



L'Association française d'agronomie (Afa): the French association for agronomy

A place for active discussion and debate, for a committed agronomy with Societal Challenges



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L'Afa: its ambitions...

In the Afa events, the expressed points of view are stimulating, because they are well argued and respectful to different positions. Here we can talk about agronomy and have different visions of the development in agriculture.

The Afa was created in France in 2008, to establish a real community around this discipline, beyond the range of jobs, the professional membership of agronomists or people interested in agronomy. Our members are development officers, farmers, researchers, teachers, engineers in agribusiness companies or food processors, persons in charge of administrations or associations. Some practice at the local level, others at the national or international. Some corporations (research organization, development structures, educational institution, and private companies) are also members, to support this young association.

The Afa is more than a learned society. It is a inter professional crossroads for exchanges and debates and has two main purposes:

- The development of the need of agronomic concepts, methods, tools and techniques to understand and solve problems like: food supplies, environment, sustainable development, at different scales from the field to the planet.
- The contribution to the development of agronomy, taking into account the changes in Society, with the integration of new scientific and technical knowledge and with the adaptation to the evolution of agronomic jobs.

L'Afa: its activities...

The fields activities : The fields Workshops

Agronomists of various jobs meet on a farm, facing a landscape, to understand and deal with a regional issue.

The agro-reporters

Young students in agronomy can benefit from a grant to film agronomic practices around the world to give us their image from a huge range of questions and experiences.

The «Tour de France» of agronomists

Agronomists' jobs presented in a video to discover or rediscover the big diversity offered by this discipline

The organization of an annual event, in march : "Le débat agronomique"

To allow agronomists the exchange around an agronomic topical issue and to propose solutions in texts to be published, in a number of online magazines.

The organization of a biennial event (in september, every odd numbered year): "Les Entretiens du Pradel"

To allow all agronomists or any other people interested in, to have a friendly debate around and delve deeper into a subject of great scope for agronomy.

The distribution of information and knowledge for the agronomists, and also the other public

The various media of the association:

- The website www.agronomie.asso.fr, to make agronomy accessible to all.
- The online magazine "Agronomie, Environnement & Sociétés " (Agronomy, Environment and Society), dedicated to analyses and points of view.
- Various books, in edition or co-edition with partners

The creation of an agronomic library, resulting from research, for teachers and trainers.

The participation in co-organized events (congresses, colloquiums, seminars, conferences,) with partners network on topics of common interests

The Afa is member and partner of the European Society for Agronomy (ESA).

