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Food and Agricultural Ethics Conference at Chula



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The First International Conference of the Asia-Pacific Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics



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Twenty-first Century”

28-30 November 2013

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand



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The First International Conference of the Asia-Pacific Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics (APSAFE 2013) will be held at Chulalongkorn University from November 28 to 30, 2013. The conference will be a forum for exchange of research findings and networking among academics in various disciplines, as well as policymakers and other stakeholders on the topic of ethical

implications of food and agriculture, broadly construed. The conference is organized in close collaboration with the series of conferences organized by the European Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics (<http://www.eursafe.org/>) (EurSAFE), of which the Asia-Pacific Society (APSAFE) is a sister organization.



The conference is jointly organized by the Center for Ethics of Science and Technology (<http://www.stc.arts.chula.ac.th/>) and the Office of the Commission on Agricultural Resource Education (<http://www.ocare.chula.ac.th/>) (OCARE), a new organization at Chulalongkorn University that concentrates on providing education to Chula students on agricultural and related topics. The Office of the UNESCO in Bangkok is also providing close collaboration. Funding for the conference is partially supported by a research grant from the National Research Council of Thailand.

The Asia-Pacific Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics (APSAFE)

The idea of establishing the Asia-Pacific Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics originated at a meeting organized by the UNESCO in Bangkok in December, 2011. The President and Vice-President of the European Society, Prof. Matthias Kaiser and Prof. Kate Millar were present at the meeting, together with Dr. Soraj Hongladarom, Director of the Center for Ethics of Science and Technology, Chulalongkorn University, Dr. Kriengkrai Satapornvanit from Kasetsart University, Dr. Pakki Reddi from India, both of whom had been collaborating with Profs. Kaiser and Millar on a project funded

by the European Union on ethics of food production. Dr. Darryl Macer, Regional Advisor for Science and Human Science in the Asia and the Pacific, UNESCO Bangkok was also present.

It was resolved during the meeting that the Asia-Pacific Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics be established in order to provide a forum of exchange of research findings and networking among scholars and scientists working on the ethical implications of food and agricultural production. Agricultural and food ethics is an interdisciplinary field consisting mainly of applied ethics, sociology, political science, economics, food science, environmental science and others whose main concern is the relation between food and agriculture on the one hand, and the socio-economic and cultural milieu in which food and agriculture find themselves on the other. Among the questions investigated in this field are: Are genetically modified food a viable alternative as a source of food for the present century? What are the ethical considerations surrounding the practice of aquaculture, such as safety issues, global justice, threats to the environment, and so on? Surely these questions are very important in today's interconnected world and need to be studied very closely.

It is for this reason that the Asia-Pacific Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics has decided to organize its first international conference, and the Center for Ethics of Science and Technology, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, was deeply honored to have been formally invited by both the APSAFE and the EurSAFE to organize the meeting in November 28-30, 2013. The congress will represent the first attempt by scholars and scientists in the Asia and the Pacific regions to get together to share thoughts, insights, research findings and to create and deepen networking among scholars in Asia and elsewhere.



Call for Papers

As the world is becoming more interrelated and as the pace of scientific and technological advances is indeed breathtaking, there is always a need to think deeply about how values are infused in our food and agriculture more than ever. On the one hand, there is a need for having enough supply of

food to feed the growing population. This demands a series of breakthroughs in technology, among other factors such as equitable food distribution system. On the other hand, the rush to rely on technology to solve our problems has brought with it a number of serious problems which could have been prevented had we paid more attention on how those technologies might affect us in the longer run. Hence, there is a tension between “food security” on the one hand, and “food safety” on the other. The purpose of the conference is to ask the question where the balance between can be found, and in what form. As we progress deeper into the twenty-first century it seems we cannot avoid either food security or food safety. Is there a way so that we can optimally achieve both of them? And how?

Papers are being called that address the questions above, and also that deal with food and agricultural ethics from a variety of disciplines, such as sociology, anthropology, philosophy, food science, biotechnology, veterinary science, agricultural sciences, and others, especially as they are related to safety or security. There will be four main themes at the conference, listed below. However, papers do not have to fall directly into either of these categories, but are within the domain of agricultural and food ethics broadly construed are certainly welcome.

- Ethical considerations pertaining to the production of food
- Ethical considerations pertaining to the distribution and trading of food and agricultural products
- Environmental aspects, sustainability, contextual issues surrounding food, forestry and aquaculture production (e.g., land use, related issues in philosophy of technology, etc.)
- Food policy and regulatory issues in Asia and beyond, educational issues in food and agricultural ethics.

Please send an extended abstract of between 1,000 and 1,500 words, in Open Office or Microsoft Office formats, as an email attachment, to the conference contact before the deadline below. If the abstract is accepted, then a full paper of no more than 4,000 words should be submitted in order to be included in the conference proceedings volume. Templates for both the abstract (<https://dl.dropbox.com/u/33140415/Guidelines%20APSAFE2013%20Abstract.doc>) and the full paper (<https://dl.dropbox.com/u/33140415/Guidelines%20APSAFE2013%20%20full%20paper.doc>) are here.

Please send the abstract to s.hongladarom@gmail.com.

Publication

A book containing the papers which have been peer-reviewed and accepted for the conference will be edited and published by the Center for Ethics of Science and Technology. The book will be distributed to paper presenters during the conference. More papers can also be considered for publication in special issues of many journals, both published internationally and in Thailand, such as *Manusya: the Journal of Humanities*, and others. Selected papers will also be considered for the *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, published by Springer.

Registration

The registration page of the conference is now working. Please click this link (<http://www.apsafe2013-registration.org/>) to register for the conference. It is important that after

you register on this page, you have to look at your email inbox and click a link from the registration page, which contains another link for our bank so that you can pay the registration fees. So there are essentially two stages to the registration. Thanks a lot for your patience.

Important Dates

~~31 May 2013~~ **30 June 2013**

Deadline for submission of abstracts

15 July 2013

Notification of acceptance/rejection of abstracts

30 August 2013

Deadline for submitting full paper (for those whose abstract is accepted)

To be announced

Registration opens

~~31 July 2013~~ **16 August 2013**

Last day of early-bird registration

17 August – 31 October 2013

Normal registration rates takes effect.

28 to 30 November 2013

The APSAFE2013 Conference

Main Organizers

Office of the Commission on Agricultural Resource Education, Chulalongkorn University

Center for the Study of Peace and Conflict Resolution, Chulalongkorn University

Center for Ethics of Science and Technology, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University

Faculty of Veterinary Science, Chulalongkorn University

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