

Curriculum Vitae

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Position	University	Start (d/m/y)	Till (d/m/y)
Ordinary Full Professor Tropical and Subtropical agriculture, and ethnobotany	Ghent University (UGent)	01-10-2018	To date
Full Professor Tropical and Subtropical agriculture, and ethnobotany	Ghent University (UGent)	01-10-2010	30-09-2018
Head docent ('hoofddocent') Tropical and Subtropical agriculture, and ethnobotany	State University Ghent/UGent	01-10-2000	30-09-2010
Docent Tropical and Subtropical agriculture, and ethnobotany	State University Ghent/UGent	01-10-1992	30-09-2000
Assistant Professor (tropical agronomy; head of department: Prof. Dr. ir. F. Pauwels)	State University Ghent/UGent	01-01-1992	30-09-1992

professional 2 Full professor (since July 1, 2012 -)
Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague
Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences
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University Studies/Diplomas

1974 - 1979 Ghent University, Belgium
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
Tropical Agronomy (great distinction)

1978 - 1979 Ghent University, Belgium
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Diploma for Higher Technical Teaching (distinction)

24/02/1989 Ghent University, Belgium
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
Ph.D. in Agricultural Sciences (greatest distinction)

Language Proficiency

Dutch	mother tongue
French	very good (articles and teaching) ('nearly native speaker' level)
English	very good (articles and teaching) ('nearly native speaker' level)
German	fair (understanding, reading and speaking) and basic (teaching)
Spanish	good (reading, speaking and teaching)
Afrikaans	good (reading, speaking and teaching)
Latin	passive knowledge (reading and understanding)
classic Greek	passive knowledge (reading and understanding)

Familiar with value chain R&D, principles of good governance,... (e.g.: VGGT (Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security - <http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/i2801e/i2801e.pdf>); RAI (Responsible Agricultural Investment - <http://mneguidelines.oecd.org/OECD-FAO-Guidance.pdf>)

Computer Language Proficiency

Fortran IV, Fortran 77, BASIC

Software Programmes

Wordstar, Wordperfect, dbase III, lotus 1-2-3, Statgraphics, COSTBEN, COSTAB¹, MSOFFICE and applications (Word, Excell, Powerpoint, ...), Internet Browsers

Specific training courses

Vulgarisation in Science Communication - 1984
Scientific Writing (biomedical sciences) – 2004
Media Training – 2004
Presentation Techniques (parts I and II) – 2011/12
Interuniversity Test of Academic English – CEFR level C1 (passed) - 2013

¹ COSTBEN and COSTAB are two UN agency developed programmes; the first calculates cost/benefit ratios (and internal rates of return) for development programmes, the second is used in cost calculation of long term investment and development programmes.

Professional Career²

Since 1 July 2012, full professor at the Prague University of Life Sciences; first: Institute for Tropics and Subtropics (ITS, till end December 2013); now at: Faculty of Tropical Agrisciences. Task: training and coaching of academic staff, project proposal and, more in general, academic writing and management; teaching of MSc courses in the fields of ethnobotany, agroforestry, tropical crops, sustainable development,...

2010 - 2015: senior advisor for global research programme 1, domestication for ICRAF (without formal contract)

October 2009 – June 2011: agrobiodiversity advisor for the Ministry of agriculture of Ecuador

Member of the Technological Advisory Group (TAG) of ICRAF's BLEANSA project (Building a Large Evergreen Agriculture Network for Southern Africa; <http://bleansa.net/>) (2013 – 2015)

Since October 2008 till now

Director of the Centre for Sustainable Development, UGent (Ghent University, Belgium; CDO: www.ugent.cdo.be)

From October 2007 till now

Professor at the *Hogeschool Gent* / *Ghent University college* – School of Industrial Engineers

Courses taught

- Farming systems in the tropics (15 h theory, 30 h theory practical sessions)
- Tropical crops (30 h theory, 30 h theory practical sessions)

² currently used acronyms (not limiting):

ABOS	Belgian Administration for Development Cooperation (Algemeen Bestuur voor OntwikkelingsSamenwerking; Brussels, Belgium)
BTC	Belgian Technical Cooperation (Belgische Technische Cooperatie)
CEC	Commission of the European Community (also European Union)
FAABS.	Faculty of Agricultural and Applied Biological Sciences (Gent, Belgium)
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (Rome, Italy)
FIDA	Fonds International pour le Développement de l'Agriculture (UN Agency, Rome, Italy)
GAS	Additional training curriculum (formerly first year of MSc programme)
GGs	Specialised training curriculum (formerly MSc)
ICRAF	International Centre for Research on AgroForestry (Nairobi, Kenya)
ICUC	International Centre for Under-Utilised Crops
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome, Italy)
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (Ibadan, Nigeria)
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
KUL	Catholic University Leuven (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven; Leuven, Belgium)
KVIV	Royal Flemish Engineers Association (Koninklijke Vlaamse IngenieursVereniging; Antwerp, Belgium)
NATURA	Network of European Agricultural (Tropically and subtropically oriented) Universities and scientific complexes Related with Agricultural development (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)
NCOS	Flemish NGO platform (Nationaal Centrum voor OntwikkelingsSamenwerking; Brussels, Belgium)
NFWO	National Fund for Scientific Research (Nationaal Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek; Brussels, Belgium)
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
RUG	University of Gent (Universiteit Gent; Gent, Belgium)
VIIR	Flemish Interuniversity Council (Vlaamse Interuniversitaire Raad; Brussels, Belgium)
VUB	Flemish University Brussels (Vlaamse Universiteit Brussel; Brussels, Belgium)
VVOB	Flemish association for development cooperation and technical assistance (Vlaamse Vereniging voor Ontwikkelingssamenwerking en technische Bijstand; Brussels, Belgium)

From October 1992 till now

Full-time Professor at the

Laboratory of Tropical and Subtropical Agronomy and Ethnobotany
Department of Plant Production
Faculty of Bioscience Engineering (FBE) (formerly Faculty of Agricultural and Applied Biological Sciences, FAABS),
Ghent University (UGent) (formerly Rijksuniversiteit Gent, RUG),
Belgium

(from October 1992 till September 2000: ‘*docent*’; October 2000 - September 2010: ‘*hoofddocent*’; October 2010 - present: *hoogleraar*).

Courses taught (www.ugent.be and <http://www.fbw.ugent.be/Onderzoek/vakgroep02.php> and <http://www.plantproduction.ugent.be/Engels/education.html> for an update version of courses currently taught) (all courses are taught at MSc level)

Remark: *all courses are taught in Dutch, unless mentioned differently (Eng = English; Fr = French). Written texts are available for all courses. On request, English translations can be provided for all courses. Course contents and profiles are available.*

The list herewith gives a complete overview of courses offered since 1992, and/but takes into account changes that have occurred over the years, due to programme changes.

at BioScience Engineering Faculty, UGent (courses that are taught in the current academic year, are highlighted in **bold**; when course is taught in Dutch, Dutch title is **highlighted**; ...)

- Intensive Study of Tropical and Subtropical Agronomy (*Grondige studie van de tropische en subtropische landbouw*; 30 hours theory and 30 hours practical sessions – stopped in 2001/2002).
- Plant Production 1 and Plant Production 2 (*Fytotechnie 1 en 2*; with Prof. Dr. ir. Dirk Reheul, Prof. Dr. ir. Pierre Debergh and Prof. Dr. ir. Robert Bulcke; 15 hours theory + 30 hours practical sessions for both courses – topics offered: edible tropical crops, fruit crops, non-edible tropical crops,...) (2002/3 – 2007/8) – detailed information is presented at the university’s site: http://aivwww.rug.ac.be/Studentenadministratie/Studiegids/2007/EN/FACULTY/I_LA/COURSE/IP LAND/03K00175/INDEX.HTM)
- Tropical Crop Production (***Tropische plantenteelt***; 30/30; from 2007/8 – Dutch equivalent of **Tropical Crop** production hereafter)
- Plant Production Systems (*Plantaardige Productie*; with Prof. ir. Tillo Behaeghe till 1995/96 and Prof. Dr. ir. Pierre Debergh; since 1996/97, with Prof. Dr. ir. Dirk Reheul and Prof. Dr. ir. Pierre Debergh; 30 hours theory till 1999/2000, as from 2001/2002: 30 theory + 15 practicals).
- Plant Husbandry: selected crops (*Typegewassen*; with Prof. Dr. ir. Robert Bulcke, Prof. Dr. ir. Dirk Reheul and Prof. Dr. ir. Pierre Debergh; 30 hours theory and 30 hours practical sessions); as from 2007/8: **Plant Husbandry** (***Plantenteelt***; with Prof. Dr. ir. Robert Bulcke, Prof. Dr. ir. Dirk Reheul, and Prof. Dr. ir. Marie-Christine Van Labeke; 30/30; own input: Rice (9 hours theory) and Banana (6 hours, in collaboration with Prof. Dr. ir. Ronny Swennen, KULeuven)
- Specialised Crop Husbandry (*Bijzondere Plantenteelt*; with Prof. Dr. ir. Robert Bulcke, Prof. Dr. ir. Dirk Reheul and Prof. Dr. ir. Pierre Debergh; 30 hours theory and 15 hours practical sessions; stopped in 2001/2002).
- Applied Plant Systematics (*Toegepaste Plantensystematiek*; 30 hours theory and 15 hours practical sessions – till 2001/2002) – as from 2002/2003 this course has been changed in: **Ethnobotany and New Crop Development** (*Etnobotanie en nieuwe teeltontwikkeling*, 15 + 30).
- **Farming Systems** (part of the International Master’s Programme on Rural Development (IMRD); 45/0)

- **Rural Development** (part of the International Master's Programme on Rural Development (IMRD); 45/0 – 2005/6 and 2006/7)
- **Rural and Agricultural Development** (part of the International Master's Programme on Rural Development (IMRD); 45/0 – 2010/11 – ongoing)
- **Tropical Food Production** (part of MSc Programme Tropical Agriculture, which is part of the International Programme on Rural Development and Nutrition; together with Prof. Dr. ir. Dirk Berkvens (UGent/Institute for Tropical Medicine-Antwerp) and Prof. Dr. ir. Patrick Sorgeloos/prof. dr. ir. Gilbert Van Stappen; 45 theory)
- **Tropical Crop Production** (part of MSc Programme Tropical Agriculture, which is part of the International Programme on Rural Development and Nutrition; 30/30)

[at the Faculty of Sciences, Tropical Soil Science Programme, collaboration UGent-VUB – currently stopped]

- Desertification & Dry Land Farming (GAS Physical Land Resources, with Prof. Dr. ir. Roger Hartmann, 30 hours theory and 45 hours practical sessions; formerly, till 1999/2000, this course was called: Crop Husbandry, 30 hours theory and 30 hours practical sessions) (course stopped in 2003/4).
- Integrated Agricultural Land Use Systems (GGS Physical Land Resources, with Prof. Dr. ir. Daniel Demeyer and Prof. Dr. ir. Robert De Wulf, 30 hours theory and 45 hours practical sessions; formerly, till 1999/2000, these were two separate courses: Agropastoral Farming Systems, and Agroforestry Systems, each counting for 30 hours theory and 30 hours practical sessions) (course stopped in 2004/5).]

at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, UGent

- **Rural Development** (*Plattelandsontwikkeling*; 30 hours theory).
- Plant Production Systems (*Plantaardige Productiesystemen*; with Prof. ir. Tillo Behaeghe till 1995/96 and Prof. Dr. ir. Pierre Debergh; since 1996/97, with Prof. Dr. ir. Dirk Reheul and Prof. Dr. ir. Pierre Debergh; 30 hours theory and 15 hours practical sessions) (own input in this course stopped in 2004/5).

at the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences, UGent

- **Job opportunities for tropical veterinaries** (1 module taught in the Tropical Veterinary course, coordinated by Prof. Dr. Joseph Vercruysse and Prof. Dr. Pierre Dorny)

[at the Institute for Tropical Medicine, Antwerp

- Economic Problems of Developing Countries (*Problèmes économiques des pays en voie de développement*, 18 hours theory) (1992/93 – 2003/4) (starting from 1998/99, this course was part of the socio-economic module taught at the animal health postgraduate programme within the Institute for Tropical Medicine)]

at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL)

- **'Rice Production'** (6 hours theory; visiting professor at the Faculty of Agricultural and Applied Biological Sciences, KULeuven) (since 1991/92)

Research focuses on:

- Crop Husbandry and Plant Physiology (salt and drought-stress of vegetables and desert plants)
- Socio-economic Studies of Farming Systems and Crop Husbandry in the Tropics and Subtropics
- Ethnobotany, Biodiversity, Domestication and Crop Development (in low external input environments)
- Agroforestry and Integrated Farming Systems (including farmers' knowledge systems)

- Vegetation Science (mapping) and Management
- Policy Development for Developing Countries (development of production strategies, choice of crops)
- Saving and Credit systems (formal/informal; rural/urban).

Participation into VIIR Institutional University Co-operation (IUC) programmes

- co-promotor/representative (spokesman; *co-promotor woordvoerder*) for the ethnobotany/biodiversity subprogramme of IUC with Universidad de Cochabamba, Bolivia
- participation in the medicinal plant development subprogramme of IUC with University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; research and training of researchers in the field of ethnobotany and ethnopharmacology
- participation in the natural resources development subprogramme of IUC with Anton De Kom Universiteit, Paramaribo, Suriname; research and training of researchers in the field of ethnobotany and ethnopharmacology
- initiator and co-promotor for the IUC programme with Las Villas - Santa Clara University, Cuba

Promotor of international R&D projects

1. Ethnobotanical Survey of the Namib Desert, European Union (DG VIII; CEC-contract B7-5040/91 005), research, 12,707,200 Bf/315,003.25 € (November 1991 – December 1992)
2. *Weeds in Leguminous Crops*, Sri Lanka, Own initiative - VIIR/ABOS (AEIN), research, teaching and capacity building, 17,350,200 Bf/430,095.26 € (autumn 1989 - 2000)
3. *Assesment and Management Modelling of Woody Vegetation in a Forest Zone in Southern Senegal*, European Union (DG VIII; CEC-contract B7-5040/91/041), research, 17,056,600 Bf/422,822.06 € (May 1992 – May 1994)
4. *The Impact of Small Dam Constructions on the Environment and the Phreatic Surface in Northern Togo*, European Union (DG VIII; CEC-contract B7-5040/93/04), research, 25,730,000 Bf/637,830.03 € (May 1993 – August 1995)
5. *Conocimientos y Practicas Culturales sobre los Recursos Fitogeneticos Nativos en el Austro Ecuatoriano*, Ecuador, Own initiative - VIIR/ABOS, research and capacity building (researchers), 12,592,200 Bf/312,152.48 € (February 1995 - January 2000)
6. *Linking Small-Scale Farmers to Commercial Sector Activities (Zambia/Tanzania)*, VIIR/DGIS, policy development research, 2,920,870 Bf/72,406.48 € (August 2000 – July 2001)
7. Towards a sustainable Cuban agriculture: evaluation of plant extracts for their possible use as biological herbi- and pesticiden, Cuba, Own initiatives - VIIR/DGIS (AEIN2000PR231), research and capacity researchers, 12,109,444 Bf/300,185.27 € (September 2000 – August 2006)
8. *Belgian Integrated Agrarian Reform Support Programme- phase 2*, Philippines – BTC (Belgian Technical Co-operation), monitoring of activities and applied scientific research on plant/animal production techniques, micro-finance,.. – 60,000 € (September 2000 – August 2003)
9. Post-doctoral mandate Dr. Ina Vandebroek: *Applied ethnobotany as starting point for phytochemical-pharmacological evaluation of Bolivian plants: a multidisciplinary approach* (Vlaams instituut voor de bevordering van het Wetenschappelijk-technologisch research in de industrie; IWT/OZM/000256, contract year 2000, circa 2.5 mio Bf/62,000 €)
10. *Capacity building in participatory rural development through institutional support focusing on rural disadvantaged in Andhra Pradesh, India*, Own initiative – VIIR/DGIS (ZEIN2002PR260), development of a capacity building programme and training institute, 296,992.51 € (ca. 12,000,000 Bf) (April 2002 – September 2006)
11. VIIR North-South initiative (*Collaboration between UGent and a group of traditional healers from regio Apillapampa, Bolivia*) (ZEIN2002ZVVTOO3) (15,000 €) (February 2003 – January 2004)
12. *Gestion durable des ressources naturelles à la base des soins de santé primaire en milieu villageois: capital et potentialité des plantes médicinales dans la forêt classée des Monts Kouffé*

- (*Centre du Bénin*), Own initiative – VIIR/DGOS (ZEIN2003PR278), R&D, ca 300,237.30 € (Juli 2003 -)
13. *Flemish scientific research and Science Sharing: a survey on the scientific capacities present in the Flemish universities in their relationship with development co-operation*, UGent – Vlaamse raad voor wetenschapsbeleid, research (co-promotor: Prof. Dr. Marleen Temmerman, Prof. Dr. Jan Blommaert, Prof. Dr. Ruddy Doom, Prof. Dr. Godelieve Gheysen, and Prof. em. Dr. Marc Van Montagu), ca. 75,040 (researcher: ir. Wouter Van Hove) (February 2003 – January 2004)
 14. *'Ecological Debt' (partim agriculture and food)* - VIIR-BVO (promotors: Prof. ir. Bernard Mazijn and Prof. Dr. Ruddy Doom), policy development research, ca. 20,763 € (December 2003 – June 2004) (researcher: ir. Wouter Van Hove)
 15. *Applied Ethnobotanical Research for Sustainable Use of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) by ethnic communities in Bolivia* (department Cochabamba) – BOF/UGent, doctoral mandate 066, ca 128,791 € (November 2002 - October 2006) (researcher: ir. Evert Thomas)
 16. *Variability and crop potential of Passiflora spp. in the Yungas of Bolivia* – IWT SB-0121055 (doctoraal researchsmandaat), ca 135,000 € (January 2003 - December 2006) (researcher: ir. Marleen Delanoy)
 17. *Ethnobotanical research into the use of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) in the hinterland of Paramaribo (Surinam)* – BOF/UGent 2003, doctoral mandate, ca 134,069.6 € (Oktober 2003 – September 2007) (researcher: lic. Sofie Ruyschaert)
 18. *From European fork to Latin American Farm”: an innovative networking platform for EU-LAC partnerships in food quality and safety R&D* (ALCUE-FOOD) – European Union, Specific support action, ca. 750.000 € (of which 15,000 € for UGent) (October 2004 – September 2008)
 19. *Valorisation des plantes alimentaires sauvages de la région de Kisangani* (VIIR Own Initiative: ZEIN2004PR3000; total budget: ca. 49,999 €; May 2004 – April 2006 + 1 year extension till April 2007; researchers: ir. Wouter Van Hove and ir. Céline Termote)
 20. *Vulgarisation of research results related to traditional healers knowledge in the Bolivian amazon* (120 medicinal plant species used in local medicair, Bolivia) - VIIR North South initiative (15,000 €) (October 2005 – September 2006)
 21. *Producing added value from under-utilised tropical fruit crops with high commercial potential (PAVUC)* – European Union (call: FP6-2003-INCO-DEV-2; *Specific Targeted Research Project - STREP*) – (co-promotor; total budget: 1,985,000 €, of which ca. 230,000 € for UGent) (November 2005 – October 2009) (researcher: ir. Sara Sabbe) (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/15279/reporting>)
 22. *Promotion of sustainable cherimoya production systems in Latin America through the characterization, conservation and use of local germplasm diversity (CHERLA)*– European Union (call: FP6-2003-INCO-DEV-2; *Specific Targeted Research Project - STREP*) – (co-promotor; total budget: 1,599,133 €, of which ca. 223,299 € for UGent) (December 2005 – November 2008) (researcher: ir. Wouter Van Hove) (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/15100>)
 23. *Domestication and development of baobab and tamarind (DADOBAT)* - European Union (call FP6-2003-INCO-DEV-2; *Specific Targeted Research Project - STREP*) – (coordinator – total budget: 2,100,000 €) (November 2006 – October 2010) (researchers: ir. Emmy De Caluwé and ir. Sitske De Groote; 0.5 administrative FTE) (<https://biblio.ugent.be/publication/769543>)
 24. *Valeur nutritionnelle, économique et culturelle des PAS (Plantes Alimentaires Sauvages) de la région de la Tshopo, Kisangani* (Microproject RDC – VIIR; total budget: ca. 100,000 €) (June 2007 – May 2009) (researcher: ir. Céline Termote)
 25. *Valorisation de la production des figues au Maroc par le choix du matériel végétal apte au séchage, la maîtrise des techniques culturelles, la mise au point de technologie(s) de séchage et l'organisation de la filière* (Morocco) – Belgian Bilateral Development Cooperation/Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC) (*convention spécifique Maroc – Belgique*) (co-promotor : prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme – budget: 158,880 €)
 26. *Life Cycle and Energy Budget Analysis of Natural Rubber Matresses* (private contract; total budget: ca. 40,000 €) (April 2008 – February 2009) (researcher: ir. Arne Baert)
 27. *Development of an Agricultural Diversification Export Strategy for Guyana's Agricultural Sector (Phase I)* (Contract number: 37/TA/TradeCom/P43) (Project number 9.ACP.RPR.007) (total budget: ca. 175,000 €) (Fall 2008 – Spring 2009) (coordinator: Prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme; execution: 4 consultants, 8 person.months)

