



Events Agenda for the 60th Anniversary of the CIHEAM

On May 21, 2022, the CIHEAM celebrated its 60th anniversary. This anniversary, which gives rise to several events until December 2022, is an opportunity to recall its **historic role**. It is also an invitation to **project the Organisation** into the coming decades in a Mediterranean context marked by crises and tensions with major socio-economic effects.

These crises that impact Mediterranean agri-food systems question our **production and consumption patterns**. They also highlight the **development gaps** that remain between countries in the region and between urban and rural areas within the same country. They **exacerbate inequalities and affect** certain categories of populations more severely.

While these crises weigh on the **stability and prosperity of the region**, they are also a time for **analysis** and for taking advantage of **the evolutions at work**. They encourage us to **review ineffective models**, to **revitalize practices** that have proven their worth and to **reconsider the mechanisms of participation and action** with a plurality of actors that makes the richness of Mediterranean societies.

Concrete solutions to prevent and mitigate the effects of these crises exist. They are based on **innovative approaches that put territories and the various components of civil society** back at the heart of agricultural and food systems.

It is in this spirit that the CIHEAM intends to mark the celebrations of its 60 years of existence.



AGENDA



27 May 2022 (CIHEAM Bari) Campus "Cosimo Lacirignola"

A tribute was paid to the late Cosimo Lacirignola, Secretary General of the CIHEAM from 2013 to 2018, and Director of CIHEAM Bari from 1987 to 2016 whose Campus now bears the name. The tribute ceremony of the "Cosimo Lacirignola" Campus took place symbolically as part of the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the CIHEAM. It brought together local authorities,

representatives of institutions, academia and science, at national and international levels. Passionate about the Mediterranean region and agriculture, Cosimo Lacirignola was a peacemaker and an ardent defender of dialogue and cooperation.

18-19 July 2022 (CIHEAM Chania)

150th Governing Board of the CIHEAM with a day dedicated to the importance of Mediterranean partnerships

On the occasion of the celebrations, the Governing Board meeting will dedicate a day to Mediterranean partnerships. Opening up to stakeholders and enforcing collaborations is a necessity to meet the region's current and emerging challenges. The CIHEAM has always had a role in multilateral dialogue and regional cooperation at the service of the needs of territories and populations, it intends to support this dynamic in the coming years to build multi-stakeholder solutions and make possible the most ambitious projects.

19 July 2022 (CIHEAM Chania)

Inauguration of the "Garden of Peace" bringing together 42 olive trees of different varieties

The "Garden of Peace" will be inaugurated as part of the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the CIHEAM, to relay a message of peace, hope and solidarity between nations. In cooperation with the NGO "Garden for Peace" the CIHEAM Chania institute will host this garden composed of a collection of 42 olive trees of different varieties from Algeria, Albania, Argentina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Slovenia, Syria, Turkey and Tunisia.

YOUTH WORKING GROUP

15 July 2022

Launch of the CIHEAM Youth Innovation Award

To support CIHEAM's initiatives relating to strengthening the place of youth in Mediterranean agri-food systems, a biannual prize is established to reward an innovative and disruptive initiative led by a CIHEAM student or former student that contributes to achieving one or more objectives of the CIHEAM Action Plan for Mediterranean (CAPMED).

This Prize will reward a professional, R&D or associative project that promotes the sustainability, equitability and inclusiveness of agri-food systems, mobilizes





innovations for food security, contributes to the implementation of sustainable practices or for the empowerment of local communities. In addition to supporting innovation, the CIHEAM wishes through this award to highlight the potential of young providers of solutions and create emulation around CAPMED.

SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP

28-30 September 2022 (CIHEAM Bari)

3rd World Conference on the Revitalization of the Mediterranean Diet, with a side-event organized by the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the CIHEAM, the CIHEAM Bari Institute is organizing a conference entitled *"Change of Course Towards More Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems in Mediterranean Countries: the Mediterranean Diet as a Strategic Resource to Accelerate the Agenda 2030 in the Region"*. Organised in a hybrid format (on-site and online), the conference will be structured around plenary sessions, workshops and side events. All sessions are designed to facilitate synergies, partnerships and collaborations within a wide range of partners from across the region. In equal parts (women/men, south/eastern and north shores of the Mediterranean) the participants will try to bring out operational solutions to improve the sustainability and resilience of Mediterranean food systems and the Mediterranean diet.

