



TERRE REGIONALI TOSCANE WORKSHOP “EXPERIENCES OF AGRO-BIODIVERSITY VALORISATION IN EUROPE”

9-10 November 2017, Alberese – Tuscany (ITALY)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – EXTENDED DEADLINE

Tuscany Region is extremely rich in plant and animal agro-biodiversity. Policies for local genetic resources have been in place since 1997, facilitating the creation of a protection system which is constituted by “keeper-farmers” – *in-situ* conservation of genetic resources – and Germplasm banks sections – *ex-situ* conservation. Currently, 866 genetic resources are registered in the Tuscany Region inventory.

Terre Regionali Toscana (the mandated organism which manages the conservation and valorisation of these local genetic resources) is organizing a two day workshop on 9 and 10 November 2017. The initiative is aimed at presenting practical cases of agro-biodiversity valorisation from all around Europe. The main target group is farmers and the overall approach is based on a peer-to-peer process where practitioners can present and learn about new methods to valorize and market local products.

Tuscany Region and Terre Regionali di Toscana are interested in a broad participation of farmers and stakeholders from different European Countries, offering the opportunity to present practical experiences with agro-biodiversity valorisation through a **call for abstracts**.

The workshop is taking place at the Alberese Farm (www.alberese.com), a multifunctional agricultural holding owned by the Regional Government, which extends on more than 4.200 hectares conducted with the organic method and set in the Maremma Natural Park.

Some visits to the farm, the regional germplasm bank and the open range local breed of cow (Bovino Maremmano) and horse (Cavallo Maremmano) are organised during the event. Furthermore, a farmers’ market with Tuscan keeper-farmers is organized on 10 and 11 November at the “GRANAIO”, a historical barn where cereals were processed and stored.

If interested to participate and present your experience, you are invited to submit an expression of interest by filling in the **attached form** and send it to agrobiodiversity@alberese.com by **15 September 2017 at 4pm (CET)**.

The organizer will offer the following benefits to selected speakers:

- Bed and breakfast at the Alberese agritourism for 3 days (check in on Nov 8 and check out on Nov 11);
- Tasting dinner 8 - 9 - 10 November 2017
- Tasting lunch 9 - 10 November 2017
- Shuttle from Grosseto Train Station to the Alberese farm (and return).
- Further info at <http://www.alberese.com/category/bandi-news/> and direttore@alberese.com (c/o Dr Marco Locatelli)