28. *Increasing small-scale farmer benefits from agroforestry tree products in West and Central Africa (AFTP4A)* (bilateral Belgian Development Cooperation/DGDC-financed project between ICRAF (World Agroforestry Centre – www.icraf.org) (total budget: ca. 3,200,000 €, of which ca. 250,000 € for UGent) (February 2009 – January 2013) (coordinator: Prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme; researcher: ir. Céline Termote).
29. *Improving community health care through strengthening traditional knowledge: a collaboration between traditional healers and biomedical physicians in the tropics of Cochabamba* (ZEIN2008ZSEL21 – 8620; Zuidinitiatief, VIIR) (total budget ca. 15,000 €) (coordinator: Prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme; execution: dr. Ina Vandebroek) (duration 2009, prolonged till end 2010).
30. Research programme for the federal policy development on drugs: DR/02/056 YILCAN: *Opbrengstbepaling van een illegale indoor cannabisplantage* (Estimating yields for illegally grown indoor cannabis - *Programmatorische Federale Overheidsdienst, Wetenschapbeleid*; coordinator: Prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme; researcher ir. Wouter Vanhove; total budget: 192,565 €) (December 2009 – May 2011) (www.belspo.be)
31. R&D contract for the Federal Ministry of Public Health: ‘*Het toetsen van duurzame boscertificeringssystemen*’ (Testing of forest certification systems) (contract number DG5/MSZ/CvO/09022) – *FOD Volksgezondheid, veiligheid van de voedselketen en leefmilieu*. Coordinator: Prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme, researcher ir. Arne Baert; total budget 20,527.65 € (January - March 2010).
32. Agronomic interventions to improve cocoa (*Theobroma cacao* L.) yield and quality at the plantation level. Research contract financed by Barry Callebaut Belgium NV. Coordinator: Prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme, researcher ir. Wouter Vanhove; total budget 363,445 € (June 2011 – May 2015; June 2015 – April 2016).
33. BELSPO Programme “*La Science pour un développement durable*” (SSD) *Appel à propositions 6 : BIOSERF- Sustainability of tropical forest biodiversity and services under climate and human pressure*. Research programme - coordinator Prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme, researcher ir. Arne Baert; total budget 179,072 € (April 2011 – March 2015).
34. SALSALSA (Knowledge-based Sustainable vAlu-added food chains: innovative tools for monitoring ethical, environmental and Socio-economic impacts and implementing EU-Latin America shared strategies). EC-financed FP7 KBBE project (Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy), topic KBBE.2010.2.5-02 “Eco-challenges in the food chain of the Latin American region – SICA (Latin America)”. Grant Agreement nr.: 265927). Research programme – co-coordinator UGent prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme (together with prof. dr. Xavier Ghelley), researchers ir. Maarten Crivits (2009-2010) and Toon Driesen (2011 – 2013); total budget: ~ 2 mio € (May 2011 - April 2014).
35. BELSPO Federal Drugs Research Programme. Hazards of illicit cannabis cultivation for public, users and intervention staff. Contract DR/00/067, in collaboration with Biopharmaceutical sciences, toxicology and pharmacology, KULeuven – dir. Prof. dr. Jan Tytgat); total budget: 100,000 € (1 December 2013 – 31 December 2014; no-cost extension till 31 December 2015).
36. Monsanto Beachell-Borlaug International Scholars Program Grant; recipient Igor Yelome (Benin) – project title: Genetic diversity of African rice (*Oryza glaberrima*) and screening of its varieties for yield and blast resistance. Total grant amount: 123,500 U\$ (June 2015 – May 2017).
37. VIIR Team Project: Developing effective strategies to engage private sector and civil society in executing REDD+ after the Pilot Projects Phase in Tanzania. Total budget: 70,000 €. Partner university in Tanzania: Ardhi University (local promoter: dr. Shemdoe Riziki) (December 2014 – November 2016).
38. Agropolis Fondation – Fondazione Cariplo and Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso funded programme: *Accroître la disponibilité des aliments nutritifs à travers la promotion des arbres et des arbustes locaux comestibles en Afrique Sud-Saharienne* (TREEFOOD) (<http://www.africaplatfom.ugent.be/news/enhancing-nutritious-food-availability-through-promotion-native-edible-treeshrub-species-sub>) (total budget: ~500,000 €; UGent part: 64,507 €; main investigator: prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme) (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019).

Promotor of Centre of Sustainable Development projects

Inter-university Development Co-operation projects

Promotor of the following VIIR-*Eigen Initiatieven* projects (so-called Proper Initiatives – maximum budget: ~ 300,000 €) (details can be obtained upon request)

- Sri Lanka (weeds x rice and vegetables; 1989 - 1999)
- Ecuador (ethnobotany; 1994 - 1999)
- Cuba (Santa Clara/Las Villas, 2000 – 2004; extended 2005)
- India (rural development training centre; 2002 – 2006)
- Benin (medicinal plant/bark harvesting; 2003 – 2008)
- DR Congo/Kisangani (ethnobotany; 2004 – 2006; extended till 2007)
- DR Congo/Kinshasa (medicinal plants; 2016 – 2019)

Promotor of the following VIIR-Microprojects (maximum budget: ~ 50 – 70,000 €; details can be obtained upon request)

- DR Congo/Kisangani (ethnobotany; 2007 – 2009)
- Tanzania (REDD/REDD+; 2014 – 2016)

Promotor of the following VIIR-policy development project (*Beleidsvoorbereidend onderzoek*):

- Linking small-scale farmers to commercial sector activities (August 2000-July 2001; research assistant: ir. Tinneke Dirckx)

Co-Promotor of the following VIIR-*Eigen Initiatieven* projects (Proper or South Initiatives) (see annexes for presentation and details)

- China (1997 - 2000; promotor: Prof. Dr. ir. Erik Van Ranst, RUG)
- Morocco (1998 - 2001, promotor: Prof. Dr. ir. Niko Koedam, VUB)
- Colombia (2008 – 2013, promotor: Prof. Dr. ir. Bruno De Meulenaer, UGent)
- Cuba (Bayamo – salinity x pasture legumes; 2008 – 2013; co-promotor prof. dr. ir. Roeland Samson, University Antwerp, Belgium)
- Cuba (Bayamo – ecophysiology and new crop development of *Uvifera coccoloba*; 2014 – 2016; co-promotor prof. dr. ir. Roeland Samson, University Antwerp, Belgium) ([http://www.vliuos.be/en/ongoing-projects/overview-of-ongoing-projects/si-\(south-initiatives\)/ecophysiological-characterization-of-coccoloba-uvifera-l/](http://www.vliuos.be/en/ongoing-projects/overview-of-ongoing-projects/si-(south-initiatives)/ecophysiological-characterization-of-coccoloba-uvifera-l/))

Member of the **Interfaculty Centre for Sustainable Development** – UGent (*Interfacultair Centrum voor Duurzame Ontwikkeling*) (since April 1999); co-monitoring of the ‘sustainable development label’ development project (2002/2003); co-promotor of the VIIR-financed BVO on ‘Ecological debt’ (2003/2004).

Member of the **Institute for Plant Biotechnology for Developing Countries** – UGent (*Instituut voor plantenbiotechnologie voor ontwikkelingslanden*) (since 2000 -).

Monitoring of MSc and Ph.D. students’ research projects (see *infra*).

External Relations

- follow-up of a number of CEC-financed research projects (see annexes for details)
- follow-up of a number of ABOS-financed and VIIR-monitored research projects (see annexes for details)
- consultant for a number of (inter)national official organisations (IFAD, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, FAO,...; SNV (Dutch cooperation)...), and Belgian/international NGOs.

Through the activities of project/programme development and execution/monitoring/evaluation, extensive experience has been acquired with document writing, and preparation of proposal documents using logframe, ZOPP and such techniques. Programme costing, and cost/benefit and financial analyses are performed on a routine basis where needed (using COSTAB and COSTBEN).

Network of European Agricultural [Tropically and Subtropically Oriented] Universities and Scientific Complexes Related with Agricultural (NATURA)

Since its creation in 1993, I have been actively involved in the Network of European Agricultural [Tropically and Subtropically Oriented] Universities and Scientific Complexes Related with Agricultural (NATURA, <http://www.natura.agropolis.fr/>), first a simple representative of the University Gent in the General Assembly, and then as a board member (2003 -) representing Belgium. NATURA's mandate covers the following objectives, to:

- develop concerted actions in the field of *tropical and subtropical agriculture, forestry, food and human nutrition and veterinary medicine* between the European member institutions and partners in developing countries.
- promote the *institutional reinforcement* of universities and national research centres, partners of developing countries.
- *better allocate the scientific and technical potential* in this field among NATURA members.
- allow *mobilisation of funds* to reach these objectives.

In the framework of NATURA's NECTAR programme, course modules have been developed covering the following topics:

- Land tenure and land reform, credit policy and economic policy reforms and their environmental impact: an integrated analysis towards more sustainability (one day module; NECTAR 5 programme) (1998)
- Theories of Rural Development (2 days' module prepared together with Eamon Lennigan; NECTAR 6 programme: Agricultural economics and rural development; module 5: Resource economics and rural development; week 4: Rural Development Strategies) (1998)

For the latter programme, I also was responsible editor for week 4 course programme.

Throughout NATURA's existence, I have been involved in multiple project proposal writing exercises, and monitoring of activities, including monitoring of implementation of research programmes, curriculum building and evaluation,...

January 1992 - September 1992

Doctor-Assistant (Lecturer, Assistant Professor) at the Laboratory of Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture, Crop Husbandry, Rural Economy and Sociology, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Ghent University, Belgium.

For task description: see following part.

January 1984 till December 1991

Research assistant and Assistant Professor (October 1989 - December 1991) at the Laboratory of Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture, Crop Husbandry, Rural Economy and Sociology, Faculty of Agronomical Sciences, Ghent University, Belgium.

Tasks

Fundamental and applied research in the field of plant physiology (vegetables and desert plants), farming systems, and socio-economy.

Teaching in tropical plant husbandry, planning and socio-economic evaluation of projects, and extension: courses at the faculty of Agricultural Sciences (from 1989/1990 onwards):

- Applied Tropical Plant Systematics (30 hours theory + 15 hours practical work);
- Rural Planology (15 hours theory + 30 hours practical work);
- Crop Husbandry (30 hours theory + 15 hours practical work; MSc in eremology programme);
- Rural Economy, part I (15 hours theory);
- Rural Economy, part II (90 hours theory + 60 hours practical work);
- General Agronomy (30 hours theory + 15 practical work);
- Tropical Crop Husbandry, Partim Annual Crops (45 hours theory + 15 hours practical work);
- Tropical Crop Husbandry, Partim Perennial Crops (30 hours theory + 15 practical work);
- Rural Extension (30 hours theory);
- Economy of the Developing Countries (15 hours theory);
- Introduction to Plant Production Principles (15 hours theory ; lic. food and dietary sciences);
- Agrarian Sociology of the Subtropical and Tropical Regions (30 hours theory).

Courses nrs 1 to 12 were taught during the academic year 1989/90; courses 1, 2, 3, 5 (partim), 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 were taught during 1990/91 and 1991/92. All courses taught in Dutch (English translation available), except course 3 which was taught in English.

Course at the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp (from 1991/92), Economic Problems of Third World Countries – an introduction (15 hours theory) (in French).

Monitoring of the practicals for the above mentioned courses (from 1983/1984 onwards)

Monitoring of MSc thesis students (approx. 10 per year).

Follow-up and co-ordination of rural development and research projects in Togo (rural development; NGO Vredeseilanden), Rwanda (rural development; NGO Vredeseilanden), Senegal (rural development; NGO Vredeseilanden), Namibia (research; CEC financing), Senegal (research; CEC financing), Togo (research; CEC financing) and Sri Lanka (research and teaching; ABOS financing; see annexes 1–5).

April 1982 - December 1983

Assistant research officer at the Forestry Research Department, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, RUG, Belgium.

Tasks

Monitoring of practical sessions for the Comparative Forestry course (150 hours theory + 180 hours practical work).

Research in the field of forestry management and acid rain.

Monitoring of MSc thesis students.

March 1980 - March 1982

Associate Expert for FAO, at the ‘*Centre pour le Développement de l’Horticulture*’, Dakar, Senegal.
Based in Nianga (Podor), Région du Fleuve (Sénégal).

Tasks

Extension of plant protection methods in the industrial tomato growing zone (Région du Fleuve).

Applied and fundamental research: field trials with 18 different vegetables (under irrigation conditions) (see annex 4). Field trials with plant protection methods (tests of products, Ultra Low Volume method). Determination of diseases and pests: phytopathology and entomology.

July 1979 - October 1979

Scientific research officer at IITA, Ibadan, Nigeria (ABOS grant).

Tasks

Applied and fundamental research on crop physiology, natural resistance towards pod sucking bugs, and plant protection of cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*).

Consultancies, Missions and Assignments (Abroad)

Additional training taken:

Basic Security in the Field II (self-paced learning class) (<https://training.dss.un.org/course/category/1>) – United Nations Department of Safety & Security; internet course with certificate of successful exam (16 May 2018)

Advanced Security in the Field (self-paced learning class) (<https://training.dss.un.org/course/category/2>) – United Nations Department of Safety & Security; internet course with certificate of successful exam (17 May 2018)

BSAFE, self-paced safety/security learning class (<https://training.dss.un.org/course?query=BSAFE&catalog=0>); internet course with certificate of successful exam (9 June 2019)

2020

19 – 25 January Abomey-Calavi, Benin

20 January

MSc thesis defence jury president

MISSIGBè, Florelle Mithelle, *Diagnostic de l'Inspection Forestière de la Donga et problématique de valorisation des produits dérivés de Adansonia digitata L. dans la commune de Ouakè*

ARALARI, M.P.D., *Diagnostic de l'Inspection Forestière des Collines et problématique de valorisation des produits dérivés d'Adansonia digitata L. dans la commune de Dassa-Zoumè Bénin*

Presentation : *Sur les nouvelles orientations de financement de la recherche par la Fondation Internationale pour la Science (IFS)*

22 January

Oral presentation/conference 'Ethnobotanique et valorisation des bio-ressources dans les milieux tropicaux'

23 January

Visit of *Université Nationale d'Agriculture*, Porto-Novo, and Sakété-campus

Oral presentation 'Presentation of the International Foundation for Science'

24 January

Meetings with academic governance of universities of Abomey-Calavi, and Porto Novo; discussions with ENABEL, Belgian Development Cooperation; project proposal preparation/writing;

15 – 18 January

Marrakech (Morocco)

Grafting assignment as part of an Eric Van Hove-led art project (Belgian embassy in Rabat garden landscaping project) (for info on Eric: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eric_Van_Hove)

5 – 8 January

Hamar (Norway)

Proposal writing workshop – rephrasing/rewriting CReATE proposal following the comments made on 2019 submitted proposal

8 – 10 January

Stockholm (Sweden)

Briefing meetings with IFS executive director, and staff, at the beginning of Board of Trustees presidency.

2019

September – December

FAO, Rome (Italy)

80-days contract with FOA (FAO) to (TORs):

- support Action Against Desertification (AAD) project contribution to the UNCCD COP14 in the first weeks of September.
- participate in and contribute to AAD publications and presentations at the SER World conference on restoration in Cape Town;
- contribute to the preparation of the ToRs for final evaluation of AAD based on mid-term evaluation – to be submitted to the next Steering Committee meeting in Brussels in first week of November 2019;
- contribute to the evaluation of GGW/AAD – in collaboration with UNCCD;
- provide technical support for the formulation of a concept note for GGW/ACP restoration investment and initial preparation of Phase 2 of AAD – concept note (lessons learnt – quantitative data of outcomes, etc.); to be submitted to the EC, IFAD and/or ACP, involving Sahara-Sahel and Kalahari-Namib drylands and including the review of the existing and available information at regional and country level on the Great Green Wall, as well as information on the National action plans for UNCCD in Fiji and Haiti;
- provide strategic advice on FAO restoration portfolio development in the six Sahel/SADC and two SIDS countries (Fiji, Haiti), based on FAO comparative advantage, priorities, findings of the capacity building workshops, existing GGW restoration results and approaches as well as potential partnerships and opportunities;
- ad hoc, scientific research compilations/synthesis of papers/data for AAD publications;
- perform other related duties as required including particular support to the AAD/GGW team on technical areas of work as needed.

16 – 24 September

Burundi

EC-commissioned consultancy for the Technical and Advisory Services for Social Transfers (ASiST III) – *Filière Semence project (objectif général: dresser un état des lieux des principales filières semencières au Burundi – en lien avec les stratégies du gouvernement)* – DAI-contract 10412 (June 2019, contract duration : 12.5 days – report can be obtained on demand).

