
ICA in support of change in the Life Sciences

for Agriculture – Food – Forestry - Natural Resources –
Rural Development – and the Environment

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ICA's profile in development

- 1988, the ***Interfaculty Committee Agraria*** was formed to facilitate co-operation between faculties of agriculture
 - 1996, re-constituted as ***Interuniversity Conference for Agriculture and Related Sciences in Europe***
 - 1999, ***Interuniversity Consortium for Agricultural and Related Sciences in Europe,***
 - 2006, became ***Association for European Life Science Universities***
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ICA's mission

is to enhance our members' success in the international market place, in Europe and globally, by providing the environment to support the sharing of experience, to cooperate in new ventures, and to benefit from the resulting synergy.

ICA's Role

- The only open general network covering all of Europe
 - Supports networking and professional updating through European conferences
 - Acts as an umbrella for the ICA Standing Committees
 - Partnership with global HE associations
 - European Accreditation Agency (EAALS)
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ICA's Structure

- ICA General Assembly of Rectors and Deans
 - ICA Council linking ICA Board and Standing Committees
 - ICA Board of Rectors/Deans
 - ICA Secretariat
 - ICA Bioeconomy Task Force
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ICA Board

- **Guido VAN HUYLENBROECK**, ICA President, Ghent University, BE
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 - **Krystyna GUTKOWSKA**, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, PL
 - **Agnieszka WOJCIECHOWSKA DE COKERE**, President IROICA
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ICA and ICA Standing Committees

ICA defends general interests, whilst Standing Committees deepen actions in particular fields – together we present shared interests at the European level

ICA Standing Committees

Discipline focused

- **AGRIMBA**, International Network for the MBA in Agribusiness and Commerce
 - **IFA**, ISEKI Food Association
 - **ERABEE**, Education and Research in Bio-systems Engineering in Europe Network
 - **SILVA**, European Forest Science Academic Network
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ICA Standing Committees (2)

Horizontal activities

- **AGRINATURA**, European Knowledge Alliance for Agricultural Development
 - **CASEE**, The ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe
 - **ICA-Edu**, The ICA Network for Innovation in Higher Education in the Life Sciences
 - **ISLE**: Association for Innovation, Teaching and Sustainable Development in the Life, Applied and Social Sciences
 - **IROICA**, European Network of International Relations Officers at Higher Education Institutes for Agricultural and Related Sciences
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Mutual benefits from ICA Umbrella

- Platform for discussion of strategic developments
 - Sharing information of current activities and future plans
 - Represent our common interests at the European and Global levels
 - Encourage and develop joint activities, e.g. ICA-Edu
 - Joint dissemination of information of our respective networks
 - Present greater internal and external coherence to the diverse organisations supported by a University/Faculty
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ICA Conferences

European and global dialogue for
professional updating and networking

Annual Conference Structure

- ICA Forum for Rectors and Deans
 - Education Conference to support innovation in Higher Education in the Life Sciences
 - new initiative ICA-Edu Standing Committee
 - International scientific OR global policy development conferences
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Conferences 2014:

ICA Rectors and Deans Forum:

- **Challenges and Policy Implications of the new EU Programming period 2014 - 2020 for Life Science Universities**
 - **2014: Food security and Climate Change - the response of Agricultural Higher Education Institutions to the Challenges (AMEAS with ACFAVM-APLU-ICA) in Mexico**
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ICA Representation - Europe and Globally

To represent and defend the interests of
European life science universities within the EU
and globally

Global Networking – GCHERA

GCHERA as a global confederation higher education associations like ICA

to encourage mutual understanding and global co-operation of the global Higher Education Associations and their institutions in supporting innovation, and providing leadership in education, research and outreach.....”.

ICA Bioeconomy Task Force

Aims are to:

- Define ICA as representing the European Life Science Universities in the development of the Bioeconomy at the European level
 - Contribute to the implementation of the EU action plan for bioeconomy in education, research and innovation by seeking synergies among ICA members and other EU and international institutions, industries, and networks
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Communication with Members

Newsletter, Website & Publications



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Association for European Life Science Universities

relating to agriculture, forestry, food, natural resources, rural development and the environment

We aim to enhance our members' success in the international market place, in Europe and globally, by providing a supportive environment to share experience, to

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Who we are

A network of more than 60 life science universities involved in agriculture, food, forestry, natural resources, rural development and the environment <more>

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Benefit of ICA Membership

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News and Upcoming Events for ICA-Europe

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Mar 12: Launched the GCHERA World Agriculture Prize 2014 - Call for nominations until 3 May 2014. A 50.000 USD award for excellence in leadership in agricultural & life science universities

Jan 16: The ISEKI Food Association (IFA) was elected an ICA Standing Committee at the last ICA General Assembly - see details of this Association

Jan 16: The Association for Innovation, Teaching and Promoting Sustainable Development in the Life, Applied and Social Sciences in Europe and worldwide (I.S.L.E) was elected an ICA Standing Committee at the last ICA General Assembly - see details of this Association

Jan 12: ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2014 will be held on 23 and 24 October 2014, with the ICA General Assembly on 22 October, at Ghent University, Belgium. The Forum will focus on challenges and policy implications of the

ICA Member Up Coming Events

22 – 24 April 2014, the **II international Forum Agroforum Balticum**, organised by the Estonian University of Life Sciences and the Saint Petersburg State University in cooperation with the Estonian Ministry of Agriculture and the FAO will take place for the second time as a companion of the Agricultural Fair **Maamess 2014**, one of the biggest rural fairs in the Baltic Sea region, in Tartu, Estonia. The topic of the Forum is – fair and free trade in agricultural products.

by networking within ICA

we share and gain

expertise and understanding, and

in doing so we become important agents of change

within our **own institutions**



BUT!

**ICA not only benefits individuals and
institutions,
but life sciences as a whole**

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