblica. From there take Via Nazionale and walk down to the end of it. You will find via XIV Maggio on the right.

Bus: 40, 64, 170 e H to the end of Via Nazionale. Then go on by feet (100mt) to Via XXIV Maggio.

### **Metro:**

Nearest underground stations are:

A line - Repubblica (1km), B line - Cavour (800mt)



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