25 – 29 August

Prague (Czech Republic)

IFS workshop in preparation IFS' 2020 – 2030 Strategy

09 – 11 June

Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences
PhD thesis defence Tereza Pilarova
Monitoring/Mentoring PhD students

5 – 9 June

Kampala (Uganda)

WONCA (World Organization of Family Doctors (World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians)) conference (www.woncafrica2019.com/), and PRIMAFAMED-Ghent University-project-organised workshop (in collaboration with prof. dr. Jan De Maeseneer)

Participation without presentation	
02 – 05 June	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences MSc thesis defences Monitoring/Mentoring PhD students Discussions about future orientations of the Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences	
5 - 9 May	Lagos (Nigeria)
IFS fact finding and financial resource mobilising mission to Nigeria/Dangote industries; meetings and discussions with sustainability and governance unit, and agricultural production unit On 8 May: participation in Innovative social investment (social impact) training session	
23 – 29 April	Widou/Ferlo (Senegal)
Consultancy mission for ‘Entrepreneurs without Frontiers’ on tree plantation/participation in the Great Green Wall initiative (<i>la grande muraille verte</i>) in Widou area (see e.g.: https://www.nouvelobs.com/monde/afrique/20181017.OBS4087/au-senegal-les-femmes-luttent-pour-repousser-le-desert.html)	
13 – 21 April	Kaabong/Moroto (Uganda)
Restitution workshop for the Veterinary without Frontiers – Belgium, PROTOS and University Ghent WASH Uganda (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene – North Uganda) project Keynote presentation: Water Harvesting Techniques	
08 – 09 April	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences Faculty representation elections, and discussions with university management about future orientations of the Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences	
07 – 11 April	Stockholm (Sweden)
IFS: preparation of IFS Strategy (together with management, and BOT chair, dr. Malcolm Beveridge)	
29 March – 04 April	Abidjan (Ivory Coast)
Participation in the Flanders Technology and Investment (FIT)-organised economic mission to Ivory Coast, as representative of the Ghent University Association Africa Platform Discussions with Ministry of Agriculture representatives on cocoa and cashew nut research Discussions with dr. Harold Roy-McCauley, AfricaRice (preparation of TropenTag 2020 conference) Preparation of Memorandum of Understanding – with Félix Houphouët Boigny University (prof. N’nan Alla Oulo) Discussions with the <i>Centre National de Recherche Agronomique (CNRA)</i> – Adiopodoumé	
11 – 14 March	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences Teaching: Cacao Monitoring/Mentoring PhD students Discussions about future orientations of the Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences	
03 – 08 March	Banjul (Gambia)

Fact-finding mission for the Ghent Africa Platform, and discussions with the University of the Gambia in view of possible research and teaching collaboration (and contracting of a Memorandum of Understanding). Visits to new university site, and field plots. Discussions with several government and private sector institutions, including FAO-Gambia

17 – 22 February Yaoundé (Cameroon)
Participation in the Flanders Technology and Investment (FIT)-organised economic mission to Cameroon, as representative of the Ghent University Association Africa Platform

14 – 15 February Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences
Monitoring/Mentoring PhD students

27 January – 2 February Nouakchott (Mauritania)
FAO-organised workshop on ‘Evaluation and Planning of Restoration Activities of ‘Action Against Desertification’ – AAD Project’
Keynote address: *Situation à mi-parcours de la mise en oeuvre de la Grande Muraille Verte (GMV) dans 6 pays ACD (Action contre la Désertification)*
Resource person for workshop activities
Field visit to ‘PK17’ (forestry nursery), Aweiviya (sand dune fixation) and Naïm (vegetable production cooperative)

11 – 22 January Indonesia
Fact finding mission on *Cinnamomum* spp. value chain improvement, with field visits to

- Jambi - Kerinci (Sumatra; 13-18 January): cinnamon production fields and processing/drying
- Manado (Sulawesi; 18-19 January):
- Jakarta (Java; 2021 January): University of Indonesia: keynote address/master class on: Indonesia Palm Oil Industry from EU perspective, and visit to Belgian ambassador

2018

8 – 13 December Accra (Ghana)

Participation in the Belgian Business Mission, organized by Flanders Investment and Trade, Invest-Export Brussels, Wallonia.be Export Investment, Hub.Brussels and CBL/ACP, as Africa Platform of Ghent University representative
Discussions with universities/research centres and private operators

22 – 29 November Sharm El Sheikh (Egypt)

UN Biodiversity Conference. Investing in Biodiversity for People and Planet.
COP 14 – CP/MOP9 – NP/MOP3
Member of the Belgian Delegation
Representative of the Federal Council for Sustainable Development, working group Biodiversity and Forests
Participation without presentation but with active contribution to discussions in:

- The 4th Science Forum (23/24 November)
- The Agricultural Day (Rio Conventions Pavilion; 25 Nov)(www.riopavilion.org/storage/COP14_Draft_RCP_Agriculture_Day_1Nov%201.docx)
- Ecosystem-based solutions for climate change – 4th Ecosystem-based Adaptation Knowledge Day (Rio Conventions Pavilion; 26 November)
- Innovations for sustainable land use in Central Asia: Implementing Aichi-Targets 4, 7, 8 and 19 (<https://www.cbd.int/side-events/2626>) (26 November)

- Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (27 November; <http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/1058662/28032217/1543249304620/27+Nov+Forest+and+Restoration+Day+-+25nov2018.pdf?token=c0%2FZPgMCHxNn3JJcwZoHuMp3XfQ%3D>)
- Invasive species in Africa (27 November) (<http://eee.mnhn.fr/journee-especes-envahissantes-en-afrique-cop14-cdb-le-2711-charm-el-cheikh/>)
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13 – 16 November Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)
Teaching, preparation of presentations, ...
Coaching of PhD students: doctoral course class: ‘All you wanted to know about... publishing’.

26 October - 01 November Lund (Sweden)

IFS SAC meeting: evaluation of grant proposals

19 – 26 October Kigali (Rwanda) (19 – 24 Oct)
Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) (24 – 26 Oct)

Participation in the Belgian Business Mission, organized by Flanders Investment and Trade, Invest-Export Brussels, Wallonia.be Export Investment, Hub.Brussels and CBL/ACP, as Africa Platform of Ghent University representative
Discussions with universities/research centres and private operators

14 – 18 October Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)
Teaching

- The impact of *Ricinodendron heudelotii* kernel group commercialization on farmers livelihoods in Cameroon
- Leveraging livelihood benefices from NUS through (agricultural) research: challenges, needs and opportunities

Preparation of presentations, ... coaching of PhD students

27 May Rome (Italy) (briefing)
28 June – 10 July Senegal/Gambia (field evaluation)
16 – 28 July Niger/Burkina Faso (field evaluation)
19 – 21 September Rome (Italy) debriefing and discussions with AAD
international coordination (dr. Moctar Sacandé)

Mission leader for the FAO/EC-commissioned mid-term review of the Action Against Desertification project (<http://www.fao.org/in-action/action-against-desertification/en/>) (80-days' contract)

3 – 8 June Prague (Czech Republic)

Czech University of Life Sciences, MSc thesis defences

28 - 31 May Rome (Italy)

33d GFAR Steering committee meeting
Participation as EFARD representative

24 – 29 May	Lund (Sweden)
IFS SAC meeting: evaluation of grant proposals Presentation on ‘IFS’ future functioning’	
12 – 18 May	Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)
Flemish economic mission (led by minister-president Bourgeois) organized by Flanders Investment and Trade Visits of and discussions with private operators working on/with bamboo, and food production in general Participation in science council, and urban planning and flood control seminars: Urban planning and smart cities (Hanoi) and Regional seminar on ‘Climate Change’ (Ho Chi Minh City)	
09 – 12 May	Incheon (Korea)
Fact-finding mission to Ghent University Global Campus @ Incheon Introductory lecture on Research at the Laboratory of Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Ethnobotany	
11 – 23 April	Senegal
Fact-finding mission for ‘Entrepreneurs without Frontiers’ on possibilities to plant trees/participate in the Great Green Wall initiative (<i>la grande muraille verte</i>), with a focus on the Ferlo area (Matam – Linguère)	
26 – 31 March	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching (Cocoa and Cassave module), preparation of presentations,... coaching of PhD students: doctoral course class: ‘All you wanted to know about... publishing’.	
17 – 25 March	Bishtek (Kyrgyzstan)
20 March - <u>Kirgizistan-Turkiye Manas University (KTMU)</u> Invited lecture/oral presentation ‘The role of ‘conservation through use’ strategies in natural resource management’ - seminar presentation for MSc and PhD ecology students (from Mountain Societies Research Institute (MSRI), KTMU, KNAU,...)... Discussions of possible collaboration with <u>American University of Central Asia (AUCA)</u> 21 March - Ala-Archa: mountain hike x nature trailing 22 March - <u>Kyrgyzstan National Agricultural University (KNAU)</u> Invited lecture/oral presentation ‘The role of ‘conservation through use’ strategies in natural resource management’ 22 – 24 March: Arslanbob: visit of the walnut forest, and meetings with local authorities x research institutes	
11 - 17 March	Hanoi and Ho Chim Minh City (Vietnam)
Discussion with different bamboo R&D, production and processing institutions/firms Participation in the xx agricultural fair	
02 – 10 March	Cotonou (Benin)
Annual steering committee meeting for TREEFOOD project	

Teaching at University of Abomey-Calavi	
19 – 23 February	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, preparation of presentations,...	
05 – 17 February	Anambé (Senegal/Casamance area)
Consultancy mission for Ex-Change, Kampani vzw and Rikolto: feasibility study and planning of a rice seed conditioning factory for FEBROPA farmers organisation	
20 – 27 January	Senegal/Gambia
Economic mission to both Senegal and Gambia, organized by Flanders Trade and Development (and Brussels and Walloon regions equivalents), as GAP president. Discussions with line ministreies, private operators, research institutes and academia in view of potential collaboration in the fields of R&D on human sciences, agriculture, industry...	
07 – 11 January	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, preparation of presentations, ... Discussions with rector-elect on internationalization policy development	
2017	
12 – 30 November	Mekong river (Vietnam/Cambodja)
Invited speaker on an Allways-organised Mekong river cruise, with additional visit of Hanoi and Ha Long Bay (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/H%E1%BA%A1_Long_Bay) (12 – 15 November) Presentations: <i>Kesk'on mange aujourd'hui</i> <i>Wat schaft de pot vandaag</i> and <i>La botanique, c'est chic</i> <i>Plantkunde is een wetenschap, ernstig maar ook grappig, inspirerend, suggestief, ... en leerrijk</i>	
06 – 10 November	Stockholm (Sweden)
IFS governance meetings:	
31 October – 3 November	Valencia (Spain)
ERASMUS-SOCRATES teaching staff mobility programme – <i>Politecnica de Valencia</i> Teaching of course on: • Ethnobotany and new crop development: introduction (6 hours)	
18 – 27 October	Indonesia
Invited keynote speaker to the International Conference on Climate Change (Sebelas Maret University) Bali: field visit	
02 – 07 October	Cotonou (Benin)

PAEPARD EFARD

26 September – 01 October Pretoria (South Africa)

Invited

18 - 22 September Bonn (Germany)

Tropentag 2017

13 – 16 September Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)

Teaching, preparation of presentations,...

Discussions with/coaching and mentoring of academics and PhD students

20 July – 11 September Trinidad

Field work x visits to nature reserve sites; discussion with University

08 – 15 July Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Fact finding/prospection mission on possibilities for bamboo R&D, commercial growing and processing; meetings/discussions with government, private and academic/research operators, and Belgian development cooperation and Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC) officials (grant: province of East Flanders)

05 – 07 July Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)

Teaching, preparation of presentations,...

Discussions with/coaching and mentoring of academics and PhD students

27 – 29 June Basel (Switzerland)

AEGIS

26 – 29 March Prague (Czech Republic)

MoU signing ceremony with ESPOL (*Escuela Politecnica del Litoral*, Guayaquil, Ecuador) and visits to research infrastructures of Czech University of Life Sciences

Discussions with prof. dr. Dietrich Darr, *Hochschule Rhein-Waal*, Germany on possible collaboration for R&D initiatives in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia

18 – 23 March Bamako (Mali)

Launching event for the *Accroître la disponibilité des aliments nutritifs à travers la promotion des arbres et des arbustes locaux comestibles en Afrique Sud-Saharienne* (TREEFOOD) project

Discussions and planning with all 6 partners involved

See:

<http://www.africapplatform.ugent.be/news/enhancing-nutritious-food-availability-through-promotion-native-edible-treeshrub-species-sub>

10 – 17 March

Cyprus

Biodiversity fact finding mission to Cyprus; visits centered on West Cyprus (Pafos area)

29 January – 05 February

Ecuador

Official UGent rector visit to Ecuador: courtesy visits to universities in Quito (*Escuela Politecnica Nacional* - SENESCYT (EPN; <http://www.epn.edu.ec/>), and *Departamento de ciencias de alimentos* therein), *Universidad de Cuenca* (Cuenca), *Escuela Superior Politecnica del Litoral (ESPOL)*, Guayaquil and Charles Darwin Station (Galapagos)

Discussions with potential partners and students

19 – 25 January

Kampala (Uganda)

Writeshop: preparation of ERASMUS+ proposal ‘Building Agroforestry and Small-scale Agribusiness Innovation Capacity in Higher Education’ (BASIC) (together with Norwegian, German and Uganda partners)

16 – 19 January

Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)

Teaching, preparation of presentations, coaching of thesis students...

Discussions with prof. dr. ir. Ramon (ESPOL Guayaquil, Ecuador) and Prague university staff on possible collaboration

Teaching of ‘All you always wanted to know about sex, but.. oops... All you always wanted to know about article submission but were afraid to ask’. Target audience: MSc/PhD-students in the process of publishing:

8 – 9 January

Bonn (Germany)

Tropentag 2017 preparation meeting

2016

13 – 20 December

Paramaribo (Surinam)

Ministry of Education and Organisation of American States: STEM teacher training course (in Dutch). How to teach STEM – the cases of pineapple and banana

28 November – 01 December

Prague (Czech Republic)

Yearly EFARD technical and business meeting

14 – 16 November

Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)

‘Promotion of neglected and underutilized indigenous crop species (NUS) for food security and nutrition in Southeast Asia and the EU’ workshop

Oral presentation: Promotion of neglected and underutilized indigenous crop species (NUS) for food security and nutrition – the case of Ghent University

07 – 11 November

Stockholm (Sweden)

IFS (www.ifs.se) - Board of Trustees meeting (10 and 11 November)
Donor meeting (9 November)
Task force meetings on rebranding IFS and IFS' financial situation (8 November)

03 – 07 November Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)

Teaching, preparation of presentations,...

Specific subjects developed (course, principal teacher):

Tropical forests and trees outside of forests: role and potential for agroforestry/NTFP production (in Tropical Phytocoenoses course, dr. Zbynek Polesny)

NUS and (bio)diversity for resilient livelihoods (Farming Systems economy, dr. Vladimir Verner)

29 October – 2 November Ivory Coast

Planification mission for the UGent – Callebaut research project on cocoa ecology, pollination and production

16 – 19 September Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)

Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...

4 August Kampala (Uganda)

Uganda National Academy of Sciences (UNAS) and Department of Research Services, Parliament of Uganda: *Orientation for the MP-Scientist Pairing Scheme meeting*

Participation as representative of the Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences

29 August – 4 September Republic of Guinea and Ivory Coast

Fact finding and (official) economic mission organised by Flanders Investment and Technology (<http://www.flandersinvestmentandtrade.com/export/>), under the supervision of Flemish minister of foreign trade, tourism,... mr. Ben Weyts, as representative of Ghent Africa Platform (Ghent University)

26 June – 2 July Asaba (Delta State, Nigeria)

Resource person for the FARA- and PAEPARD-organised NIPOFERD (Nigerian POultry FEeds Research and Development) consortium workshop: Knowledge transfer towards cost-effective poultry feeds production from processed cassava products to improve the productivity of small-scale farmers in Nigeria.

Workshop meetings and presentations, and field visit (to poultry production units)

(for some live impression: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG8Ido7Myug> or <https://www.facebook.com/NIPOFERD/videos/1225066610867675/>)

12 – 20 June Bayamo (Cuba)

Monitoring mission of VIIR-UOS programme Ecophysiological characterization of *Coccoloba uvifera* L.: The case of a salt and drought stress tolerant plant species for sand dune reclamation in Cuba. Workshop and field visits with project team, discussions on possible follow-up projects,... Meeting with rector and authorities of Bayamo University.

29 May – 01 June	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Chair of MSc thesis defences (in agro-economy)	
17 April – 8 May	Guayaquil (Ecuador)
Sabbatical stay at <i>Escuela Superior Politecnica del Litoral</i> (ESPOL), in collaboration with prof. dr. Ramon Espinel, and dr. Paul Herrera, Faculty of Life Sciences Specific assignments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional review of Biology and Aquaculture curricula within their respective faculties and ESPOL, in general • Preparation of investment and scientific research programme of ESPOL's projected biodiversity research centre in Guasaganda (including field visit) • Teaching BSc classes on (ethno)botany and integrated agricultural production methods (including agro-ecology) and mentoring of (prospective) PhD students 	
11 – 14 April	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, and mentoring of MSc and PhD (thesis) students	
4 - 9 April	Johannesburg (South Africa)
(back-to-back GFAR and GCARD3 meetings) GCARD3 - No One Left Behind; Agri-food Innovation and Research for a Sustainable World Third Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (http://www.gcard3.agric.za/) 5th - 8th April 2016 - Johannesburg, South Africa participation into: Tuesday 5 April - GFAR assembly meeting Thursday 7 April: ARC day, at the ARC. LNC Roodeplaat Campus: academic presentations Friday 8 April -PAEPARD side even: the PEAPARD case study; GFAR steering committee meeting Wednesday - Friday 6 - 8 April: GCARD3 conference Saturday 9 April 5th PAEPARD Steering committee meeting	
12 – 18 March	Indonesia
Belgian Economic mission to Indonesia headed by HRH Princess Astrid	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits to Universitas Gunadarma, Universitas Indonesia (Jakarta, 15 March), Bogor Agricultural University (Bogo, 16 March), Institute for Technology Bandung, school of Life Sciences and Technology, dept. of forest-based products (Bandung, 17 March) and ITB/CRECPI – National Resource-Efficient and Cleaner Production Programme Indonesia (Bandung, 18 March) • 16 March: Seminar 'Sustainable Biobased Economy and Agriculture', Moderator for break-out session 2 - Keynote address: On/off-farm Sustainable Agriculture, and Green Biotech Solutions (with a Focus on Oilpalm, and Other Plantation Crops) – an Introduction (together with Vanhove, W. and Roshetko, J.) 	
18 – 23 March	
18 – 23 February	Atlanta (USA)

Society of Economic Botany (SEB) Midyear Council Meeting	
5 – 12 February	Kuala Lipis (Malaysia)
Monitoring mission for the Barry-Callebaut cocoa quality improvement-through-management practices R&D programme: field visit to the Selborne plantation site, and coordination meetings with on site local/Barry-Callebaut management (together with dr. ir. Wouter Vanhove)	
27- 29 January	Vienna (Austria)
Tropentag 2016 preparatory meeting	
17 – 22 January	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, writeshop on scientific writing,...	
2015	
29 October – 4 November	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching (Introduction to Agroforestry; Rice;...; writeshop on scientific writing,...	
September – October	Senegal/Ghana
Strategic review of DEVCO support to African continental and sub-regional agricultural research organisations (FARA, AFAAS, ASARECA, CCARDESA, CORAF), with visits to (Botswana), Ghana, Senegal and (Uganda) (between brackets: other team members). Thirty days, fixed-Term Consultancy Services Agreement (Senior Expert; together with Wim Andriesse, team leader) with Landell Mills consultancy firm (UK)	
14 – 21 August	Tamatave (Madagascar)
Consultancy mission for Ex-Change Belgium - <i>Savonnerie Tropicale Huilerie</i> , Melville Tamatave, Madagascar: review of (sustainable or not ?) production and processing, incl. traceability, processes.	
4 April – 7 May	Beijing (China)
Flemish Ministry of Education and Training – Unit Higher Education and Adult Education of the Kingdom of Belgium Expert in the screening process of Chinese candidate students willing to study at Flemish higher education institutions according to the Agreement signed on the 18th of December 2006 between the Flemish Authority and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany.	
16 – 25 March	Yogyakarta (Indonesia)
Mission leader for the ‘Land-use intensity and Ecological Engineering – Assessment Tools for risks and Opportunities in irrigated rice based production systems’ - LEGATO project evaluation mission (http://www.legato-project.net/) financed by the German Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung); participation in one week project workshop and field visits	
1 – 12 March	Kigali (Rwanda)

- (tender: RNRA/FNCD/PAREF-Be2) training workshop: capacity building and training of trainers in agroforestry; in charge of module 4: Agroforestry Benefits from Tree Management
- mid-term debriefing session on PAREF consultancy/contract with BTC, Kigali

25 – 27 February Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)
Teaching, workshop on poster presentation techniques,...