GENDER & YOUTH WORKING GROUP

4-5 October 2022 (CIHEAM Montpellier)

White Paper for more inclusive and sustainable Mediterranean agri-food systems

As existing fragilities are accentuated by crises, it is essential to prioritize the socio-economic inclusion of youth and women in rural, agricultural and coastal areas, their empowerment and the strengthening of their role in Mediterranean food systems. As such, the CIHEAM organizes an event from 4 to 5 October at the CIHEAM Montpellier Institute with the objective of better understanding the **visions of the future and the aspirations of young people and women** in the Mediterranean region; to allow great visibility to the **solutions they develop**; to make the general public aware of the **obstacles** encountered and to identify **the levers and ways of improvement** by mobilizing CIHEAM students, ALUMNI and partners. At the end of the two days of debates/workshops, a **white paper** will be elaborated in which proposals and recommendations of young people for more inclusive, responsible and sustainable Mediterranean agri-food systems will be formulated.

FISHERIES WORKING GROUP (+ GENDER)

14-15 October 2022 (CIHEAM Zaragoza)

Sustainable development of coastal areas and fisheries in the Mediterranean

This priority theme for the CIHEAM has led to the preparation of a report by the corporate working group that will be presented during an event organized at *Casa Mediterráneo* (Alicante) on 14 October 2022. This meeting which will bring together a plurality of national and international actors, will also offer two thematic sessions to shed additional light on the challenges of sustainable development of coastal zones and fisheries in the region. One will present the concept of **Port-Museum**, a place of research and exchange on the traditions of the sea, the protection of the coastline and the cultural heritage. The CIHEAM, which



has supported the creation of this type of museum with coastal communities (Tricase in Italy, Tyre in Lebanon, Marsa Matrouh in Egypt, Zarzis and Kerkennah in Tunisia, Algiers in Algeria, Nador in Morocco, Port Palermo in Albania, Messolonghi and Corfu in Greece and Herceg Novi in Montenegro) will support the structuring of a Mediterranean network open to other ports. The other session will deal with the role of **women in fisheries**. It will bring together different women's organizations in the sector to present their initiatives and provoke reflection on the constitution of a Mediterranean network to share best practices, collect information on needs and priorities and to develop new actions.

7-18 November 2022

COP 27 MEDITERRANEAN PAVILION (Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt)



For the first time at a COP, the Mediterranean region will be represented in a common pavilion and will speak with one voice. This pavilion will contribute to bringing great visibility to the severe and specific challenges of the region but also to the solutions it advances. At a time when food security issues are coming back in force in the Mediterranean (impacts of COVID-19, drought, Russian-Ukrainian war) and the responses to be provided require the simultaneous mobilization of the instruments of political dialogue and multilateral cooperation in a multi-stakeholder and interdisciplinary approach, the CIHEAM will seize the opportunity to position itself as a strategic interlocutor able to mobilize these different dimensions. Building on the complementarities at work between the 4 Institutes and the SG, the CIHEAM

will organize three thematic side-events with the objective of providing a strong and differentiating identity during COP27.

4-7 December 2022 (CIHEAM Chania)

MEDFORUM 2022

The 4th Mediterranean Forum of PhD Students and Young Researchers (MEDFORUM) of the CIHEAM will take place from 4 to 7 December 2022 at the CIHEAM Chania Institute and will tackle with Mediterranean agriculture and food systems issues in times of climate change and crisis. The MEDFORUM2022 will stimulate the exchange of ideas and discussions on recent research advances, and technological developments in Mediterranean agriculture and agroforestry. It will give PhD students and young researchers the opportunity to present the results of their research likely to impact agri-food production, rural development and sustainability in the Mediterranean basin. In the context of the crises we are experiencing, the Forum will seek to identify, exploit and disseminate innovations, agro-technological breakthroughs and research results to increase agricultural productivity, the quality and nutritional value of agri-food products with the less available resources.