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1. 3RD WORLD CONGRESS ON AGROFORESTRY



More than 10 EURAF members participated in the 3rd World Conference on Agroforestry in New Delhi, India, from 10-14 February 2014. The congress gathered a large number of participants: maybe over 1.000, of which half were from India, and the other half from more than 100 countries: agroforestry is now an option in all countries of the world.

The scientific quality of the poster presentations (>500 posters) was high, and the numerous parallel sessions attractive. All abstracts are available for EURAF members in the private section of the [EURAF website](http://www.euraf.eu).

The congress was opened by the President of India himself (very impressive feeling to meet the president of a 1.2 billion people country). What European President would open an agroforestry conference? A challenge for the future of

EURAF!

A key message: some voices raised the issue that agroforestry failures should also be documented: this is the way to advance knowledge and avoid doing errors twice. Usually, researchers or practitioners are reluctant to present results that are not encouraging for the uptake of agroforestry. We must face reality... and share it.

During the congress, the foundation of an International Association of Agroforestry (IUAF, pronounce I, YOU, AgroForestry!) was decided. Our secretary Rosa Mosquera is part of the committee that prepares the charter of the new society. More news soon on the future of this very welcome new association that will back up agroforestry worldwide.

The 4th World Agroforestry Congress will happen in 2019, and it will probably be hosted by .. EUROPE! Let's cross fingers, and let's prepare EURAF for such a big event.

The final day was dedicated to field visits. I was very excited by visiting the famous agroforestry Hara farm, 200 km North of Delhi. This farm displays such a variety of agroforestry practices including all kinds of crops with poplars for timber, and fruit trees.

When we reached the district where the farm is located, we could see from the bus that agroforestry is performed by almost all farmers of the area. A very exciting vision: often agroforestry pioneer farms are quite isolated. But the tour was frustrating: it was raining, the bus took 6 hours to reach the farm, and we could only stay 1 hour on the farm before returning. This is life!

Christian Dupraz,
president of EURAF



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2. 2ND EUROPEAN AGROFORESTRY CONFERENCE



It is our pleasure to invite you to Cottbus, Germany, for the 2nd European Agroforestry Conference entitled "**Integrating Science & Policy to Promote Agroforestry in Practice**", to be held from 4 to 6 June, 2014. Please visit [EURAF's website](#) for further information, including the full program and to register.

We would like to emphasize that the call for papers is still ongoing and that the abstract submission deadline for oral or poster presentations has been extended to the 31st of March. Please circulate this information as widely as possible.

3. WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF: JABIER RUIZ MIRAZO AND ANJA CHALMIN



Jabier has a university background in Environmental and Forest Engineering, and specialised in agroforestry during his PhD, when he studied how livestock grazing in fuelbreaks could help reduce the risk of wildfires in Mediterranean ecosystems. Later he worked as a consultant for IUCN and ILC in several cooperation for development projects related to pastoralism. Jabier will join us as **Policy Officer** on April 1st. In this regard, he's the main author of a recent report on the influence of the CAP on grazing livestock systems in southern Spain, which included a catalogue of proposals for the upcoming CAP programming period.

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Anja was intrigued by agroforestry while working in traditional agroforestry systems in Europe, Mexico and Tanzania during her studies. She completed an Engineering Degree in Horticulture in Germany and a Master's Degree in Agroforestry in Great Britain. Anja gained working experience as a researcher and consultant for agroforestry systems and sustainable farming methods in Europe and abroad. She will join us as **Project Manager** on April 1st. Anja understands agroforestry as an effective tool to create agricultural systems, not only more resilient but also both highly productive and sustainable, and sees her new position as an excellent opportunity to promote agroforestry.



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