11 – 21 February Sofia (Bulgaria)

ERASMUS/SOCRATES-funded capacity building and teaching mission; teaching in the field of ethnobotany and new crop development; discussions on possible future collaboration; field visit to research sites (Vytosha, Rina mountains,..); contact person: prof. dr. Katerina Kozuharova

01 – 08 February Fanaye (Senegal)

Consultancy mission for Ex-Change vzw (www.exchangevzw.be): Fanaye Farmers' Union (tomato and rice cultivation).

22 – 30 January Malawi

Consultancy missions for Ex-Change vzw (www.exchangevzw.be): Alice Anchor Farm (Manguchi) and Tithokoze Farm (Lilongwe)

18 - 21 January Lilongwe (Malawi)

Project steering committee meeting for ICRAF's BLEANSA project (20/21 January)
Discussions with ICRAF regional HQ's on possible collaboration/further projects
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XG-r7YvcN9I>

2014 (to be completed)

26 December – 4 January Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)

Kick-off mission for the VIIR-financed REDD/REDD+ R&D project

22 – 26 November New Delhi (India)

Member of the High Level Global Forest Expert Panel on Forests and Food Security, hosted and managed by IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organisations) (<http://www.iufro.org>)
Task: elaboration of Policy Brief on Forests and Food Security – finalizing draft write-up

6 October – 6 November Beijing (China)

Flemish Ministry of Education and Training – Unit Higher Education and Adult Education of the Kingdom of Belgium
Expert in the screening process of Chinese candidate students willing to study at Flemish higher education institutions according to the Agreement signed on the 18th of December 2006 between the Flemish Authority and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany.

3 – 5 October Canterbury (UK)

Plants, animals, words - 2014 workshop - resource person and ethnobotany specialist

29 September - 17 October	Pyeongchang (Republic of Korea)
<p>Twelfth meeting of the conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 12) Seventh meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 7) First meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (CAOP-MOP 1)</p> <p>Co-organisation of the Tree Diversity Day (10 October) Session 3: Trees for food and nutrition- Emerging findings of the Global Expert Panel on Forests and Food Security Oral contribution: Forests and trees on farm for sustainable diets</p>	
23 – 25 September	Marseille (France)
<p>IRD-France personnel evaluation and promotion session.</p>	
13 – 17 July	Cambridge (UK)
<p>Member of the High Level Global Forest Expert Panel on Forests and Food Security, hosted and managed by IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organisations) (http://www.iufro.org) Task: elaboration of Policy Brief on Forests and Food Security Working groups and first drafts of policy text</p>	
09 – 11 July	Prague (Czech Republic)
<p>Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...</p>	
10 – 15 June	Kigali/Gitarama (Rwanda)
<p>(tender: RNRA/FNCD/PAREF-Be2) Start-up workshop for the Capacity Building in Agroforestry programme</p>	
14 – 19 May	Prague (Czech Republic)
<p>Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...</p>	
20 April – 3 May	Bangalore (India), Nairobi/Machakos (Kenya), Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)
<p>AGRINATURA/EC leader of the review mission of 2013 CG centre activities: ICRAF's Fruits' programme); field visits and discussions with programme/project partners (together with dr. Ben Bennett)</p>	
9 – 16 April	South Sulawesi (Indonesia)
<p>ICRAF: support/advisory mission to ICRAF's domestication and cocoa/coffee integrated management programme (in collaboration with dr. Jim Roschetko): field visits and discussions with local stakeholders Discussions with prospective PhD students: planning of work/research agenda and content of work</p>	
4 - 8 April	Vienna (Austria)
<p>ERASMUS coordinator meeting 2014 (hosted by BOKU)</p>	

31 March – 3 April	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,... President of <i>Best Paper Contest/Award (Ovarová hlava 2013)</i> (1 April)	
8 – 18 March	Ho Chi Ming City (Vietnam) Kunming (China)
Mission leader for the ‘Land-use intensity and Ecological Engineering – Assessment Tools for risks and Opportunities in irrigated rice based production systems’ - LEGATO project evaluation mission (http://www.legato-project.net/) financed by the German Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung); participation in one week project workshop and field visits (Mekong Delta project sites) (9 – 14 March) (together with dr. Klaus Hubacek)	
Mission leader for the evaluation mission of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF - http://www.bmbf.de/en/) financed SURUMER project – SUsustainable RUBber Cultivation in the MEkong Region: Development of an integrative land-use concept in Yunnan Province, China (see also https://surumer.uni-hohenheim.de/90716?L=1). Formal evaluation with field visits in Kunming area; workshop and discussions with project research team (14 – 18 March) together with dr. Klaus Hubacek).	
1 – 6 March	Kuala Lumpur/Kuala Lipis (Malaysia)
Monitoring mission for the Barry-Callebaut cocoa quality improvement-through-management practices R&D programme: field visit to the Selborne plantation site, and coordination meetings with on site local/Barry-Callebaut management (together with dr. ir. Wouter Vanhove)	
20 – 27 February	Abu Dhabi/Dubai
Fact-finding mission for/with TERRAPLUS, EMKA Mining (previously IMC Mining AS), together with Patrick Stevens Discussions with greenkeepers, government representatives, private enterprise,... on use of Terraplus soil improvement product for water-saving and lowering salinity	
2013	
5 – 10 December	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...	
2 – 4 December	Montpellier (France)
Evaluation (‘visitation’) of the ‘ <i>BotAnique et Modélisation de l’Architecture des Plantes et des végétations</i> ’ (AMAP) Montpellier-based research activities (also known as: <i>BotAnique et bioinforMatique de l’Architecture des Plantes</i>), for the French federal <i>Agence d’évaluation de la recherché et de l’enseignement supérieur</i> (AERES)	
14 – 18 November	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...	
9 – 12 November	Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)
Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...

1 – 9 November Bobo Dioulasso (Burkina Faso)

Ex-Change VZW (<http://www.ex-change.be/en/>) consultancy for Durabilis (<http://www.durabilis.eu/>;
Belgian-based impact investing company) on sustainable production improvement of bissap (*Hibiscus
sabdariffa*), *Cyperus esculentus*, ginger (*Zingiber officinale*),... and for Kiri abbey mango plantation:
improvement/management of mango production

20 – 26 October Bayamo (Cuba)

Monitoring mission of VIIR-UOS programme ‘*Saline Crops Solve Soil Salinity in Eastern Cuba:
Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building for Research and Development* (acronym: 4SEC)’
Final closing workshop with project team, discussions on possible follow-up projects,... Meeting with
rector of Bayamo University.

16 – 19 October Brussels (Belgium)

Extraordinary Session of the Crans Montana Forum, and International Summit on Transnational Crime

15 October Stockholm (Sweden)

IFS Collaborative Research SAC (Scientific Advisory Committee) – evaluation of research proposals

2 – 3 October Montpellier (France)

Jury member for the habilitation (*Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches, HDR*) exam of dr. Géo
Coppens d’Eeckenbrugge

19 – 21 September Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)
Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...

16 – 23 August Kuala Lumpur/Kuala Lipis (Malaysia)

Monitoring mission for the Barry-Callebaut cocoa quality improvement-through-management
practices R&D programme: field visit to the Selborne plantation site, and coordination meetings with
on site local/Barry-Callebaut management and dr. Cinzia Anselmi, head of R&D Barry-Callebaut

Belgian embassy: lunch visit to mr. Marc Mullie, Belgian ambassador to Malaysia; discussion of
UGent R&D activities in Malaysia

Visit of The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, and oral presentation on: *Forests and trees
(on farms) for/in sustainable diets*

31 July – 13 August Ouagadougou – Bobo Dioulasso (Burkina Faso)

Ex-Change VZW (<http://www.ex-change.be/en/>) consultancy for Durabilis (<http://www.durabilis.eu/>;
Belgian-based impact investing company) on sustainable production improvement of bissap (*Hibiscus
sabdariffa*), *Cyperus esculentus*, ginger (*Zingiber officinale*),... and technical aspects of fruit-juice
production, and for Kiri abbey mango plantation: improvement/management of mango production
Interaction with IRD headquarters (dr. J-M Leblanc)

9 – 25 July	Vancouver (Canada)
Fact finding mission and meetings with representatives of Botanical Garden, University of British Columbia,.. Field work: vegetation characterization and plant collecting.	
2 – 5 June	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Chair of MSc thesis defences Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...	
24 – 29 May	Nairobi (Kenya)
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for International Fund for Science (IFS-Sweden – www.ifs.se)	
2 – 5 May	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...	
29 April – 1 May	Coventry (UK)
Data management workshop (http://www.coventry.ac.uk/)	
17 - 19 April	Berlin (Germany)
17 – 19 April: <i>Nachhaltiges Landmanagement. Statuskonferenz 2013</i> Sustainable Land Management Conference organised by the <i>Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung</i> (BMBF) and <i>Forschung für Nachhaltige Entwicklungen</i> (BMBF) Participation without contribution as observer and invited by BMBF	
19 April: 2 nd Advisory Board Meeting BMBF – Funding measure ‘Sustainable Land Management – Module A’	
15 - 16 April	Lleida (Spain)
ERASMUS coordinator meeting 2013	
11 - 13 April	Copenhagen (Denmark)
Jury member for the PhD defence of James Roshetko (ICRAF) Invited seminar on: Agroforestry for rehabilitation of deteriorated cocoa (<i>Theobroma cacao</i> L.) plantations	
1 – 6 April	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...	
16 – 24 March	Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province (PR China)
Mission leader for the evaluation mission of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF - http://www.bmbf.de/en/) financed SURUMER project – SUsustainable RUBber Cultivation in the MEkong Region: Development of an integrative land-use concept in Yunnan Province, China (see	

also <https://surumer.uni-hohenheim.de/90716?L=1>). Formal evaluation with field visits in Xishuangbanna district, Yunnan; discussions with project research team.

9 -24 February

Togo

Ex-change-commission mission leader for a number of training and scoping missions (Flemish non-profit organization with expertise on SMEEnterprise development):

- Curriculum building for the University of Lomé training programmes in agriculture (university and university college level)
- Evaluation of the training programmes of INFA-Tové technical college
- Scoping mission in Togo, with stakeholder discussions in Dapaong, Lama-Kara, Atakpamé,... and field visits to SME activities

27 January – 2 February

Nairobi (Kenya)

Resource person for ICRAF GRP3 writeshop

Resource person for ICRAF GRP3 planning workshop

21 – 23 January

Uppsala (Sweden)

UGent representative in the Cluster meeting/Science & Technology (UGent, Uppsala, Groningen, Göttingen) – discussions and laboratory infrastructure visits

16 – 18 January

Rotterdam (Holland)

Extraordinary SALSA mid-term review meeting (<http://www.salsaproject.eu/>)

9 – 15 January

Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)

Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...

2012

17 – 19 December

Rome (Italy)

Debriefing for the AGRINATURA/EC review mission of 2010 CG centre activities: IITA (Nigeria/Benin) and Bioversity International (Benin/Madagascar)

3 – 6 December

Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences (<http://www.ftz.czu.cz/en/>)

Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...

26 – 27 November

Madrid (Spain)

28 October – 3 November

Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Institute of Tropics and Subtropics (ITS; <http://www.its.czu.cz/en/>)

Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...

7 - 13 October

Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague University of Life Sciences, Institute of Tropics and Subtropics (ITS; http://www.its.czu.cz/en/) Teaching, writeshop, preparation of presentations,...	
13 – 27 September	Almaty (Kazachstan)
Kazach National Agricultural University Forest, land and water resources faculty (KAZNAU - http://www.kaznau.kz/index.php?lang=en) Invited lecture series on Water Harvesting Techniques (10 h theory + 20 h practicals)	
1 – 12 September	Nairobi (Kenya)
ICRAF Science week: review of 2011/12 research activities; strategic planning;.. field visits (southern Kenya)	
30 - 31 August	Paris (France)
Daniel Carrasco (Danone) price jury meeting	
25 - 30 August	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Institute of Tropics and Subtropics (ITS; http://www.its.czu.cz/en/) Planning of teaching programme and definition of work programme for 2012/2013 academic year, participative workshop on new name for ITS, visit of research infrastructure,...	
5 - 15 August	Nigeria/Benin/Madagascar
AGRINATURA/EC review mission of 2010 CG centre activities: IITA (Nigeria/Benin) and Bioversity International (Benin/Madagascar); field visits and discussions with programme/project partners (together with dr. Richard Lamboll and dr. Pierre-Justin Kouka)	
1 - 3 August	Prague (Czech Republic)
Prague University of Life Sciences, Institute of Tropics and Subtropics (ITS; http://www.its.czu.cz/en/) Planning of work programme for 2012/2013 academic year, bank contract,..	
29 - 31 July	Rome (Italy)
Bioversity International: briefing for AGRINATURA/EC review mission on 2012 EC-financed agrobiodiversity (Crop Wild Relatives project) R&D activities (together with dr. Richard Lamboll and dr. Pierre-Justin Kouka): meetings with dr. Judy Loo and dr. Laura Snook	
18 - 20 July	London (UK)
Planning sessions/meetings with university of Essex and London research staff	
30 June - 15 July	Philippines
Mission leader for the 'Land-use intensity and Ecological Engineering – Assessment Tools for risks and Opportunities in irrigated rice based production systems' - LEGATO project evaluation mission (http://www.legato-project.net/) financed by the German Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung); participation in one week project workshop and field visits to Banaue project site experiments; field visits to Mindanao and Palawan sites	

7 - 21 June	Namibia	Teaching of Ethnobotany and New Crop Development course (Polytechnic of Namibia) and field visits to central - north Namibia
7 June	Brussels (Belgium)	Briefing for AGRINATURA/EC review mission on 2012 EC-financed R&D activities executed by IITA and Bioversity International in the field of agrobiodiversity characterisation and use
27 May - 2 June	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Planning and review of biodiversity research programme (with dr. Paul Herrera) Teaching of...
19 - 23 May	Prague (Czech Republic)	Prague University of Life Sciences, Institute of Tropics and Subtropics (ITS; http://www.its.czu.cz/en/) President of MSc thesis defence sessions
7 - 17 May	Split (Croatia) and Croatia	Review session for IFS grant application Field visit to Croatia (with Plitvice jezera, Krka natural reserve,...)
30 March – 7 April	Mzuzu (Malawi)	Consultancy/capacity building mission for Ex-Change with Mzuzu Young Voices (themes covered: report writing, proposal submission,...)
23 – 26 February	Cork (Ireland)	
Poster communications:		
15 – 20 Feb	Bamenda (Cameroon)	Third annual steering committee meeting of the Agroforestry Tree Products for Africa (AFTP4A) project Field visits to AFTP4A project activities
31 January – 12 February	Ibagué (Colombia)	
2 – 12 January	Java/South Sulawesi (Indonesia)	Callebaut: fact finding mission in preparation of field test establishment: visit to different plantation sites and discussions with estate owners and managers ICRAF: support/advisory mission to ICRAF's domestication and cocoa/coffee integrated management programme (in collaboration with Jim Roschetko): field visits and discussions with local stakeholders Discussions with prospective PhD students: planning of work/research agenda and content of work.
2011		
30 November – 4 December	Prague (Czech Republic)	

Czech University of Life Sciences: Scientific committee meeting

28 November Wageningen (Holland)

SALSA (Knowledge-based Sustainable Value-added food chains: innovative tools for monitoring ethical, environmental and Socio-economic impacts and implement EU-Latin America shared strategies; FP 7/EU research project): project meeting – discussion of WP 3 activities: Assessment of sustainability and market performance for the entire EU-Latin America selected food chains. Presentation of work package 3 (Jacobsen, R., Ghelleyck, X., Crivits, M. & Van Damme, P.)

24 – 26 November Kew, London (UK)

IFS Scientific Advisory Committee meeting

6 – 15 November Benin

Mission leader for Ex-Change/BTC (Belgian Technical Cooperation) mission on ‘*L’élaboration d’un plan stratégique de communication des risques et d’un plan d’action intersectoriel consensuel de la sécurité sanitaire des aliments au Bénin*’ (Preparation of a strategic plan on communication of risks, and an intersectorial, commonly agreed upon action plan on food safety in Benin) for the *Autorité Béninoise de la Sécurité Sanitaire Alimentaire (ABSSA)*. Consultancy with the Central Laboratory for Food Sanitary Safety (LCSSA) – refining of analytical methodologies, elaboration of analysis protocols (traceability).

16 November Brussels (Belgium)

Illegale cannabisplantages: wat brengt het op/Cultures illégales de cannabis: est-ce lucratif (Illegal cannabis plantation: what do they earn) Conference organised by prof. dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme and ir. Wouter Vanhove, in collaboration with the Belgian Science Ministry (BELSPO) for the Belgian judiciary, in the Royal Military School, Brussels
Keynote address (together with ir. Wouter Vanhove):
La recherche YILCAN: détermination du rendement des plantations illégales

22 November Brussels (Belgium)

KAOW/ARSOM

Presentation: Sustainable harvest of twelve medicinal tree species from Benin (Van Damme, P. & Delvaux, C.)

22 November Gent (Belgium)

Klimaatconvenant – workshop...

30 November

Biodiversiteit

2 December Gent (Belgium)

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22 november Brussel

KAOW/ARSOM

Presentation: Sustainable harvest of twelve medicinal tree species from Benin (Van Damme, P. & Delvaux, C.)

para la Agricultura) on ‘Agro-Biodiversity. Integrating Agro-biodiversity and associated ecosystem services into development co-operation’: discussion of results (with ministry and IICA), and delivery of consultancy document.

