52nd Caribbean Food Crops Society’s Guadeloupe

**July 10-16, 2016**

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From 10th to 16th July, Guadeloupe will receive the Caribbean Food Crops Society’s 52nd International Congress. This year, INRA Antilles-Guyane, the organizer, expects between 250 and 300 delegates from all around the world. For this 52nd edition, the theme is:

**CAP ON THE BIO-ECONOMY IN AGROECOLOGY AND CARIBBEAN**

For innovative agricultural and food policy, environmentally and source of socio-economic development

The aim of this conference is to address three major challenges for the Caribbean:

- **Ensure food self**: how to feed a growing population and ensure food security while protecting the ecosystems and natural resources?

- **Developing agro-processing and bio-economy**: how to help developing new markets, new methods of processing agricultural foods, more respectful of local ecosystems and the environment?

- **Initiate a transition towards smart agriculture**: how to enhance the sustainability of agricultural systems in small island economies?
The conference will focus on five highlights:

- **Monday, July 11, 2016 at 8:30 am** - **Opening Ceremony with scientific and political partners.**
- From Monday 11 to Tuesday, July 12 - **Scientific and Technical Sessions**: Agro-ecological farming systems: advances and perspectives in the Caribbean.
- **Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 8:30 am** – **Farmer’s forum and his local market**: Innovative agricultural systems in the Caribbean: towards climate-smart production systems.
- **Friday, July 15, 2016 at 9:00 am** – **Policymakers forum**: How bioeconomy may be a vector of socio economy and environmental development in the Caribbean: basis for roadmap
- **Friday, July 15, 2016 20:00 pm** - **Gala dinner awards**: Innovation and Bioeconomy

**CFCS**: On the initiative of Caribbean agronomists, the Caribbean Food Crops Society (CFCS) was created in 1963 to work actively for the development of the agricultural sector, food security and the preservation of the environment in Caribbean countries. An international organization, the CFCS has crafted a strategy to strengthen the dissemination of information and innovative practices among the leading players in these sectors. Its objective for this past half century has been to gather together the various sector players through annual congresses, mobilizing between 150 to 350 participants from different island countries and those making up the continental Caribbean region.

**INRA**: The inter-regional center Antilles-Guyane is the only of the 17 INRA centers located in the tropics. Its headquarters is in Guadeloupe. Its activities mainly concern the three French regions of America (Guadeloupe, French Guiana and Martinique). In Guadeloupe and Martinique, INRA is working on a clean, integrated agriculture, that is to say an agriculture based on agro-ecological principles to overcome the pollution inputs. The research, bear in Guyana, on the ecology of tropical forests.

➢ **All informations on**: [https://colloque.inra.fr/cfcs-2016](https://colloque.inra.fr/cfcs-2016)

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