



ISLE's 10th Anniversary Conference

"Better Education for a Better World"

Innovation in Life Science Higher Education for Sustainable Change

27th & 28th September 2022

ONLINE Scientific Conference Programme*

*May be subject to change Times are Central European Time (CET)

Tuesday 27th September

08:30 – 09:15: <u>Optional</u> Mindfulness session with Dr Nathalie Schnuriger, Mindfulness teacher & Associate Professor on Climate Transition Pedagogy - 45 minutes to strengthen our inner resources to mindfully face climate change and related emotions.
09:30: Welcome by <i>Prof. Dr. Enrique Baeyens Lazaro</i> , Vice Rector of Research at the University of Valladolid.
09:45: Opening remarks and Introduction to the day by <i>Dr Leticia Chico Santamarta</i> , Professor and ISLE Association Vice-President. (Morning Chair)
10:00 - 10:30 CET: PLENARY <i>Keynote speech (online)</i> "The challenges of the SDGs to Higher Education with a special focus on climate change" - <i>Dr Marco Rieckmann - Professor of Higher Education Development, University of Vechta, Germany.</i>
Q&A
10:45 - 11:00: Coffee Break

11:00 - 13:00: Abstract Presentations - Parallel session 1:

From Interdisciplinary Research to Education - relevant concepts such as bioeconomy, circular economy, sustainable development/SDGs/climate change.. (good practices, innovative experiences in HEIs, new concepts for environmental conservation, projects)

- 1) **"Teaching the invisible: changing perspective on the microbial world for a Sustainable future"** - Dr Enrica Pessione, University of Turin, Italy.
- 2) **Recycling of food wastes, a university action inside a company!** - Dr Cristina Cunha Queda, Instituto Superior de Agronomia, University of Lisbon, Portugal.
- 3) **"Community Supported Agriculture as an Agent of Change for Higher Education in Life Sciences and Sustainable Agriculture"** - Dr Lisa Eller, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research, Austria.
- 4) *Poster presentation: "Mind the Gap - Can Maslow's human needs and the sustainable development goals play a strategic role in reaching a quality education?"* - Dr Erica Quendler, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research, Austria.

11:00 - 13:00: Abstract Presentations - Parallel session 2:

What is needed for Sustainable Change? (good practices, innovative experiences in HEIs, New methodologies for complex systems' management, follow-up of Education initiatives, Extension & Outreach projects...)

- 1) **"The Reversed Incubator approach at University of Teramo: students training for transforming challenges into sustainable businesses"** - Dr Emilio Chiodo, University of Teramo, Italy.
- 2) **"Enhancing employability: What? Why? How?"** Dr Erica Quendler, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research, Austria.
- 3) **"Local-focused AgTech Education for Successful Agricultural Transitions (LATEST) Erasmus+ Project"** - Dr Paula Misiewicz, Harper Adams University, UK.
- 4) **"Transformative Education via Environmental Sustainability for the Future We Need: A New Vision for Higher Education in Life Sciences"** Dr Andreas Zitek, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria.

13:00 - 14:00: Lunch

Afternoon Chair: *Dr Dave Lamie*, Professor and ISLE Association Vice-President.

14:00 CET: PLENARY Keynote speech (pre-recorded) - Mr Robert Bonnie, US Undersecretary for Agriculture. (to be confirmed)

Reactions

14:30: CET: PLENARY Keynote speech - Mr Zitouni Ould-Dada, Deputy Director in the Climate and Environment Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Q&A

15:15: Sustainable Agritourism session :

- 1) "Agricultural tourism in Bulgaria, State and prospects" - Dr Nidal Shaban, Balkan Ltd, Bulgaria.
- 2) "International Research Network for Agritourism (IRENA) and Agritourism4eu Action network: the ISLE contribution to sustainable rural development" - Dr David Lamie, Clemson University, USA.

16:15: Wrap-up - Dr Nathalie Schnuriger, Mindfulness teacher & Associate Professor on Climate Transition Pedagogy.

17:00 - 18:00 : Optional ISLE online Networking meetings for [members](#)

Wednesday 28th September

08:15 – 09:00: Optional Mindfulness session with Dr Nathalie Schnuriger, Mindfulness teacher & Associate Professor on Climate Transition Pedagogy - 45 minutes to strengthen our inner resources to mindfully face climate change and related emotions.

