

First International Conference on Ammonia in Agriculture

19 – 21 March 2007 in Ede (the Netherlands)

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Why this Conference

- Scientific Congresses held in
 - 1997 Vinkeloord, the Netherlands
 - 2003 Horsen, Denmark
- Plenty of measures/techniques to be implemented in practice
- Ammonia is becoming increasingly important in international legislation and agreements (UNECE-Gothenborg Protocol, EU-IPPC, EU-NEC)
- Streamlining of international developments is of importance (eg. BAT/BREF, Guidance Document)
- Bring together science, policy makers and practice



Information about the Conference

- Joint organization by Wageningen University and University of Kiel
- CIGR, Dutch Assoc. of AgEng, KTBL, Ministry of Agriculture, and EurAgEng are sponsors
- Wageningen Academic Publishers will issue Proceedings
- Conference Centre “De Reehorst” in Ede (central and well reachable)
- Hotel accomodation in Ede and Wageningen



Set up of Conference

- For policy makers (national, EU,...), scientists and agro-organizations/stakeholders
- Organizing Committee; Scientific Committee
- Program will be driven by the questions raised by stakeholders (policy makers, science, practice)
- Inventory of questions to start soon (now open)
- Questions published on web-site:
www.firstammoniaconference.wur.nl
- Already 35 abstracts (first deadline was 15 Febr.)
- New deadline for abstracts: Mid September



Further planning and other issues

- Monday mo: Plenary Session (policy makers)
- Monday noon, Thursday and Wednesday mo: 2-3 parallel sessions, organized around the central questions
- Plenty of room for oral contributions (papers, poster presentations)
- Room for discussions about questions and answers, and plenary feed back
- Social events in and around Ede



Potential sessions

- Ammonia as element of integrated gaseous losses from housing, storage, grazing, manure application → pollution swapping issues, optimal measures
- Ammonia as part of the N cycle on traditional and biological farming systems → optimal systems
- Cost effective (integrated) measures to reduce pollution by ammonia and other losses/gases
- Any suggestions welcomed



Further planning and other issues

- Current abstracts reviewed in May in the perspective of the inventory of questions
- Further detailing of the program (sessions etc.)
- Search for speakers for the plenary session, and key-note speakers for the parallel sessions (suggestions welcome)
- Further communication through electronic newsletter, web-site, direct mailing
- Important stakeholders ?



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