

Seminar location and travel information

The seminar will be held at hotel Brakanes, Ulvik in Hardanger. Ulvik is situated about 130 km from Bergen airport. It is also possible to go by train from Oslo to Voss or Bergen. Bus transport from the airport and railway station to the hotel will be organized.

Organizing committee

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Important deadlines

Submission of abstracts: 2011-02-15

Acceptance of presentations: 2011-03-01

Final registration: 2011-05-10



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NJF Seminar No. 436

Biodiversity in agriculture

Lessons learned and future directions

Ulvik in Hardanger, Norway
24-26 May 2011



Information/registration: www.njf.nu



Nordic Association of Agricultural Scientists

Background

With the biodiversity convention from 1992 a world-wide intention of stopping the decrease of biodiversity was initiated. Although year 2010 was pointed out as the year to achieve the goal, we are still far from the target. We have to try again, harder or smarter. - Much biodiversity are connected to agricultural areas and agricultural management, and with this seminar we have the opportunity to combine our different experiences on management and types of use, and develop future strategies and ways to cooperate to maintain or even improve biodiversity in agriculture.

Topics

Theme 1. How can we use "open air museums" to maintain biodiversity?

Museum farms and open air museums can also be seen as full scale laboratories to show the effect of agrarian history on biodiversity. Which lessons can be learned to maintain biodiversity also in the commercial agricultural landscape?

Theme 2. How to improve policy and economy as well as biodiversity?

Farmers are dependent on different schemes and regulations on EU or national levels that sometimes counteract with the actions needed to manage and maintain biodiversity in local agriculture. This is also an increasing threat to biodiversity in the new EU-states in Eastern Europe where a less industrial agriculture and a rural biodiversity has been maintained until now.

Theme 3. Effect of different farming practise on biodiversity – new data and possible decision support systems?

The management practice in agriculture can have different effect on the biodiversity. We need to find the best solutions to fulfil needs of both – agriculture and biodiversity.

Keynote speakers

Ann Norderhaug, Bioforsk, Norway (Possible future strategies to stop the decrease of biodiversity in agriculture)

Urban Emanuelsson, SLU, Sweden (Comments on the trends of biodiversity in agriculture from a historical perspective)

Henry Buller, Exeter University, UK (The socioeconomical value of biodiversity)

Target groups

- ✓ researchers
- ✓ advisors and teachers
- ✓ policy makers and stakeholders
- ✓ authorities
- ✓ Students

Call for papers and posters

Please submit an abstract of about 1/2 page for oral and poster presentations before 2011-02-15.

The seminar language is English. All abstracts and presentations shall be prepared and presented in English. The scientific committee will review the abstracts and reserves the right to select among submitted titles, if necessary. Accepted extended abstracts of 3-4 pages (both oral and poster presentations) will be published in conference proceedings in the NJF report series.

Participation fees

NJF members before 2011-04-27: 300 EUR

NJF members after 2011-04-27: 390 EUR

Others before 2011-04-27: 450 EUR

Others after 2011-04-27: 590 EUR

Seminar fee includes lunches and refreshments, excursion and transport from and to the airport.