09:15 Introduction to the day by *Ms Corinne Stewart*, ISLE Association President (**Morning Chair**).

09:30 - 10:00 CET: PLENARY *Keynote speech* : "A global perspective on Education for Sustainability, SDGs and the 2030 Agenda" - *Dr Catherine Legrand, Dean of School of Business, Innovation and Sustainability, Halmstad University, Sweden.*

Q&A

10:10-11:00 CET PLENARY *Keynote speech*: Impact of disasters and crises on HE, the case of Ukraine

- Ukrainian agricultural education before and after the war - *Tetiana Ishchenko, Director of the Science and methodology centre of Higher and vocational education.*

- Film: Video-testimony from Ukrainian universities and colleges.

- Role of agricultural educational institutions for sustainable development in after-war conditions: perspectives for international cooperation - *Ludmila Stepura , Methodologist at the cabinet of international relations, expert in agriculture, rural development and international cooperation.*

Q&A

11:00-12:30: *Networking Workshops (Break-out sessions):*

- Post-COVID impact on Higher Education (increased virtual mobility...) **Facilitator: Dr Lydia Arnold, Harper Adams University, UK.**
- Sustainable Entrepreneurship Education **Facilitator: Dr Emilio Chiodo, University of Teramo.**
- Sustainability from global to regional to local **Facilitator: Dr Pablo Martin-Ramos, University of Valladolid, Spain.**
- Empowering women for a sustainable, resilient and equitable future **Facilitator : Ms Polly Gibb, MSc, Director of WiRE - Women in Rural Enterprise .**

12:30 -13:30: "Youth 4 SDGs"

Testimonies of our Youth - Calls to action : Defending interests and advocating for a more sustainable future:

- Eco-Social Students Forum - *Fabian Huber*
- Upcycle Africa - *Joy Nwaeze*
- Climate Students Movement - *Isha Singh and Lucy Shell*
- SOS Earth - Students Organizing for Sustainability International - *Maartje Zaal*

Q&A

13:45 Presentation of the Hackathon:

SAVE THE DATE ! 21-23 October 2022



"Youth 4 Climate Change" HACKATHON

"Water: from abundance to scarcity - Let's find solutions to tackle our new life without "enough" water"

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PLENARY *Keynote Speeches (online):*

"What is Creative Entrepreneurship?" - Dr Andy Penaluna - Professor Emeritus at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

"Why is it so important to have young generation engaging in "entrepreneurship4climate" ?" - Dr Nathalie Schnuriger, Associate Professor on Climate Transition Pedagogy, UniLaSalle, France.

(Hackathon Agenda to follow shortly)

13:45-14:30: Lunch

Afternoon Chair: *Dr Dave Lamie*, Professor and ISLE Association Vice-President.

14:30-15:00 CET: PLENARY **Keynote speech** : Education for Sustainable Development in urban green: examples of transdisciplinary teaching approaches - *Prof. Dr. Monika Egerer*, Professor of Urban Productive Ecosystems at the Technical University of Munich, Germany.

Q&A

15:15-15:45: PLENARY **Keynote speech**: PLENARY **Keynote speech**: Entrepreneurship Education, Mindful Entrepreneurship - From ESD to new career options: testimonials of new career options and young start-ups related to climate change. Why is it so important to handle climate change with care and a loving attitude, even as business owners? – *Dr Nathalie Schnuriger*, Associate Professor on Climate Transition Pedagogy, Uni LaSalle, France.

Q&A

16:00 CET : Presentation of the « OpenPass4Climate » EU-funded project - a fantastic European opportunity to stay on board regarding one of the major global challenges of our times - *Dr Nathalie Schnuriger*.

Q&A

16:30: **Wrap-up** - *Dr Nathalie Schnuriger*, Mindfulness teacher & Associate Professor on Climate Transition Pedagogy - 30 min to hold the space with all our personal inner being to mindfully face climate change.

17:00: Closing remarks by *Dr Joaquin Navarro Hevia*, Director at the Agricultural Superior Technical School at University of Valladolid, Palencia and **Ms Corinne Stewart**, ISLE Association President.

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