Talk

The Corporate Research Center Hans Eisenmann-Forum for Agricultural Sciences of the Technical University of Munich invites all interested guests to the lecture.

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At 4 p.m.

Transforming Agri-Food systems in the Dryland: we can still do something but we need a systemic approach

We are looking forward to your participation.
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This will be a hybrid event
in lecture hall 17 (Liesel-Beckmann-Str. 1) under 2 G-regulations and in Zoom.

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A perfect storm is coming to the drylands of the world with a combination of water scarcity, climate change, demography and nutrition insecurity, environmental degradation, unemployment and fragility. But we can still help rural communities and countries to design a better future. Based on my experience of collaboration in the Mediterranean region, and recently in the One CGIAR, I propose to discuss this commitment based on four paradigms of Research for Development: (i) design any solution for agricultural systems in a food and socioecological context; (ii) implement a systemic innovation process; (iii) involve rural communities and consumers in the re-design of agri-food systems; (iv) think systems trajectories in a sustainability space. Science and knowledge are essentials but these paradigms shift cannot happen without capacity development of all actors of the agri-food systems.

Prof. Dr. Jacques Wery

Jacques Wery is head of the Strategic Project of Institut Agro (https://www.institut-agro.fr/fr), a consortium of three French academic institutions (Montpellier SupAgro, Agrocampus Ouest and AgroSup Dijon). Institut Agro covers all agricultural value-chain elements and builds synergies between education, research and innovation in the domains of agro-ecology, food systems and digitalization. Dr. Wery was Professor of Agronomy and Agricultural Systems in Montpellier SupAgro and the head of a CIRAD-INRA-CIHEAM research unit on functional analysis and design of Mediterranean and Tropical Cropping Systems, as well as Deputy Director General Research of a CGIAR center, the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas. He chaired until 2018 AgroSYS, a joint venture between SupAgro and private companies to support the design of sustainable agricultural systems. He supervised 30 PhD and published 115 papers in international journals.

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