- Field visit to Guasaganda, La Mana, and monitoring of progress of construction of biodiversity research centre; discussion/monitoring of research work of Daniela Penafiel (UGent)
- Preparation of new consultancy on: *Diseno de un plan estrategico de desarrollo de sectores considerados como emergentes, mediante la elaboracion de un plan que facilite la mejora de productividad y competitividad para lograr sectores de clase mundial* (Elaboration of a strategic plan to develop promising economic sectors for product(ion) diversification towards a more competitive and productive Ecuadorian economy that will be able to face international standards and competition) (awarding authority: *Ministerio de coordinacion de la produccion, empleo y competitividad*).

9 June

Amsterdam (Holland)

European seminar on organized crime and cannabis – Park Plaza Amsterdam Airport

Presentation: Yilcan – Yield of ILlicit indoor CANnabis Plantations (Van Damme, P. & Vanhove, W.)

7 – 23 May

Cameroon/DRC

Mid-term evaluation of the Belgian Development Cooperation-financed AgroForestry Tree Products For West and Central Africa (AFTP4A) programme

Field visits to project sites in Cameroon (MidWest; 8 – 14 May) and DRC (Bas-Congo; 15 – 22 May)

24 April – 5 May

Togo/Benin

Consultancy missions for Ex-Change (www.ex-change.be)

Togo

- Horticultural curriculum development (*Ecole supérieure d’Agronomie (ESA)*, Université du Benin, Lome)
- NGO CADO, Agou-Avédjé (Kpalimé): training/fact finding mission; SWOT analysis and definition of capacity building needs
- Ministry of Agriculture: review of agricultural production plans

Benin

- Belgian Development Cooperation (www.ctbbtc.org): fact finding mission/training needs assessment for the Laboratoire Central, nutritional and food safety analyses

16- 20 April

Rome (Italy)

IFAD Headquarters: debriefing ECART-EEC review mission. Synthesis of activity 1, System Priority 2 review

20- 26 March

Kampala (Uganda)

Malaria workshop: Malaria control in Africa using plant extracts (MALARIAPLANT-Project Establishment Support (PES)) – project proposal development meeting, organized by the University of Life Sciences, Oslo, financed by the Research Council of Norway (RCN)

9 – 14 March

Bayamo (Cuba)

Keynote address: *Fifteen years of research on cherimoya (Annona cherimola L.) in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia* (in Spanish: *15 Anos de investigacion con cherimoya (Annona cherimola L.) en Ecuador, Peru y Bolivia* (in collaboration with Scheldeman, X. en Vanhove, W.)

6 – 8 March

Firenze (Italy)

PAEPARD 2 - First European multi-stakeholder consultation (on fostering European-African research for development partnerships)

5 – 7 March Marseille (France)

Grant application evaluation session for IRD-France

2 – 5 March Barcelona (Spain)

Teaching in ERASMUS-Intensive Programme on ‘Bioculture’

Courses taught:

- Ethnobotany and new crop development – introduction (4 h)
- The ins and outs of ethnobotanical research: how to cope with the difficulties of field research (2 h)

13 – 23 February Kinshasa (RDC)

- Second Steering Committee meeting: “Increasing small-scale farmer benefits from agroforestry tree products in West and Central Africa” ([AFTP4A](#))
- First Steering Committee meeting: “Promoting Rural Innovation through Participatory Tree Domestication in West and Central Africa
- Field visits to project sites in and around Bas-Congo, Matadi, ...

7 – 11 February Addis Abeba (Ethiopia)

- External examiner for PhD in Ethnobotany/Biodiversity of Homegardens and Spices, Mr Feleke Woldeyes (supervisors: Dr. Zemedet Asfaw and Prof. Sebsebe Demissew), University of Addis Abeba, Faculty of Life Sciences
- Discussions about possible collaboration with the university of Addis Abeba
- Addis Abeba University seminar series Presentation: Wild edible plants: a review of their potential to combat food insecurity, the case of Ethiopia. ([Lulekal, E., Zemedet, A., Kelbessa, E. & Van Damme, P.](#))
- Field visits to ethnobotany research areas

16 – 26 January Nairobi (Kenya)

ICRAF – Global Research Programme 3 (GRP3) write-shop: resource person for scientific article writing

GRP1: writing of ethnobotany ~ domestication book chapter (in collaboration with dr. ir. Roeland Kindt, and under supervision of ir. Jan Beniest)

4 – 10/10 - 14 January Los Banos (Philippines)/Lucknow (India)

European Union-commissioned joint ECART/EEIG and NATURA evaluation of the IRRI-led ‘IRRI (IIRR41: Raising Productivity in Rainfed Environments: Attacking the Roots of Poverty’ programme; briefing sessions at IRRI’s headquarters and field visits to rainfed rice improvement programmes in Luknow area, northern India (together with Dr. Lene Sigsgaard, Denmark)

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19 – 31 October	Cotonou (Benin)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fourth and final annual meeting of DADOBAT project• DADOBAT symposium (25 – 27 October) Session leader for sessions : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domestication, agronomie et agroforesterie• Ethnobotanique, marches et chaînes de valeurs	
3 – 13 September	Kisangani (RDC)
Formulation mission for the VIIR-IUS (institutional support to universities) programme with <i>Université de Kisangani</i>	
8 – 28 August	Namibia
Representative of the UGent: discussions/planning of collaborative activities with the Polytechnic of Namibia, Windhoek, in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties Guided tour of Namibia for/with prof. dr. Paul Van Cauwenberghe, rector of Ghent University (together with his family, and Ghent University science communicator)	
12 – 29 July	Ecuador
Advisor for the Ministry of Agriculture (MAGAP, IICA contract) on Agrobiodiversity (elaboration of a policy paper on protection and integration of agrobiodiversity into the national/local agricultural systems). Meetings and fact finding with stakeholders, institutions,... in Quito ... and Guayaquil (ESPOL)	
8 – 11	Canterbury (UK)
ERASMUS-IP Ethnobotany: discussions and preparation of joint research proposals and the 2011 Barcelona Spring semester class	
5 – 7 July	Hannover (Germany)
ERASMUS-IP event: discussions and preparation of joint research proposals <i>Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)/German Academic Exchange Service Summer School Hannover: Cropping Energy: Linking Food, Biomass Production, and Waste Management to Bio-Energy Projects (DE-2009-ERA/MOBIP-ANT-28261-1-55)</i> (http://www.botanik.uni-hannover.de) Class taught: <i>Jatropha curcas</i> , <i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i> , and other biodiesel plants for production in a saline/drought stress environment (6 July)	
19 – 28 June	Ecuador
Advisor for the Ministry of Agriculture (MAGAP, IICA contract) on Agrobiodiversity (elaboration of a policy paper on protection and integration of agrobiodiversity into the national/local agricultural systems). Meetings and fact finding with stakeholders, institutions,... in Quito ... and Guayaquil (ESPOL) Preparation/finalisation of SENACYT/FWO research proposal on pesticidal properties of <i>Solanum mammosum</i>	
11 – 19 June	Peru

Planning and fact finding mission for and with ICRAF-Latin America (resource person: Dr. Julio Ugarte) with visits of Universidad La Molina (Lima), CIP (Lima), INIA (Pucallpa), IAP (Iquitos), Belgian development cooperation (Lima),...

2 - 5 June Budapest (Hungary)
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for International Fund for Science (IFS-Sweden – www.ifs.se)

17 – 30 May Ecuador

- Advisor for the Ministry of Agriculture (MAGAP, IICA contract) on Agrobiodiversity (elaboration of a policy paper on protection and integration of agrobiodiversity into the national/local agricultural systems).
- Meetings and fact finding with stakeholders, institutions,... in Quito (Universidad Central de Quito, Universidad Catolica de Quito, MAGAP, INIAP,...) , Loja (Arcoiris, Fundacion San Francisco, Universidad Nacional de Loja, Universidad ... ,...) and Guayaquil (ESPOL)
- Preparation of a SENACYT/FWO-financed research project on *Solanum mammosum* (pesticidal/allelopathic properties) (together with dr. Patricia Manzano)

9 – 13 May Yerevan (Armenia)
Expert meeting FAO – consultancy on Sustainable integrated livestock production systems

5 – 8 May Kaunas (Lithuania)
ERASMUS coordination meeting

10 – 16 (- 22; ash cloud) April Malaysia
Planning mission for/with Barry-Callebaut: discussion of research issues and agenda with local B-C representatives, and visits to field sites (Selborne estate, Ladang; ...)

28 March – April Bayamo (Cuba)
Planning and follow-up mission for the VIIR-EI project ‘Saline Crops Solve Soil Salinity in Eastern Cuba: Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building for Research and Development (acronym: 4SEC)’ – field visits (to experimental fields sites) and planning of second year research/teaching agenda (together with Prof. Dr. ir. Roeland Samson, University Antwerp, Belgium)

28 February – 6 March Nairobi (Kenya)
ICRAF-GRP1: global project 1 annual planning and sharing meeting

22 – 24 February Marseille (France)
Grant application evaluation session for IRD-France

(8-) 9 - 11 (-12) February Ebolowa (Cameroon).
First Steering Committee meeting: “Increasing small-scale farmer benefits from agroforestry tree products in West and Central Africa” (AFTP4A)
First Steering Committee meeting: “Promoting Rural Innovation through Participatory Tree Domestication in West and Central Africa
Field visits to project sites in and around Ebolowa

25 – 27 January	Bonn (Germany)	Evaluation session for the Germany Federal Ministry of education and research- programme evaluated: BMBF funding measure "Sustainable land management"– Module A“
17 – 23 January	Guayaquil/Quito (Ecuador)	Advisor for the Ministry of Agriculture (MAGAP, IICA contract) on Agrobiodiversity (elaboration of a policy paper on protection and integration of agrobiodiversity into the national/local agricultural systems). Meetings and fact finding with stakeholders, institutions,... in Quito. Finalisation of TORs and contract discussions.
11 – 16 January	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Closing event VIIR-IUS project with ESPOL, Guayaquil Visit to new VIIR-IUS partner: Universidad de Cuenca
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	Rome (Italy)	
2 – 8 December	Hyderabad (India)	European Union-commissioned joint ECART/EEIG and NATURA evaluation of the ICRISAT-led programmes on socio-economics (together with dr. Orr, UK)
25 – 27 November	Bamako (Mali)	European Union-commissioned joint ECART/EEIG and NATURA evaluation of the ICRISAT-led programmes on socio-economics
27 - 29 November	Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)	Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for International Fund for Science (IFS-Sweden – www.ifs.se) Training Workshop on ‘Training on Writing Research Proposals in English’ (IFS)
17 – 23 October	Guayaquil/Quito (Ecuador)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor for the Ministry of Agriculture (MAGAP, IICA contract) on Agrobiodiversity (elaboration of a policy paper on protection and integration of agrobiodiversity into the national/local agricultural systems). • Meetings and fact finding with stakeholders, institutions,... in Quito and Guayaquil; contract discussions and definition of TORs.
12 – 15 October	Kinshasa (RDC)	Start-up workshop organised by ICRAF/UGent in launching of project AFTP4A (Increasing small-scale farmer benefits from agroforestry tree products in West and Central Africa)

30 April – 6 May Stockholm (Sweden)
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for International Fund for Science (IFS-Sweden – www.ifs.se)
Training Workshop on ‘Training on Writing Research Proposals in English’ (IFS)

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17 – 26 February Jiangsu province (China)
Private consultancy for Subei Flower Company Limited (Shuyang county), and other Shuyang county-based horticultural companies (commissioned by Shuyang county government)
Consultancy and discussions with Sun Yat Sen botanical garden, and research units, Nanjing

9 - 16 February Guyana
Follow-up mission for the TradeCom-financed R&D programme ‘*Development of an agricultural diversification export strategy for Guyana’s agricultural sector*’. Team leader and main contractor: Prof. Dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme
Discussions with Guyana stakeholders, fact finding and value chain analysis, planning of activities and final workshop

31 January – 6 February Yaoundé (Cameroon)
Planning workshop for the ‘*Increasing small-scale farmer benefits from agroforestry tree products in West and Central Africa (AFTP4A)*’ project (ICRAF/IRAD/INERA - UGent)

19 – 23 January Marseille (France)
Grant application evaluation session for IRD-France

6 – 16 January Guyana
Second stage of the inception mission (see September 2008) for the TradeCom-financed R&D programme ‘*Development of an agricultural diversification export strategy for Guyana’s agricultural sector*’. Team leader and main contractor: Prof. Dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme
Discussions with Guyana stakeholders, definition of work programme, planning of 6-months’ activities

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Mexico

Cusco (Peru)

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30 October – 9 November Saly (Senegal)
Second annual meeting of the DADOBAT project (www.DADOBAT.soton.ac.uk), including field visits to local baobab/tamarind production and processing units

18 – 26 September	Guyana	Inception mission for the TradeCom-financed R&D programme ‘Development of an agricultural diversification export strategy for Guyana’s agricultural sector’. Team leader and main contractor: Prof. Dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme Discussions with Guyana stakeholders, definition of work programme, planning of 6-months’ activities
August/September	Belize/Jamaica/Suriname	Mission leader for the 20-day review mission of the European Commission Banana Support Programme [Special Framework of Assistance (SFA) for traditional ACP suppliers of bananas], period 2006/8; review of technical aspects of the assistance provided to Belize, Jamaica and Suriname (in collaboration with Dr. B. Blarcum – socio-economy - and under supervision of Dr. Michael Julien; contractor: HTSPE, UK) Discussions with government representatives, growers associations, and all major/relevant stakeholders, including EC programme officers
3 – 8 July	Sri Lanka	Mission leader for the European Union-commissioned joint ECART/EEIG and NATURA evaluation of the ICRAF-led programmes on domestication of local species for introduction into agroforestry (together with. Dr. ir. H. Egelyng, Denmark)
9 – 15 June	Nairobi (Kenya) and Malawi	Mission leader for the European Union-commissioned joint ECART/EEIG and NATURA evaluation of the ICRAF-led programmes on domestication of local species for introduction into agroforestry (together with. Dr. ir. H. Egelyng, Denmark)
5 – 7, and 16 – 29 June	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	Teaching course: Ethnobotany and new crop development, in collaboration with ESPOL (contact persons: Prof. Dr. ir. Ramon Espinel, and Dr. ir. Paul Herrera)
23 – 29 May	Bayamo (Cuba)	Planning mission for the VIIR-EI project ‘Saline Crops Solve Soil Salinity in Eastern Cuba: Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building for Research and Development (acronym: 4SEC)’ – field visits and planning of first year research/teaching agenda (together with Prof. Dr. ir. Roeland Samson, university Antwerp, Belgium)
30 April - 15 May	Madagascar	Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for International Fund for Science (IFS-Sweden – www.ifs.se) Training Workshop on ‘Training on Writing Research Proposals in English’ (IFS) Field visits to vanilla, cocoa,... plantations in northern Madagascar/Nossi Bé/...
16 – 18 April	Brussels	FARA & EFARD Consultation on Agricultural Research Programming for FP7-FAB and FSTP, Organised by European Commission in collaboration with CTA (DGDEV Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium)

FARA-ECART (see: http://announcements.cta.int/2008/04/fara-efard-consultation-on-agricultural.html)	
8 – 12 April	Prague (Czech Republic)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaboration of research/teaching protocols with Dr. Ladislav ('Lada') Kokoska • Preparation/content discussion of ethnobotanical-biochemistry research articles • Teaching of classes (ERASMUS/SOCRATES teaching staff mobility programme): - Ethnobotany and new crop development (6 hours' module) 	
3 – 4 March	Dakar (Senegal)
FARA & EFARD Consultation on Agricultural Research Programming for FP7-FAB and FSTP, FARA-ECART (see: http://announcements.cta.int/2008/04/fara-efard-consultation-on-agricultural.html)	
3 – 12 January	Kuwait
Fact finding and preparatory mission for Gopal (chocolate) industries in view of planting a 10 ha plot with vegetables (for Gopal industries, India) Field visits, discussion with major stakeholders, and value chain representatives	
2007	
15 - 23 December	Jiangsu province (China)
Private consultancy for Subei Flower Company Limited (Shuyang county), and several other, Shuyang county-based horticultural companies (commissioned by Shuyang county government) Fact finding mission (and discussions) with Sun Yat Sen botanical garden, and research units, Nanjing	
15 – 25 November	Bamako (Mali)
First annual meeting of the DADOBAT project (www.DADOBAT.soton.ac.uk), including field visit to ICRAF-ICRISAT research station in Bamako and local baobab/tamarind processors	
7 – 15 November	Ha Noi (Vietnam)
Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for International Fund for Science (IFS-Sweden – www.ifs.se) Training Workshop on 'Training on Writing Research Proposals in English' (IFS, in collaboration with The Vietnamese Academy of Science and Technology – VAST)	
30 October – 6 November	Quito (Ecuador)
Second annual meeting of the PAVUC project (www.PAVUC.soton.ac.uk) (Producing Added Value from Under-Utilised Crops)	
3 - 6 October	Valencia (Spain)
ERASMUS-SOCRATES teaching staff mobility programme – <i>Politecnica de Valencia</i> Teaching of courses on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnobotany and new crop development: introduction (6 hours) • Study and research opportunities at University Gent (2 hours) 	
15 –26 September	Guayaquil (Ecuador)

Fact finding mission in view of the preparation of a collaborative programme with ESPOL (www.espol.edu.ec); research to focus on ancient small dam constructions (*albarradas*) in the Santa Elena Peninsula (Guayas/Manabi provinces) and establishment of an agro-ecological research center in Cotopaxi province

23 August – 02 September Ibagué (Colombia)

Preparatory mission and Project Cycle Management workshop for finalizing the VIIR-EI project ‘Development of a MSc program in Agri-Food Science in Ibagué, Colombia’

5 – 13 August Bayamo (Cuba)

Preparatory mission and Project Cycle Management workshop for finalizing the VIIR-EI project ‘Saline Crops Solve Soil Salinity in Eastern Cuba: Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building for Research and Development (acronym: 4SEC)’

16 – 24 June Dakar/Dagana (Senegal)

Formulation mission of a 5,000 ha biofuel production programme (based on *Jatropha curcas*), in collaboration with CERAAS-Senegal (Centre d’étude regional pour l’amélioration de l’adaption à la sécheresse; www.ceraas.org) and Durabilis (www.durabilis.eu - private initiative focusing on promotion of sustainable development projects/initiatives

6 – 15 June Den Haag (Holland)

Conference of Parties (COP) for CITES (www.CITES.org) – member of the Belgian delegation

May-June Brussels (Belgium)

Evaluation of project proposals under the RTD FP7 KBBE ACTIVITY1 – European commission

28 – 31 May Antwerp (Belgium)

see 27 February

20 – 27 May Prague (Czech Republic)

- Elaboration of research/teaching protocols with Dr. Ladislav (‘Lada’) Kokoska
- Teaching of classes (ERASMUS/SOCRATES teaching staff mobility programme):
 - Presentation of the Laboratory of Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Ethnobotany, and PAVUC/CHERLA/DADOBAT projects (22 May)
 - Contribution of African botanicals to world agriculture. Or: how can ethnobotany help in new plant domestication for more food security and income generation in Africa (24 May)

16 – 20 May Hohenheim/Stuttgart (Germany)

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for International Fund for Science (IFS-Sweden – www.ifs.se)

6 – 13 May Kathmandu (Nepal)

