

International Association of Agricultural Museums (AIMA)

welcomes to CIMA XVIII

Traditions and Change—Sustainable Futures

10 -16 May 2017 in Tartu, Estonia, Europe

The purpose of AIMA is to educate the public about the significance of agriculture to human society, to explain the many ways that agriculture has evolved through time, and to facilitate dialogue between museums across the globe about agricultural topics and discoveries. Today, museums face a momentous task of keeping up with changes while keeping alive the invaluable past. At AIMA's next triennial congress CIMA XVIII we focus on how traditions and rural heritage can be used to create changes for sustainable futures.

Agricultural Museums take many forms – they operate as research institutions, as places of civic dialogue, and as repositories of tangible and intangible cultural heritage. Their collections grew during periods when rapid outmigration from rural and farm settings prompted public memorialisation of rural and farm experiences.

CIMA XVIII calls for agricultural and rural life museums and other stakeholders all over the world to find answers to the following questions:

1. How can rural heritage be used to ensure global food safety?
2. Should modern museums expand missions to incorporate the current social reactions to agricultural controversies (such as GMOs, government regulation, and chemical applications and environmental effects)?
3. How do modern agricultural museums collect, preserve, and interpret social changes that have influenced/are influencing agriculture and rural life?
4. How do your museum's collections, exhibitions and activities introduce historical memory and practices?
5. How does your museum influence public opinion about agriculture (past, present, and future)?
6. How has your institution harnessed external partnerships to encourage discovery beyond the traditional agriculture museum experience?
7. What pressures from outside of your museum affect your daily operations or ability to plan in the long term? What strategies do you implement for proactive planning?
8. How do current issues affect your research, exhibition, and public programming goals?

[Call for papers and contributions](#)

1. 20-minute [interactive presentation](#) at the plenary session on 12 May
2. 7-minute [interactive presentation](#) on work in progress/best practice at the plenary session on 12 May
3. 10-minute [interactive presentation](#) or [hands-on activity](#) at a workshop on 10 May - please select which workshop

Pre-registration of presentations (topic plus 100-word abstract)
25. September 2016 – 15. December 2016

www.cima2017.eu/abstracts

AIMA's academic committee selects speakers and notifies of its decision by **10. January 2017**.

[Registration opens on 10 October](#)

Early bird registration 01. November 2016 – 28. February 2017

Member of AIMA/employee of AIMA member institution €220

Non-member €270

Students €180

Plenary session only €120

Plenary session for students €70

Registration 1. March 2017 – 25. April 2017

Member of AIMA/employee of AIMA member institution €270

Non-member €320

Students €200

Plenary session only €140

Plenary session for students €90

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No walk-ins

Programme

- 10 May** Workshops
1. Sustainable agriculture - past and future
 2. Museum education and research
 3. Digital media and IT in museums
 4. Bread and traditional food
 5. Fibre plants
 6. Conservation and restoration (incl heritage engineering) in agriculture
 7. Living animals in museums
 8. Agriculture and rural life in art
- Tour of Estonian Agricultural Museum
Welcome reception
- 11 May** Study Tours: museums in Tartu, competence centres of Estonian University of Life Sciences
- 12 May** Plenary Session
- 13 May** Study tours in Southern Estonia
- 14-16 May** Post-congress tour (optional) €420 extra

Working language of the congress is English. Estonian-English simultaneous interpretation available during plenary session.

CIMA XVIII is hosted by Estonian Agricultural Museum and Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs.

Learn more @

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<http://www.epm.ee/>

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