

**BERTEBOS CONFERENCE 2010**

29–31 August 2010. Falkenberg, Sweden.

# **Food Security and the Futures of Farms: 2020 and toward 2050**



THE ROYAL SWEDISH ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

## Clarifying the challenges and long-term outlooks

Food security entails the challenges of feeding the population of more than 9 billion by 2050 that will also be much richer, overcoming today's hunger, and achieving all this in sustainable ways. World agriculture production and food systems are in a process of rapid transformation while food security remains highly unsatisfactory and appears increasingly at risk. Key policy issues and research questions are:

- Populations connected with small farms include the majority of the world's poor people. What will be the future of small farms? And, what role for large scale farming?
- Institutional arrangements between farms and processors and retailers redefine markets and value chains in the future. What are efficient and fair arrangements that share value?
- Technology and accelerated agricultural research investment (public and private) could facilitate innovation. How can this be facilitated and the access to technology be enhanced?
- Resource scarcity, i. e. land and water, increases costs of farming. Climate change poses further risks. What is and what shall be the appropriate responses?

The above mentioned challenges shall be addressed in this international conference that assesses the future of agriculture and food security.

**Professor Joachim von Braun** was awarded the 2009 Bertebos Prize. He was Director General of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington DC 2002–2009 and is now Director of the Center for Development Research at Bonn University, Germany. He is a leading researcher and policy advisor in the field of food security, agriculture, and development economics. He was internationally highly recognized in recent years for his early drawing attention to the world food crisis. He will introduce the conference with the Bertebos Prize Lecture 2010 on “Food Security and the Futures of Farms”.

The conference will partly draw on various scenario and visioning projects that are currently ongoing or have recently been completed, and will aim at synthesis and original insights.

Welcome!

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29–31 August 2010 in Falkenberg, Sweden

**Sunday 29 August** *Arrivals and registration. Welcome dinner, hosted by the Royal Academy*

## Monday 30 August

9.00–9.10 Welcome address and introduction to the Conference  
*Prof. Sara von Arnold, President of the Royal Academy*

### Session 1 – How will food security and farms change?

*Chairperson: Prof. Sara von Arnold*

9.10–10.10 Bertebos Prize Lecture:  
**Food security and the futures of farms**  
**Prof. Joachim von Braun**

10.15–10.40 *Coffee Break*

10.40–11.25 History of agricultural change – perspective from Sweden  
*Prof. Janken Myrdal*

12.00–13.15 *Lunch*

### Session 2 – Small farm agriculture and the changing links to consumers

*Chairperson: Dr. h. c. Annika Åhnberg*

13.15–13.45 China's food security and agricultural change  
*Dr. Zhu Ling*

13.50–14.20 African agriculture and change in the small farm sector  
*Dr. Assefa Admassie*

14.25–14.55 India's food security and small farms  
*Prof. Mahendra Dev*

15.00–15.30 *Discussion*

15.30–16.00 *Coffee Break*

### Session 3 – Large scale agriculture, technology and food security

*Chairperson: Prof. Peter Sylwan*

16.00–16.30 Brazilian agriculture, its productivity and change  
*Dr. Elisio Contini*

16.35–17.05 Russian agriculture and its structural change  
*Dr. Eugenia Serova*

17.10–17.55 *Discussion*

19.00 *Dinner, hosted by the Bertebos Foundation*

## Tuesday 31 August

### 09.00 Excursion to Bertebos enterprises in the neighborhood

12.30–13.30 *Lunch*

### Session 4 – Diverse and conflicting visions and fore-sights of world farming and food systems: 2020 and toward 2050

13.30–15.35 Panel discussion and conclusions from the symposium

*Chairperson: Prof. Robert Thompson*

*Prof. Joachim von Braun*

*Dr. Zhu Ling*

*Dr. Assefa Admassie*

*Prof. Mahendra Dev*

*Dr. Elisio Contini*

*Dr. Eugenia Serova*

*Prof. Ewa Rabinowicz*

15.35–15.45 *Closing address*

*Prof. Sara von Arnold, President of the Royal Academy*

*Coffee, departure*

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## FOOD SECURITY AND THE FUTURES OF FARMS

- DATE** 29–31 August 2010
- PLACE** **Elite Hotel Strandbaden**, Falkenberg, Sweden  
Information about the city of Falkenberg: [www.falkenberg.se](http://www.falkenberg.se).
- APPLICATION** Application must be made at the latest 15 July 2010 – *click the Register box below for application form*. It can also be found at the [Academy's website www.ksla.se](http://www.ksla.se).
- CONFERENCE FEE AND PAYMENT** The conference is subsidized. However a fee of SEK 1500 shall be paid.  
Fee includes all meals during the conference.  
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In case no payment of the fee has been made before the invoice due date, the application will be rejected.
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If later than 15 July no refund will be made.
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