European Union-commissioned joint ECART/EEIG and NATURA evaluation of the CIMMYT-led programmes on wheat/maize *ex situ* and *in situ* germplasm collection and characterization, and

breeding for improved varieties project: visits to Kathmandu field station and wheat farmers, and NMRP-Rampur field station (south Nepal) (together with Prof. Dr. ir. E. Tollens, KUL, Belgium)

1 – 4 May Ankara (Turkey)

European Union-commissioned joint ECART/EEIG and NATURA evaluation of the CIMMYT-led programmes on wheat *ex situ* and *in situ* germplasm collection and characterization, and breeding for improved varieties project: field visits to Ankara regional office, and Eskisehir field station (together with Prof. Dr. ir. E. Tollens, KUL, Belgium)

23 – 29 April Chapingo/Mexico DF (Mexico)

European Union-commissioned joint ECART/EEIG and NATURA evaluation of the CIMMYT-led programmes on wheat/maize *ex situ* and *in situ* germplasm collection and characterization, and breeding for improved varieties project: briefing sessions at CIMMYT's headquarters and field visit of wheat improvement programme in Obregon, Sonora state (together with Prof. Dr. ir. E. Tollens, KUL, Belgium)

19 – 21 April Copenhagen (Denmark)

Meeting with Dr. Lars Graudal, Dr. Jan Svejgård Jensen (on the 19th), Prof. Dr. Erik Dahl Kjaer (on the 20th), Anders Søndergård Larsen, Anders Ræbild (KVL, University of Copenhagen) and Dr. Anne Mette Lykke (University of Århus): discussion with project coordinators on possible collaboration with INCO-DEV projects SUN, SAFRUIT and DADOBAT (meeting hosted by KVL)

9 – 16 April Cancun (Mexico)

SEMARNAT (*Secretaria de medio ambiente y recursos naturales*) Taller internacional de expertos para la elaboracion de dictámenes de extraccion no perjudicial para caoba (*Swietenia macrophylla*), Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico, 10 al 13 de abril de 2007 – Belgian representative in the joint ITTO/CITES/CONAFOR/CONABIO workshop/expert meeting

paper presented: 'Non-detrimental findings to the survival of Appendix-II species - Need for relevant information and a standardized procedure to evaluate the non-detrimental character of the trade in timber species listed in Appendix II of the CITES convention' (together with Beeckman, H. and De Ridder, M.)

field visit to *Ejido Noh Bec*: sustainable management and non-detrimental extraction of mahogany timber

1 – 8 April Accra (Ghana)

- International Conference on Management of National Parks (organized by the International Centre for Enterprise and Sustainable Development (ICED), Ghana, and VUBrussels, Belgium)
- FARA: debriefing meeting with Dr. Monty Jones, director, and Dr. Freddie Kwesiga (SSA-CP/FARA)

27 February Brussels (Belgium)
and 28 – 31 May Antwerp (Belgium)

Briefing meeting (Feb) and VIIR, i.e. Flemish InterUniversity Council-commissioned visitation of the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp (*Instituut voor Tropische Geneeskunde, ITG*) (May)

11 – 15 March Gland (Switzerland)

- monitoring visit of the PhD research work performed by Daniel Jimenez (Université de Lausanne/Yverdon)
- WWF Briefing for WWF Trustees (WWF international, Gland offices)

16 – 25 February Sali (Senegal)

Kick-off meeting for the DADOBAT project (Domestication and Development of Baobab and Tamarind; www.dadobat.soton.ac.uk)

21 – 29 January Guyana

Formulation mission for the Government of Guyana (GoG); TORs: (1) diversification of the agricultural sector in Guyana, and (2) restructuration of agricultural research in Guyana.

Meetings with GoG ministry of agriculture, plan, finance,... officials, and the agricultural research stations network.

Preparation of TRADECOM (EU) proposals.

11 – 19 January Kinshasa (RDCongo)

1 week field visit as part of the 2-weeks external evaluation mission of the 2003 – 2007 Institutional University Co-operation programme (CUI – *cooperation universitaire institutionnelle*) between the francophone universities of Belgium (CUD – *commission universitaire pour le développement*; CIUF: *centre interuniversitaire français*) and the University of Kinshasa (UNIKIN).

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25 – 30 December Djerba (Tunisia)

Participation in the ‘*Meeting international: Gestion des ressources et applications biotechnologiques en aridoculture et cultures oasiennes: perspectives pour la valorisation des potentialités du Sahara*’ – for details: see congresses section

Field visits to oasis and oasis management: Cherif, Fatnassi and Ben Salah, Haddad, Zarrok, Hamrouni and Bensalah.

Discussion with IRA Médenine officials on future collaborations, and PhD students research subjects.

6 – 11 December Dakar/Thiès (Senegal)

- Chair of the joint International Foundation for Science (IFS) and CORAF evaluation and screening meeting: project proposal evaluation and allocation of funds to West African research teams (Dakar) (7 December)

- Preparation of the start-up meeting of the EU-funded DADOBAT (Development And Domestication of Baobab And Tamarind) research project; together with CERAAS-Thiès: visit to project sites, practical discussions with CERAAS team members,... (8-10 December)

26 November – 4 December Fortaleza (Brazil)

First annual coordination meeting for EU-funded (INCO-DEV) PAVUC (Producing Added Value from Under-Utilised Crops) meeting: discussions about project progress and future activities, field visits to açai and cashew fruit research, production and processing units, discussions with partners on future collaboration and research.

30 October – 5 November Valencia (Spain)

ERASMUS-SOCRATES teaching staff mobility programme – *Politecnica de Valencia*

Teaching of courses on:

- Ethnobotany and new crop development: introduction (6 hours)
- Study and research opportunities at University Gent (2 hours)

Discussions with foreign relations office on future collaborations, meetings with representatives of laboratories working in the fields of ethnobotany, stress physiology,...

28 August – 10 September

Cali (Colombia)

- Fact finding mission to Cali, and central-west Colombia
- Discussions with *Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical* (CIAT) (director general, relevant laboratories working on indigenous fruit species, ‘precision agriculture’,...)
- Discussions with IPGRI (International Plant Genetics Resource Institute) representatives on future collaborations (Dr. ir. X. Scheldeman)
- Discussions with prospective doctoral students
- Lunch talk (*Fruit for thought* lunch meetings): Ethnobotanical research at University Gent

20 July – 9 August

Beijing/Tibet (China)

- On invitation by the Chinese Academy for Agricultural Sciences, a series of classes on:
 - Water harvesting techniques
 - Ethnobotanical Research at University Gent
 - Ethnobotany and new crop development: an introduction
- On invitation by the Chinese Academy for Agricultural Sciences: fact finding mission to and study tour of Tibet (30 July – 5 August)
- On invitation by the Nanjing Botanical Garden (Sun Yat Sen): discussions with Botanical Garden authorities on possible collaboration on ethnobotanical and plant systematics research (6 – 8 August)

26 May - 18 June

Uganda

- 3 weeks ethnobotanical/ethnoveterinary field survey in Karamoja (northeastern Uganda) (together with Dr. Jean Gradé)
- courtesy visit to Martyrs University of Uganda – discussions with Mr. Michel Lejeune, vice-chancellor on possibilities of collaboration and memorandum of agreement
- courtesy visit to Makerere University, and invited lecture on ‘Ethnobotanical research at university Gent’ and ‘EduLink programme on capacity building in the field of indigenous knowledge systems’. Discussions with dean of Faculty of Sciences, and Dr. John R.S. Tabuti, on future collaboration.

17 – 23 May

Accra (Ghana)

Briefing discussions with FARA (www.fara-africa.org) on TORs of the monitoring/evaluation exercises FARA will go through: ‘to advise and develop a strategy that would lead to successful outcomes of three planned Key FARA External Reviews i.e.:

1. The CGIAR Science Council Review of the Inception Phase of the Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Programme scheduled for the period between 25th April and 15th June 2006.
2. The FARA Donor’s Review scheduled for the period between June/July 2006.
3. The External Programme Management Review (EPRM) of FARA scheduled for the period between November 2006 and April 2007’.

Discussions with Dr. Monty Jones, and FARA staff on issues to be addressed.

11 – 15 May

Prague (Czech Republic)

- Discussions with Agricultural University of Prague representatives on future teaching/scientific research collaboration (ERASMUS/SOCRATES programmes).

- Elaboration of research/teaching protocols with Dr. Ladislav ('Lada') Kokoska.
- Visit of labs and institutions working on/with medicinal plants.

25 April – 3 May Santa Clara (Cuba)

Advisory mission for Botanical Garden of UCLV (*Universidad Central de Las Villas*)

- lectures on ethnobotanical research at UGent; and methodology; grants and financial support programmes
- ethnobotanical field work: collection of useful plant specimens
- discussions with university/science faculty authorities on future programmes

6 – 11 April Berlin (Germany)

NATURA general assembly

NATURA workshop – presentation of EDULINK collaborative/tentative proposals for further elaboration

2 – 5 April Montpellier (France)

CIRAD (www.cirad.fr/): discussions with Dr. Max Reyes on future collaboration within and outside of PAVUC (see *infra*)

8 – 15 March Accra (Ghana)

Panel member reviewing full SSA-CP project proposals.
Evaluation/critical review of SSA-CP's Strategic plan.

20 – 28 February Costa Rica

Start-up meeting of the INCO-DEV STREP research project: Producing added value from under-utilised tropical fruit crops with high commercial value (short title, and acronym: Producing Added Value from Under-Utilised Crops, PAVUC). Discussion with partner organizations: CIRAD (France), *Universität Bonn* (Germany), CITA (Costa Rica), *Centro de investigacion en tecnologia y alimentos – Escuela Politecnica nacional* (Ecuador), EMBRAPA (Brazil), INIFAT (Mexico), ICUC (UK).

13 – 20 February Malaga (Spain)

Start-up meeting of the INCO-DEV STREP research project: Promotion of sustainable cherimoya production systems in Latin America through the characterization, conservation and use of local germplasm diversity (CHERLA). Discussions and planning with partner organizations: *Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas* (Spain), University of Vienna (Austria), IPGRI (CG Centre, Rome), *Instituto Nacional Autonomo de Investigaciones Agropecuarias* (Ecuador), *Instituto Nacional de Investigacion y Extension Agraria* (Peru), *Fundacion para la Promocion e Investigacion de Productos Andinos* (PROINPA, Bolivia), *Servicio Nacional de Sanidad Agraria* (Peru) and *Naturaleza y Cultura Internacional* (Ecuador/Peru).

18 – 26 January Accra (Ghana)

Member of the 14-member review panel of SSA-CP concept notes (www.fara-africa.org).

2005

28 October – 14 November Costa Rica

Consolidation mission and validation of 2005 research activities located in the Chiquita-run Notal natural reserve (Sarapiquí; biodiversity research and overall development activities). Field visits to several areas of (botanical/natural/biodiversity) interest in Costa Rica (Pacific/Caribbean) (in collaboration with WWF-Belgium).

September/October

West/East/Southern Africa

European Union-commissioned joint ECART/EEIG and NATURA evaluation of the FARA-led and CGIAR-promoted Sub-Sahara Africa Challenge Programme (SSA-CP, <http://www.fara-africa.org/SSA%20CP.htm>).

Field visits to Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe (3 – 10 September 2005) and Nigeria, Niger, Uganda, Rwanda and RDC (17 – 28 October 2005) Pilot Learning Sites; discussions with stakeholders and project management (in Nairobi, Blantyre, Harare, IITA-Ibadan, Kampala,...).

25 September – 16 October

Madagascar

Field visits to several areas of (botanical/natural/biodiversity) interest in Madagascar (Central, East and North) (in collaboration with WWF-Belgium). Fact finding mission in view to initiate further research activities.

27 July – 17 August

Burundi

Evaluation of the Belgian Technical Cooperation programme : *Appui ISABU Filière Semences (AIFS)* Burundi, (Projet BDI/01/006).

20 June

Berlin (Germany)

Joint GTZ (German Development Agency) and Chiquita Brands International meeting on initiation of the Public Private Partnership (PPP), the 'Notal Nature and Community Project', Costa Rica (shared objectives: *Biodiversity Conservation, Environmental Education and New Livelihoods*).

Participation into the Expert Panel: Business and Biodiversity

16 – 19 June

Cork (Ireland)

NATURA board meeting, and discussions on possible research and teaching collaboration with Cork University representatives

18 – 25 May

Iran

Fact finding mission to Rafsanjan, Kerman, Bam, and Teheran: discussions with university representatives (R/K/T) on possibilities of collaboration. Field visits of pistachio and almond production areas. Visit to the Iran Pistachio Research Institute (P.O.Box 77175.435, Rafsanjan Iran) in view of possible collaboration.

22 – 25: participation in the IVth international Symposium on Almond and Pistachio (see congresses section)

11 May

Paris (France)

Workshop/meeting CIRAD and ICUC on possible EU/INCO project development

5 – 9 May

Dakar (Senegal)

Member of the expert committee at the IFS/CORAF meeting: project proposal evaluation and allocation of funds to West African research teams

19 April - 1 May	Mexico	Fact finding mission to Cuernavaca, Institute of Biotechnology (Dr. Pallavolu Mahesh Reddy, Ph.D., Centro de Investigacion sobre Fijacion de Nitrogeno – UNAM, Programa de Biología Molecular de Plantas, Apdo. Postal 565-A, Cuernavaca, Morelos) and visit of experimental sites in Morelos province; visit of Acapulco and natural reserves/surroundings. Participation in the <i>1er Congreso Internacional de Ingenieria</i> (see conferences section). Visit of greenhouse experiments monitored by <i>Universidad Autonoma de Querétaro, Facultad de Ingenieria</i> .
29 March – 03 April	Dakar (Senegal)	Member of the expert committee at the IFS/CORAF meeting: project proposal evaluation of and feedback/monitoring of rewriting process together with West African research teams
5 - 15 March	Shahrekord (Iran)	Ceremony and official visit for the signing of the <i>Memorandum of Agreement</i> between Shahrekord University and University Ghent. Discussion with Shahrekord partners on specific fields of collaboration.
1 – 2 March	Madrid (Spain)	Discussions with Complutense University scientists on possibilities for collaboration
19 – 26 February	Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Start-up meeting of the ALCUE project: “ <i>From European fork to Latin American farm</i> ”: <i>an innovative networking platform for EU –LAC partnerships in food quality and safety R&D</i> ”. Discussion with project partners on specific fields of intervention and collaboration; planning of future interventions/workshops.
2004		
26 December – 8 January	Senegal	Fact finding mission and discussions with university and research partners. Visit of different natural reserves sites (Djoudj, Casamance, <i>pays Bassari</i>)
11 – 19 November	Bhutan	Appraisal mission for IFAD as “rural production development specialist” of the Agricultural Marketing and Enterprise Promotion Project (AMEPP).
24 September – 5 October	Bhutan	Pre-appraisal mission for IFAD as “rural production development specialist” of the Agricultural Marketing and Enterprise Promotion Project (AMEPP). <u>Extension Services</u> . deepen the proposals made in respect of the unified extension service, in particular as far as service delivery at the village/beneficiary level is concerned. Careful consideration and analysis of the most recent thinking and policy instruments in this domain. Points that will require particular attention are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training of extension agents at geog level;

- selection and training and technical functioning of relay farmers and village animal health workers as grass-roots focus of extension work;
- institutional support, in particular at Dzongkhag, to ensure adequate technical and logistic support for the lower echelon workers in the extension service;
- relationships between the extension service and the research establishments.

Other production aspects. detailed investigation of:

- the (potential) technical and financial relationships between projected programme activities and existing units and services in the domain of cash crops, investigating in particular the sectors of mushroom growing, traditional medicines and other NTFPs. Aspects that may need specific attention are the supply of inputs, staff and beneficiary training and such like. There may also be a need to further investigate the role of existing research establishments.
- Assessment of the validity of AMEPP formulation proposals in respect of the emergency fund for veterinary medicines. Aspects to be considered would be: opportunity of such a fund, its size and the detailed modalities of its utilisation.
- Review of the situation in respect of the recently established but apparently still dysfunctional Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA) and its laboratory which would be responsible for certification of produce for exports. This certification is likely to be a core issue for Bhutanese primary exports, in particular of items with "bio" or similar labels (*if time allows*).

28 August – 13 September

Iran

Study tour of central and south-west Iran. Contacts with research centres and universities. Participation into the 4th Iranian-Russian conference (see conferences' section)

22 April – 6 May

Mekelle (Ethiopia)

Consultancy for the Institutional Support Programme (IUS-VIIR) linking the Flemish universities and Mekelle University. Expert input on (1) *More crop per drop*-programme; (2) savings- and credit activities' research (and socio-economy of the intervention area in general); and (3) new crop development activities.

21 March – 28 April

Bhutan

Crops Production specialist in the formulation mission for the Bhutan ERATE Programme: field visits leading to the following activities (see TOR):

- Analyse the current situation of food and cash crop production in the project area;
- Analyse the poverty and gender aspects of crop production;
- Assess the opportunities for technological improvement in crop production;
- Assess, in particular, the rationale of irrigation development;
- Assess the institutional situation for crop development, in particular the existing extension, adaptive research and input production/marketing capabilities;
- Propose programme for improved/increased crop production, including beneficiary training, extension support and any other measure deemed to contribute to achieve the project purposes in crop production.
- Present crop development models, in collaboration with marketing expert and team-leader;
- Present a descriptive working paper on the six Districts, including the following subjects: topography and land use, demography, crop development, livestock development, main infrastructure (with other team members);
- Present a working paper on the crop development programme, including detailed cost estimates in a format compatible with COSTAB presentations.

19 January – 4 February

Sikasso (Mali)

- Monitoring mission of the PhD research work executed by ir. Amadou Kouyate (domestication of *Detarium microcarpum*), ir. Modibo Sidibe (domestication of *Anogeissus leiocarpus*), and ir. Tinneke Dirckx (ethnobotanical research on edible, wild plant species in Sikasso province).
- Discussions with staff and directors of the *Institut d'Economie rurale* in view of possible (future) collaboration.
- Finalisation of draft research project proposal on domestication of wild plants of economic interest in Mali
- Meetings with representatives of Belgian bilateral aid: DGOS and BTC, and of Dutch bilateral aid organization SNV.

2003

20 – 30 December

Médenine (Tunisia)

Monitoring mission for the doctoral research work of ir. Mohamed 'Samir' Loumerem: domestication and comparative research on traditional Tunisian varieties of *Pennisetum typhoides* (pearl millet). Visits to IRA network agricultural research stations and several agricultural projects on Tunisian mainland, and Djerba island

15 – 30 November

Costa Rica

Consolidation mission in view of creating institutional links with biodiversity research and development institutions (*genre* CATIE, INBIO,..). First discussions and preparation/planning of collaboration with Chiquita Banana Cy (reservations linked to banana plantations). Field visits to several areas of (botanical/natural/biodiversity) interest in Costa Rica (Pacific/Caribbean) (in collaboration with WWF-Belgium)

7 – 14 November

Santa Clara/Bayamo (Cuba)

- Santa Clara: follow-up/monitoring mission with relation to the IUS and VIIR-EI-programmes (see June 2003).
- Bayamo: participation in the Third Caribbean Workshop of Plant Biotechnology (BioCaT 2003) organized in the framework of the University of Granma Convention (13 – 15 November) (invited). Opening address (*conferencia maestral*) on 'Potential new crop development in a tropical socio-economic context – the role of ethnobotany and new crop development'.
- Final discussions on the write-up of a R & D-proposal to be submitted to the VIIR (Flemish interuniversity council) own initiatives' programme (topic: salinity and crop growth and development).

