

AESOP 2nd EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE FOOD PLANNING CONFERENCE

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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words, and e-mailed to Andre Viljoen no later than the 31st May 2010 at a.viljoen@brighton.ac.uk.

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Food in urban and regional planning and design.

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The food system has been a stranger to the planning field for too long according to a paper by Pothukuchi and Kaufman (2000). Now the situation has changed drastically. Food planning projects are appearing in many countries, often inspired by best practice municipal initiatives such as the Havana Food System, the Toronto Green Belt, or social enterprise programs like London's Growing Communities or Will Allen's Milwaukee Growing Power. Concurrently architects, designers and artists have been exploring issues related to food and food spaces. Although there has been a rise in interest in urban agriculture, vertical farming and "growing your own", the challenges they pose require addressing if they are to have a significant and measurable impact on planning and design and become viable strategies for cities in the future. What is lacking now is a sound planning and design framework for embedding sustainable food systems in urban and rural areas. The founding AESOP thematic conference in Almere delivered the building blocks for a research programme into such a framework. We now invite scholars and practitioners to add to this with innovative strategies and experience from practice in planning, urban and rural design, architecture, urban agriculture, landscape management and landscape design. We are particularly interested in facilitating dialogues cross the disciplines of planning, architecture and landscape.

Likely themes addressing the planning and design of sustainable food systems include:

- New paradigms and strategies for urban and rural planning and design.
- Definitions of sustainable metropolitan agricultural systems, taking account of urban and rural production, and relationships.
- Case studies.

- Strategies for existing and new urban, suburban and rural development.
- Urban and rural land use typologies – multifunctional use addressing for example; productivity, water, waste and recreation.
- The role of Scenario building, visioning and public engagement.
- Urban agriculture as a nomadic (opportunistic) land use, and/or as permanent essential infrastructure?
- Mapping methodologies, identifying opportunities and obstacles.
- Urban and rural social, environmental and economic capacity to support sustainable food strategies.
- Joining up food distribution chains and the management of waste.
- Infrastructure requirements scale and impact.
- Trans-disciplinary language and practice to facilitate understanding between planners and designers.