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TAM meeting – New Title: AGRO-ECOLOGY IN ACTION

04/09/2015 – VAC Gent

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PREVIOUS AGENDA:

- Mid-September news on location at KUL
- Possibility for sustainable catering
- Bachelor students are not capable of simultaneous translation ==> contact Master students
- Line will create google doc page for all the documents concerning TAM
- Difficult to find visual harvesters ==> some colleagues of Sylvie from VLM may assist as facilitator and make schemes

PROGRAM:

16 November 2015, Leuven

time		Content/speakers	Organised by:	Language(s)
9:30	Welcome	Erik Matthijs (N) en Marjolein Visser (F)		
9:40	Setting the scene	- 1 farmer - 2 scientists to comment	Marjolein / ILVO	N/F
10:45	Workshops	Alternative foodnetworks	ULB + ILVO?	F?
		Knowledge exchange	VLM + ILVO	N/F
		Campaign on agro-ecology	Transitie middenveld landbouw en voeding	N
		Agroforestry	ILVO	N/F
12:45	Lunch:	Info market		
14:00	Workshops	Climate and global issues	Oxfam + Broederlijk Delen	N/F
		Soil	BioForum	N
		Seed and cereals	ULB (+ Wervel or Werkgroep eigen zaadteelt)	F?
		Community gardens	VELT en ULB	N/F
16:30	Plenary feedback	Key elements, next step from every workshop in 5 minutes.		N/F
17:15	Closing drink			



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Welcome

- Erik Mathijs (Dutch) and Marjolein Visser (French)

Duo presentation during the day

- Man (French): Moderator of congress "transition durable" at UCL ==> contact Line
- Woman (Dutch): Several possibilities -
 - First choice; Vera Dua ==> contact Leen or Sylvie
 - Second choice: Dorien Knockaert (reporter newspaper Standaard) ==> contact Leen
 - Third choice: Ann de Bie (professional moderator - 750€ / day)

Keynote speaker / setting the scene

- Transdisciplinary discussion: field experience from farmer + reflections by scientists
- Field expert:
 - First choice: Pierre Cossement (+ wife) - farmer from region around Ath, made/making transition to agroecology, very aware of own lock-in's ==> contact Line or Marjolein
 - Second choice: Toon Troonbeeckx open veld leuven - agroecological farm, interested in implementing new method of pure grazing
 - Third choice: Elisabeth from Domain des graux - Interesting case of agroecological experiment, but controversial as she is no "real" farmer and farmers do not relate to her story (rich land owner - so no land issues and no economic risk of changing farming practices)
 - !! Need for (financial) compensation
- Scientists (combination man/woman - French/Dutch)
 - Man (Dutch): Erwin Wauters from ILVO ==> contact Laura
 - Woman (French):
 - First choice: Claire Lamine; (social) scientist coming from Avignon - possibility to use BAM finance for travel and accommodation expenses ==> contact Marjolein
 - Second choice: Denise Van Dam: sociologist from Namur - bilingual ==> contact Marjolein
- !! Confirmation **in TWO WEEKS** (18/09)

Workshops

General:

- 8 workshops (4 morning / 4 afternoon)
- Lieve sends general guide-lines to organizers/coordinators of workshops (time, location, ...) - support from VLM
- Coordinators decides on content, methodology, etc and look for moderator

WS 1: Soil

- Coordinator; Bioforum
- On-field workshop (at farm Toon Troonbeeckx Open Veld)



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- Only in Dutch (difficult bilingual as it is outside)

WS 2: Seed / practice of bread

- Coordinator: Sofia (ULB)
- If "practice of bread" is included: cooperation of Wervel - contacts with mill in Leuven
- If not: possible cooperation of Louis de Bruyne from "werkgroep eigen zaad teelt"

WS 3: Knowledge transfer/exchange

- Coordinator: VLM (Sylvie) + ILVO (Fleur)
- Suggestion Lyn: farmers are interested in creating networks but don't have the know-how ==> possible topic?

WS 4: Agroforestry

- Coordinator: ILVO (Bert) + Wervel
- Cooperation with initiatives from Wallonia?

WS 5: Campagne agroecology

- Coordinator: VELT (Leen)

WS 6: Community Gardens (and small-scale bio-intensive gardens)

- Coordinators: Noémie (ULB) and Leen (Velt)

WS 7: Alternative food networks

- Coordinators: ILVO and ULB
- Possible cooperation with GASAP?

WS 8: Climate and global agroecology

- Coordinator: Thiery Kestelloo (Oxfam)

Other possible topics for workshops (but no coordinators ==> possibility for next year)

- Feed autonomy / pure grazing
- Biodiversity
- Food, environment and health

Remark: no workshop on **policy**

- will play important role in each workshop
- Task of coordinators to include/pay attention to this

!! Evening program: decided not to host evening program (people will leave after drink - will need to host full evening program to attract people) ==> keep movie as back-up for cancelled workshop

Possible movies:

- The worm is turning
- La plus grand paysage
- La liberté
- Dansen met gehoornde dames



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- Bodem boeren
- Voices of transition

GENERAL

- Communication:
 - As soon as keynote speakers and workshops are confirmed
 - Announcement on website BAM ==> send to Tessa
 - Lay-out invitation: Laura and Line
- Entrance fee (including lunch and drink):
 - Farmers: 15€ / organisation: 25€
 - Sponsoring difficult (already too much sponsored events this year)
 - Coordination by Bioforum
 - inscription and payment through website Bioforum
- Catering:
 - Coordination Bioforum (as they are in charge of the budget)
 - Comparing several proposals
 - Possibility: Hartenboer (Limburg)
- Badges:
 - Coordination Bioforum
 - Separate colors for Learning platform
- Info-market:
 - Coordination Matthias (and Noémie)
 - Everybody sends contacts to Mathias and Noémie, they distribute invitation
 - Lyn: contact science-shop ULB/UCL for suggestion/tips/...

NEXT MEETING

- Mid October at KUL
- Lieve creates doodle