17 September – 04 October

Bamako – Sikasso – Djenné – Mopti (Mali)

- Monitoring mission of the PhD research work executed by ir. Amadou Kouyate (domestication of *Detarium microcarpum*) and start-up of the PhD research of ir. Tinneke Dirckx (ethnobotanical research on edible, wild plant species in Sikasso province).
- Discussion with staff and directors of the *Institut d'Economie rurale* in view of possible (future) research collaboration (in the field of ethnobotany/new crop development) – first draft on a plant domestication research programme
- Fact finding mission with visits to agricultural research centers (linked to the *Institut d'Economie rurale* - <http://www.ier.ml/presentation/index.html>) in different agro-ecological zones of Mali.
- Meetings with Belgian and Dutch bilateral co-operation representatives.

09 – 25 August

Prague (Czech Republic)

Fact finding mission and visit to the Czech University of Agriculture in Prague - CUA (<http://www.czu.cz/english/>) in order to prepare collaborative initiatives (in the field of tropical agriculture)

27 July – 09 August

Benin

- Start-up mission for the VIIR-EI-project: *Gestion durable des ressources naturelles à la base des soins de santé primaire en milieu villageois: capital et potentialité des plantes médicinales dans la forêt classée des Monts Kouffé (centre du Bénin)* (Sustainable management of plant resources used in primary health care in rural communities : reserves and potentialities of medicinal plants in the forest reserves of the Monts Kouffé, central Benin): discussions with academic authorities of the *Université d'Abomey-Calavi* (formerly: *Université du Bénin*) – formal inauguration of the EI-project – meetings with research staff of Abomey-Calavi university.
- Field visits to project intervention sites in Monts Kouffé and Lokoli area (Lokoli: unique swamp forest).
- Preparation of students' thesis work.
- Discussions with Achille Assogbadjo, PhD student (Domestication and germplasm characterization of *Adansonia digitata*).

09 – 28 June

Santa Clara – Bayamo (Cuba)

- Fact finding mission with Ann Lepère, Belgian television (VRT): preparation of a scientific, vulgarization programme on project activities of the Laboratory of Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Ethnobotany in the field of ethnobotany and biotechnology in Cuba
- Evaluation mission for the VIIR own initiatives programme: *Naar een duurzame Cubaanse landbouw: evaluatie van plantenextracten voor gebruik als biologische herbi- en pesticiden, Cuba* (Towards a sustainable Cuban agriculture, evaluation of plant extracts for use as biological herbi- and pesticides): discussions with local project partners/counterparts.
- Planning discussions with university authorities on the Inter-University Co-operation (*IUS*) programme between VIIR and University of Santa Clara; planning of sub-programme on revamping the Santa Clara/*Universidad Central "Marta Abreu" de Las Villas* botanical garden (<http://www.uclv.edu.cu/>)
- Planning discussions with university authorities of the *Universidad de Granma* (<http://www.udg.co.cu/>): preparation of a R&D project on "Salt tolerant vegetation/crops in Granma province".

24 May – 1 June

Extremadura (Spain)

WWF mission to Extremadura region with focus on wildlife (birds) and environmental issues.

24 April – 9 May

Guntur (India)

Monitoring mission for the VIIR-EI project ('Capacity Building in Participatory Rural Development through Institutional Support Focusing on Rural Disadvantaged in Andhra Pradesh') with Centre for Rural Development. Review of curricula and course contents. Planning of project year 2. Visit to rural development activities and agricultural research initiatives (Guntur, Hyderabad, Chennai).

5 – 20 April

Costa Rica

Fact finding mission in view of creating institutional links with biodiversity research and development institutions (*genre* CATIE, INBIO,...). First discussions and preparation/planning of collaboration with

Chiquita Banana Cy (reservations linked to banana plantations). Field visits to several areas of (botanical/natural/biodiversity) interest in Costa Rica (Pacific/Caribbean).

17 – 27 February Myanmar

Fact finding mission in view of establishing research and training collaboration with Myanmar research and development institutes. Visits to several institutions in Yangon and Mandalay.

6 – 17 January Surinam

Fact finding mission in view of elaborating a project proposal on ‘Tropical Forest Management’ and Non-Timber Tree Product Development, in collaboration with CELOS (*Centrum Landbouwkundig Onderzoek Suriname*) – proposal to be financed by Flemish Community (minister Dr. ir. Vera Dua).

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24 – 31 December Médenine (Tunisia)

Monitoring mission for the doctoral research work of ir. Mohamed ‘Samir’ Loumerem: domestication and comparative research on traditional Tunisian varieties of *Pennisetum typhoides* (pearl millet). Visits to IRA network agricultural research stations (Tozeur/Médenine/Kébili area).

23 October – 9 November Rome/Philippines

Mission leader/Rural Micro-Enterprise Development expert for IFAD’s Second Rural Micro-Enterprise Development Project’s inception mission (project in co-operation with Asian Development Bank). Review of relevant documents and discussions with local authorities and resource persons/institutions.

11 October London (UK)

Board of trustees meeting of the International Center for Under-utilised crops (ICUC); discussion of possible project interventions under the EU’s 6th framework with ICUC staff.

21 – 26 September Nairobi (Kenya)

- Plant Resources for Tropical Africa (PROTA) First international workshop: participation in the workshop, discussion with scientists and discussions on possible Belgian contribution into the PROTA programme (www.prota.org).
- Meetings with ICRAF staff: director general (Dr. Dennis Garrity), programme leaders (ir. Jan Beniést, Dr. Tony Simons,...) on possible research collaboration.
- Meeting with CIMMYT programme staff: Dr. ir. Hugo De Groote and Dr. Dennis Friesen on possible research collaboration (through IPBO/RUG – www.ipbo.be).
- Meeting with Belgian-funded VVOB staff members (ir. Wim Buyse and ir. Tom Vandenbosch) and Lut Laenen-Fox, VVOB representative for Kenya, on VVOB experts’ present and future activities – discussion on scientific co-ordinator’s function.
- Meeting with Dr. Eric Boa, CABI UK, on possible collaboration (research project/organisation of symposium on ethnomycology-use of macrofungi)

7 – 15 September Ecuador

- Fact finding mission to coffee growers in Ecuador (Alamor/Puyango and Loja areas) to test the validity of the Centre for Sustainable Development (RUG)-developed ‘Sustainable Development Label’ (on request of the Belgian Government and in order to develop a project of (Belgian) law).
- Discussions with small coffee growers, farmers’ organizations (PROCAP) monitored by Vredeseilanden VZW (Flemish NGO for development co-operation).
- Courtesy visits to academic representatives of ESPOL university (Guayaquil)

27 – 28 May Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Discussions with Eco-operation, Dutch organization in charge of the execution of the Dutch Sustainable Development Convention, in preparation of an evaluation of the university co-operation component of said Convention in Benin and Costa Rica

23 May Rome (Italy)

- NATURA, General assembly, RUG representative
- EFARD, international meeting/workshop in preparation of the EU’s Sixth Framework programme, thematic working group discussions

15 April – 03 May Guntur (Andhra Pradesh, India)

- Planning and start-up mission for the VIIR-EI (Own initiatives’ programme) ‘Capacity Building in Participatory Rural Development through Institutional Support Focusing on Rural Disadvantaged in Andhra Pradesh’ project.
- Discussions with Dr. Dev Manti, director of Institute of Rural Studies and Administration (IRSA) and Centre for Rural Development, and co-promotor of the project.
- Field visits to intervention area (Edlapdu, Rajupalem and Pittalavanipalem areas).
- Invited Lecture at Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Agricultural College, Bapatla, on ‘Agricultural Research and Education, and International Development Activities of Belgium’.
- Visits and meeting with scientists of Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture and ICRISAT, both in Hyderabad

30 March – 10 April Mauritania

Mission leader: evaluation for Flemish NGOs’ Apex Organization 11.11.11 of project activities of Vlaams International Centrum (VIC, Flemish NGO for development co-operation); field visits to project area (south east Mauritania, Nema area), discussions with project coordinators and local stakeholders, and meetings with representatives of international NGOs.

12 – 23 March Philippines

Participation into BIARSP’s Project Steering Committee (PSC): representative for BTC-Belgium; participation into start-up and technical preparation workshop, field visits to project area’s regions VII and IX (Negros Oriental, Bohol and Cebu), and PSC meetings.

15 – 24 January Philippines

Supervision mission for BTC: Dumaguete: chairing of a BIARSP saving/credit workshop, discussion on and assessment of work-plan for BIARSP’s credit and savings activities, and preparation of agricultural productivity activities’ rapid field assessment. Field visits to Dumaguete, and discussions in Manilla with authorities and resource persons/institutions.

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6 – 12 November

Brazil

Participation into the WALCUE organised ‘Competitive Growth in the Global Environment: Sustainable agro chain as a possible way’ workshop as representative (together with Prof. Em. Dr. Marc Van Montagu) of the Belgium R&D community involved in R&D in Latin America (WALCUE = Workshop America Latina y Central, y Union Europea)

28 August - 11 September

Cuba

- Monitoring mission of the VIIR-EI project UCLV, Santa Clara. Discussions with academic authorities and MINVEC (Santa Clara and Havana) representatives
- Visit to the Cupaynicú Botanical Garden of Bayamo, Granma, and discussions with Garden’s curator and scientific personnel
- Field visits to ethnobotanical research area near Bayamo, with Yakelín Sánchez Rodríguez (for info: www.br.fgov.be/BIODIV/BBB/poster.html)

14 July – 2 August

Indonesia

Fact finding mission to Bali, Java and Lombok: field visits to agricultural production experiences

20 – 22 June

Helsinki (Finland)

NATURA general assembly, RUG representative

24 May – 15 June

China

- Mission leader/agro-economist for joint IFAD/WFP inception and identification mission to Ningxia and Shanxi Provinces for the Environment Sensitive Poverty Alleviation Programme: visit to project area, discussion with local and provincial authorities and drafting/finalisation of memoranda of understanding with the relevant authorities.
- Preparation of a power point presentation on IFAD’s Asia interventions with relation to environmental protection (rationale, lessons learned, recommendations).

28 April – 6 May

Manilla/Dumaguete (Philippines)

Mission leader for the installation mission for BTC/BIARSP (Belgian Technical Cooperation/Belgian Integrated Agriarian Reform Support Programme; <https://www.devex.com/en/projects/58147>): introduction of Peter D’huys, programme coordinator to local authorities and BIARSP programme staff (Belgian and Philippines team members). Discussion and finalisation of terms of reference of credit and savings assessment mission (evaluation of past BIARSP activities, programming of future initiatives) (with Ed Jimenez, credit specialist).

30 March – 22 April

Tanzania including Zanzibar

Fact finding mission for the Policy Preparation Research project (*Beleidsvoorbereidend onderzoek*) on ‘Linking small-scale farmers to commercial sector activities’. Visits to and meetings with NGOs, private/commercial enterprises, R&D institutes,... working in agriculture and catering for organised and non-organised farmers.

3 – 12 March

Lomé (Togo)

Teaching of 40 hours' course on *Problèmes urbains et ruraux de l'environnement*, as part of the postgraduate programme on environmental law (*D.E.A. - Politique et droit de l'environnement*), organised by Law Faculty, University of Maastricht (Holland), University of Gent and Liège, *Faculté des sciences juridique, économiques et politiques* (National University of Benin, Cotonou, Benin) and *Faculté de Droit* (University of Benin, Lomé, Togo).

30 January - 16 February

Zambia

Fact finding mission for the Policy Preparation Research project (*Beleidsvoorbereidend onderzoek*) on 'Linking small-scale farmers to commercial sector activities'. Visits to and meetings with NGOs, private/commercial enterprises, R&D institutes,... working in agriculture and catering for organised and non-organised farmers. Projects visited included programmes funded by IFAD, FAO, USAID, UNDP, ILO,... and several bilateral donors (SIDA, CIDA, Dutch Development Cooperation, DFID,...).

4 – 7 January

Southampton/London (UK)

- Participation into the ICUC meeting
- Meetings with ICUC-Southampton representatives on potential collaboration

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26 December - 2 January

Malta

Fact finding mission and discussion with academics of University of Malta in view of potential collaboration

22 November –6 December

Cairns (Australia)

International Symposium on Tropical and Subtropical Fruits

1 – 5 November

Santa Clara/Cienfuegos (Cuba)

- Monitoring mission of the VIIR-EI project: Discussions with academic authorities and MINVEC representatives in order to facilitate project implementation and equipment acquisition.
- Participation in Cienfuegos congress (see Congresses)

18 - 30 October

Ecuador (Loja area)

Shooting of Canvas scientific 40' vulgarisation movie (*Vruchtbare toekomst*) on the laboratory's R&D activities in Ecuador (www.innovatie.vlaanderen.be/knap/overleven/vruchtbaretoekomst.htm)

26 – 28 September

Nijmegen (Holland)

- Lecture on 'Linking small-scale farmers to commercial sector activities'
- Discussions with Prof. Dr. De Haan, Centre for International Development Issues, Nijmegen (CIDIN) on potential research collaboration (www.socsci.kun.nl/vcfsw/nieuw/content.php?page_id=12)

7 – 27 August

Tanzania

Fact finding mission for the Policy Preparation Research project ‘Linking small scale farmers to commercial sector activities (*Beleidsvoorbereidend onderzoek*). Visits to and meetings with NGOs, private/commercial enterprises, R&D institutes,... working in agriculture and catering for organised and non-organised farmers.

12 – 22 July Ireland

Fact finding mission.

13 – 21 June Lomé/Cotonou (Togo/Benin)

- Seminar (see Congresses)
- Discussions with academic representatives of universities of Lomé and Cotonou on further development of *DEA on Droit environnemental*
- Diploma ceremony: representative of RUG at the diploma ceremony

1 – 8 June Manilla (Philippines)

Organisation and leading of DAR/NEDA workshop to finalize the preparation document of BIARSP 11.

23 – 24 May Wageningen

- Numico: discussions with scientific staff on potential collaboration in the field of medicinal plants/ethnobotany/new medicine development
- Thesis defense Leonie Bonnehin (see theses)

8 April – 1 May Philippines

BTC: formulation of the second phase of the Belgian Integrated Agricultural Reform Support Programme (BIARSP), together with Koen Goekint (BTC and team leader) and Ed Quitoriano (local consultant).

16 – 19 March Maastricht/Nijmegen (Holland)

- Maastricht: discussion with ECDPM - The European Centre for Development Policy Management (<http://www.ecdpm.org>) representatives on potential collaboration
- 17 March: inaugural speech and official ceremony at the occasion of Prof. Dr. Leo De Haan’s professorship (www.socsci.kun.nl/maw/cidin/documentatie/cidinpub.html)
- Discussions on potential collaboration between RUG and CIDIN

4 – 11 January Lomé (Togo)

Teaching of 40 hours’ course on *Problèmes urbains et ruraux de l’environnement*, as part of the postgraduate programme on environmental law (*D.E.A. - Politique et droit de l’environnement*), organised by Law Faculty, University of Maastricht (Holland), University of Gent and Liège, *Faculté des sciences juridique, économiques et politiques* (National University of Benin, Cotonou, Benin) and *Faculté de Droit* (University of Benin, Lomé, Togo).

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12 – 15 December Canterbury (UK)

Teaching on ethnobotany and discussions with academic staff on potential collaboration (see Invited Lectures)	
30 October – 5 November	Firenze (Italy)
Board meeting of NATURA: participation as representative of RUG and Belgium	
24 September – 13 October	Philippines
BTC Evaluation mission of the integrated rural development aspects of the Belgian (Integrated) Agrarian Reform Support Project (BARSP-BIARSP) in view of the transfer of said project from AGCD to BTC (together with Koen Goekint, BTC).	
18 August - 2 September	Benin/Togo/Guinea Conakry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation mission for NCOS of the project activities of Flemish NGOs for development cooperation Ve-Co (Vredeseilanden-Coopibo) in Benin and Togo (1 week), and ACT (<i>Agence de Coopération Technique</i>) in Guinea (1 week), resp. • Preparation of the research and development project on <i>Protection et restauration du milieu des mangroves dans le Sud-Est Togo</i> with the Togolese NGO AVOTODE. 	
25-26 June	Louvain-la-Neuve (Université catholique de Louvain, UCL, Belgium)
Participation into the NATURA-co-organized DEMETER & AQUA-TNET ICT Workshop: Using the WWWeb to support teaching and learning in agriculture, forestry, aquaculture and related sciences.	
17 May - 4 June	Querétaro and Chapingo (Mexico)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation mission (together with Prof. Dr. ir. Jan Pieters, RUG, greenhouse infrastructure specialist) for possible co-operation with Universidad Autonoma Querétaro on greenhouse horticulture development (development of teaching modules, research and extension/development activities) in collaboration with the Facultad de Ingenieria. • Development of a joint research programme with Facultad de Ciencias (biology) on “new crop development” (Financial support: Flemish Community). • Visit to and development of a joint research/teaching programme with Universidad Autonoma Chapingo on “new crop development”, and ethnobotany doctoral programme development. 	
18 April - 2 May	Bolivia
Evaluation for NCOS of partner activities of Bolviacentrum Antwerpen (BCA), a Belgian (Flemish) NGO for Development Cooperation. Meetings with, visits to and evaluation of activities of NGOs in Santa Cruz (ICO), Cochabamba (INCCA, ASPAVAL, INCED, RAI, CEDIB), La Paz (CEPROMIN) and Potosi active in sustainable agriculture and transformation, coca problematics, mining on such themes as human rights, local capacity and institution building, democracy (together with Prof. Dr. Vic Blaton, KUL and member of NCOS project commission, and Mrs. Leida Rijnhout, BCA). Discussion with ABOS section in La Paz.	
1 May - 6 May	Cochabamba (Bolivia)
Institutional co-operation between VIIR - Universidad Mayor de San Simon (Cochabamba, Bolivia):	

- Teaching of 60 hours (30 hours theory + 30 hours practical sessions) course on *Bases generales de Ecología Terrestre* in the first year of the *Maestría en Ciencias Ambientales (mención Biodiversidad Vegetal)* postgraduate course programme (organised within the *Centro de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Renovables*).
- Definition and preparation of future research and collaborative programmes: participation in the Planning Workshop organised May 4, 1999 (*Taller de evaluación y planificación del postgrado CEMARR de la FCYT*).

13 March - 11 April

Loja (Ecuador)

Organisation of the *First International Congress on Cherimoya*, Loja, Ecuador (16 - 19 March): congress convenor and presentation of opening address, and 4 scientific communications. Evaluation and programming mission of the VIIR-EI project *Conocimientos y Prácticas Culturales sobre los Recursos Fitogenéticos Nativos, en el Austro Ecuatoriano* and of VVOB's activities in Loja. Restitution visit to Shuar Federation (Amazon forest; partner organisation of the ethnobotanical research project executed under the VIIR-EI project mentioned above). Discussions with ABOS and several environmental organisations and NGOs (IUCN, WWF, PROBONA...) in view of potential future collaboration on medicinal plant/crop development. One week tour of Galapagos Natural Reserve Archipelago.

22 - 26 February

Turrialba, CATIE (Costa Rica)

Presentation of poster (number 63): *Sangre de Drago (Croton spp.)*: a potential new crop for and from the humid forests in South America (together with F. Van Dycke and J. De Schepper) at the Multistrata Agroforestry Systems with Perennial Crops.

01 - 12 February

Lomé (Togo)

Teaching of 40 hours' course on *Problèmes urbains et ruraux de l'environnement*, as part of the postgraduate programme on environmental law (*D.E.A. - Politique et droit de l'environnement*), organised by Law Faculty, University of Maastricht (Holland), University of Gent and Liège, *Faculté des sciences juridique, économiques et politiques* (National University of Benin, Cotonou, Benin) and *Faculté de Droit* (University of Benin, Lomé, Togo).

08 - 24 January

Cochabamba (Bolivia)

Institutional co-operation between VIIR - Universidad Mayor de San Simon (Cochabamba, Bolivia):

- Teaching of 40 hours (20 hours theory + 20 hours practical sessions) course on *Etnofarmacología* in the second year of *Maestría en Ciencias Ambientales (mención Biodiversidad Vegetal)* postgraduate course programme (organised within the *Centro de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Renovables*). Monitoring of 3 M Sc theses (Carlos de la Barra, Marcos Espinosa, and Susana Arrazola).
- Preparation and finalisation of course text(s) for *Bases generales de Ecología Terrestre* in the framework of the same programme (first year).
- Definition and preparation of future research and collaborative programmes.

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20 - 31 December

Cotonou (Benin)

Research contacts and further preparation of 'Environmental Issues in Third World Countries' course with and at the *Université Nationale du Bénin*, Cotonou. Discussions with IUCN West Africa regional office representatives on possible future research collaborations.

03 - 07 December

Dakar (Senegal)

Participation into the joint Global Biodiversity Forum and Convention on Desertification meetings. Presentation of a paper: *Data collection for problem identification and priority setting: a case study from the Casamance, Senegal*. Discussions with IUCN West Africa regional office representatives on possible future research collaborations.

21 - 29 November ICRAF (Nairobi and Maseno; Kenya)

Monitoring and Evaluation Mission for VVOB. Discussions with ICRAF staff on future activities and research programmes for VVOB experts within the ICRAF research agenda, and possibilities for future collaboration between ICRAF and RUG. Presentation of a paper at ICRAF's weekly seminar: *From ethnobotanical research into new fruit crop development: the case of Annona, Passiflora and Carica - experiences from Ecuador*. Meeting with ABOS representatives and Belgian ambassador: discussions on Belgian development policy and interventions.

30 October - 09 November Benin

Research contacts with the *Université Nationale du Bénin*, Cotonou. Discussions with EU Delegation on programme/project development. Field visits of and discussions with informal financial institutions (NGO: SYFIPRO).

18 - 20 October IFAD (Rome)

Debriefing for the IFAD Smallholder/Private Sector Policy and Programming Initiative for East and Southern Africa, Zambia Mission (August/September 1998) and briefing of the IFAD Private Sector and Credit Programme Development Programme; preparation of the Regional Smallholder/Private Sector Policy and Programming Workshop (to be organised in 1999).

22 August - 16 September Zambia

Exploratory mission for the IFAD Smallholder/Private Sector Policy and Programming Initiative for East and Southern Africa: fact finding and drawing of the state-of-the-art of the linkages between small-scale farmers and commercial sector activities; contacts with donors and multi/bilateral official/non-governmental intervention programmes/projects; visit of Luapula Province.

17 - 20 August Kew (Richmond, Surrey, UK)

Visit of the National Botanical Gardens, Kew: live plant collections, permanent exhibitions (including the one on ethnobotany) and library; literature and slide collection.

30 May - 14 July Guizhou/Hunan Provinces (China) and IFAD (Rome)

IFAD appraisal mission leader for the IFAD/WFP/GTZ/AUSAID 'Wulin Mountain Minority Area Integrated Agricultural Development Programme' (IADP) (app. amount: 120 million US \$). Finalisation of appraisal report and preparation of President's report.

07 April - 10 May Guizhou/Hunan Provinces (China) and IFAD (Rome)

IFAD pre-appraisal mission leader for the IFAD/WFP/GTZ 'Wulin Mountain Minority Area Integrated Agricultural Development Programme' (IADP) (app. amount: 120 million US \$); including monitoring of Rapid Rural Appraisal (PRA) activities, training workshop (Kaili, Guizhou) and field visits; preparation of appraisal mission activities.

27 March - 05 April Tunisia

Study tour of Tunisia with FAABS students: visits of universities, agricultural research centres, combined with field visits of (applied) research experiments and natural reserves.

20 - 28 February Morocco

Inception mission for the VIIR-project 'Environmental Research and Education: Protection and Management of the Mamora Forest in Morocco' (promotor Prof. Dr. Niko Koedam, VUB): recruitment and training of counterparts in the field of ethnobotany; initiation of research activities.

05 - 07 February Gembloux (Belgium)

General assembly of NATURA, RUG Representative.

03 - 15 January Lomé (Togo) and Cotonou (Benin)

- Lomé: teaching of 30 hours 'Environmental Issues in Third World Countries' course at the *Université du Bénin*, within the postgraduate programme on *Droit Environnemental*, organised in conjunction with University Maastricht (the Netherlands), University of Liège (Belgium) and *Université Nationale du Bénin* (Cotonou, Benin).
- Meeting with European Union representation in Cotonou to discuss possible collaboration.

1997

20 November - 17 December Guizhou and Hunan Provinces (China)

IFAD mission leader for the IFAD/WFP 'Wulin Mountain Integrated Agricultural Development Programme' (IADP) formulation mission; training of Chinese consultants on project formulation and costing techniques using participatory techniques.

12 - 19 November IFAD (Rome)

IFAD mission leader for the IFAD/WFP 'Wulin Mountain Integrated Agricultural Development Programme' (IADP) formulation mission in NE Guizhou and NW Hunan: desk office work, and review of project preparation documents and credit arrangements of IFAD-assisted projects in China; review of ((in)formal) savings/credit policies and situation in China.

30 October - 10 November Congo (ex-Zaire)

Mission for VIIR: preparation of university cooperation with Congo (ex Zaire); contacts with universities, research centres and stakeholders related with agricultural R&D in Kinshasa and Lubumbashi (Katanga Province).

18 August - 06 September Beijing and Caoxian County (China)

VIIR Consultant for the "Elaboration of agro-regional development models based on a sustainable use of the land resources in different climatic zones in China (Caoxian County, Huang-Huai Hoi plain)" project (VIIR-project, promotor Prof. Dr. Erik Van Ranst; co-promotors: Prof. Dr. ir. Luc D'haese and Prof. Dr. ir. Patrick Van Damme): determination of crop evaluation parameters for on rice, wheat, soybean, etc. Visit of Caoxian County: discussions with party officials, and different stakeholders in view of further project activity development.

06 - 15 July Israel

Follow-up mission for the Pistachio Germplasm Collection Project: preparation of the final report, discussions on organization of Pistachio Congress and book; contacts with Palestinian counterparts

(Bethlehem); contacts with European Community and Belgian Embassy (in view of future funding/programme development).

27 May - 18 June Ecuador

- Evaluation and programming mission for the projects financed by VIIR (*Conocimientos y Prácticas Culturales sobre los Recursos Fitogenéticos Nativos, en el Austro Ecuatoriano*) and of VVOB's activities in Loja.
- Programming mission to the *Sangre de Drago* experimental test site in the Tena region, together with Dr. Leo Roth, and Jean De Schepper, Conforma-Belgium.

06 - 10 May Reading (United Kingdom)

Participation into NECTAR (NATURA European Community Training programme for Agricultural universities in Southern Regions) workshop and preparation of the teaching programme on Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, module 5 (Rural Resource Economics).

25 March - 21 April Benin

- Mission leader for the evaluation mission of the Integrated Rural Development Project PADES-Cobly (*Projet d'Aménagement et de Développement – Cobly*), executed by *Stichting Nederlandse Vrijwilligers* (SNV).
- Research contacts with *Université Nationale du Bénin* (UNB, agronomy and sciences faculty) and European Union.

06 - 08 February Wageningen (Holland)

General assembly of NATURA, RUG representative.

29 January - 05 Februari Tunisia

Evaluation of the research performed by RUG-affiliated doctoral students. Discussions in view of possible future collaboration on research on cultivation of olive (*Olea europaea*) and arid zone crops in general.

09 - 22 January Cotonou (Benin)

Evaluation mission for and workshop with PROTOS (PROjectgroep voor Technische OntwikkelingsSamenwerking); evaluation of ongoing PROTOS projects and preparatory discussions with several local and international organisations on possibilities for future collaboration.

1996

22 September - 06 October Jordan

Collection of *Pistacia* spp. germplasm/plant material in the framework of the 'Pistachio Germplasm Collection Project' research project.

05 - 08 September Sede Boqer (Israel)

Discussions on present and future collaboration on research projects (Pistachio Germplasm Collection Project, Ethnobotanical survey of the Negev Desert) with representatives of the Sede Boqer Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research, and central administration of Ben Gurion University (Beer Sheva).

09 July - 04 September and 08 September - 09 October

Guinea-Conakry and IFAD (Rome)

IFAD mission leader for the Guinea -Conakry 'Fouta Djallon Agricultural Rehabilitation Project, phase II' (*Programme de réhabilitation agricole et d'appui au développement local au Fouta Djallon (PRAADEL)*) appraisal mission (total project cost: 14 - 18 million US\$) (cost calculations: COSTAB, and COSTBEN).

16 - 19 June

IFAD (Rome)

- Preparatory discussions with IFAD: definition of the terms of reference and objectives of the appraisal mission to Guinea-Conakry 'Fouta Djallon Agricultural Rehabilitation Project, phase II'.
- Discussions with representatives of the Belgian Survival Fund on the elaboration of an intensive MSc course programme on food security.

14 - 20 April

Kew (Richmond, Surrey, UK)

Visit of the National Botanical Gardens, Kew: live plant collections, permanent exhibitions and library; literature and slide collection.

05 - 13 April

Ghana

Study trip to coastal area botanical gardens and natural reserves (including 'canopy walk' at Kakum National Forest)

17 February - 10 March

ICRAF (Nairobi and Maseno; Kenya)

Coordination mission for VVOB: discussion with ICRAF staff on VVOB expert staff activities and preparation of future research agenda. Participation into 'Domestication and Commercialization of Non-timber Forest Products in Agroforestry Systems; an International Conference'.

08 - 12 February

Athens (Greece)

General assembly of NATURA, RUG representative.

10 January - 05 February

Ecuador

Evaluation and programming mission for the projects financed by VLIR (*Conocimientos y Prácticas Culturales sobre los Recursos Fitogenéticos Nativos, en el Austro Ecuatoriano*) and VVOB in Loja.

1995

26 December - 08 January (1996)

Senegal

Evaluation and preparation mission for Flemish NGO Vredeseilanden of past and future agroforestry, and savings and credit project activities in Senegal (Casamance area). Evaluation of GADEC, APROFES, APDJ and CARAF project activities (local NGOs) with special emphasis on savings and credit schemes.

11 - 18 December

Tunisia

Programming mission for future research activities in related fields of Pistachio and dry land farming. Contacts and discussions with relevant ministries, universities, laboratories and research institutes in Tunis and Sousse.

12 August - 05 October	Benin and IFAD (Rome)	IFAD mission leader of the 'Income Generating Activities Project' appraisal mission (app. budget: 10 million US \$).
19 - 24 September	Cotonou (Benin)	Mission leader and IFAD representative on the <i>Table Ronde du Développement Rural</i> (Rural Development Round Table). Discussions with World Bank on savings/credit policy definition in Benin - PARMEC law withdrawal.
12 - 22 May	Sede Boqer (Israel)	Follow-up and evaluation of the Bedouin ethnobotany research project at the Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research (under the supervision of Dr. Avi Golan) and preparation of the Pistachio Germplasm Collection Project.
29 March - 03 May	Togo and IFAD (Rome)	Mission Leader for the formulation mission for IFAD. Formulation and preparation of the agroforestry and agricultural production component of the ' <i>Projet d'Organisation Villageoise et de Gestion de Terroir (POVGT), Région Maritime, Togo</i> ' – COSTAB/COSTBEN calculations.
22 - 26 March	Vila Real (Portugal)	General Assembly of NATURA, RUG representative.
10 - 18 March	Benin – Togo – Ivory Coast	Preparation mission for Vredeseilanden vzw (Islands of Peace, Flemish NGO for development co-operation) (Mono Region, Togo); contacts with EU representatives in Lomé and Cotonou. Courtesy visit to Belgian embassy in Ivory Coast: contacts and discussions on project proposals for Dapaong and Mono region (Togo) (contact person : ir. J. Kalders).
26 February–02 March	Berlin (Germany)	Botanical Garden and Herbarium Berlin, contact with Dr. Beat Ernst Leuenberger, curator of the <i>Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem</i> .
29 January - 05 February	Sri Lanka	Supervision mission for the VIIR-monitored 'Belgian Weed Project' project, financed by ABOS under the VIIR 'Eigen Initiatieven'-programme. Contacts with governmental and non-governmental agencies and discussion of research agenda and future collaboration.
1994		
25 December - 16 January 1995	Togo and Benin	Follow-up mission for the CEC-funded research project 'The Impact of Small Dam Constructions on the Vegetation and Groundwater Levels in Northern Togo' (CEC-contract B7-5040/93/04); and monitoring/evaluation mission for for PROTOS (Benin), and Islands of Peace (Vredeseilanden v.z.w.) (Togo), Flemish NGOs for development co-operation.
20 - 23 September	Amsterdam (Netherlands)	

Participation as a resource person in the advisory meeting on agro-pastoral projects of the Free University of Amsterdam (EU-funded).

13 August - 04 September Loja (Ecuador)

Evaluation and supervision mission for VVOB; monitoring and evaluation of the research work performed by irs. Els Verbeeck, Veerle Van den Eynden and Imma Verheyen on local crops and ethnobotany. Discussions with local partners and organisations.

19 April - 10 May and 17 May–07 June Sede Boqer (Israel)

Visiting scientist at the Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research, Sede Boqer Campus, consulting on the start-up phase of the Bedoeuin ethnobotanical research project, for the agrobiological research team headed by Dr. Avi Golan. Research on traditional plant use by Negev Desert bedouin tribes, and comprises, amongst others, information collection with bedouins, plant collection and biochemical analysis, plant collection for reference herbarium and establishment of a photographic collection of useful plants.

24 - 25 March Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Study visit with FAABS students to the Free University of Amsterdam and *Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen* (Royal Institute for the Tropics), together with Prof. Dr. ir. L. D'Haese.

23 February - 17 March Togo

Inception mission for the 'The Impact of Small Dam Constructions on the Vegetation and Groundwater Levels in northern Togo' CEC-funded project (CEC-contract B7-5040/93/04). Evaluation Mission of the Savings and Credit Programme of NGO Islands of Peace (Vredeseilanden vzw) Project in Dapaong, northern Togo (*Région des Savanes*).

1993

26 December - 22 January 1994 Senegal

Supervision mission for the 'Assessment and Management Modelling of Woody Vegetation in a Forest Zone in Southern Senegal', CEC-funded project (CEC-contract B7-5040/91/041). Discussions with governmental and non-governmental agencies. Discussions concerning a future follow-up project: 'Installation of Production Units of Fire Wood in Central Casamance (Senegal)'.

06 - 09 December Nairobi (Kenya)

Participation in the 'Expert Panel on GIS/Remote Sensing Methodology to Assess Desertification', organised by the 'Desertification Control Programme Activity Centre' of the 'United Nations Environment Programme' (UNEP). Programmation mission with ICRAF.

11 - 14 November Barcelona (Spain)

Meeting with INTERMON, a Spanish NGO for development co-operation about possibilities for future cooperation in Togo and in Europe (together with Vredeseilanden vzw (Islands of Peace)).

01 - 14 September Dapaong (Togo)

Preparation mission: preparation of a joint agricultural project for NGOs Vredeseilanden (Islands of Peace) and RAFIA (local Togolese NGO). Preparation of the research project '*L'impact des retenues*

d'eau sur l'environnement et le niveau de la nappe phréatique dans le Nord du Togo (The Impact of Small Dam Constructions on the Vegetation and Groundwater Levels in Northern Togo), CEC-contract B7-5040/93/04.

20 - 28 August

Kigali (Rwanda)

Mission for Vredeseilanden vzw (Islands of Peace). Preparation and finalisation of the Vredeseilanden agricultural project proposed for co-financing to ABOS. Discussions with CEC and delegates of several international donor representatives.

31 July - 09 August

Guadalajara (Mexico)

Visit of the *Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara* (UAG). Contacts with local authorities, discussing further possibilities for future cooperation between the UAG and RUG, and 9 hours lectures on several topics (see Seminars' section). Research stay at the botanical garden of UAG.

25 - 30 July

Mexico City (Mexico)

Participation in the '*IV Conferencia Internacional para el Desarrollo de las Zonas Aridas*'. Presentation of a paper (see Seminar's section).

05 - 10 July

Hannover (Germany)

Study trip. Visit of and discussions with representatives of '*Bundessorgenamt*' and '*Hannover Botanical Garden*'.

18 - 23 May

Tunisia

Participation in the '*First Intercontinental Congress on Medicinal Plants and Phytotherapy*'. Visit to the ABOS-funded horticulture farming project (project manager ir. Herman Verlodt). Contacts and discussions with local research centres.

19 April - 03 May

Crete

Study visit with FAABS students. Focus on production and processing of agricultural produce, and ecological and botanical aspects of the major Cretan ecosystems. Visits organised in collaboration with the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania.

04 - 17 April

Senegal

Supervision mission for the '*Assessment and management modelling of woody vegetation in a forest zone in southern Senegal*' CEC-funded project (CEC-contract B7-5040/91/041). Discussions with governmental and non-governmental agencies.

28 February - 12 March

Sri Lanka

Supervision mission for the ABOS-funded '*Belgian Weed Project*' project. Discussions with governmental and non-governmental agencies.

06 - 28 February

The Philippines

Guest lecturer at the Benguet State University. Visit of several local research projects, contacts with ministries and governmental and non-governmental agencies.

1992

20 December - 10 January 1993 Senegal

Supervision mission for the 'Assessment and management modelling of woody vegetation in a forest zone in southern Senegal' CEC-funded project (CEC-contract B7-5040/91/041). Contacts with governmental and non-governmental agencies.

07 - 12 December Abidjan (Ivory Coast)

Participation in the UNESCO-organised 'Scientific Workshop on Fallow Land Regeneration in the African Humid Tropics'.

04 August - 11 September Namibia

Wrap-up mission for the 'Ethnobotanical Survey of the Namib Desert' project (CEC-contract B7-5040/91 005). Contacts with ministries and EU Delegation about new project possibilities. Data and plant material collection in Namib Desert and Kaokoveld.

18 May - 20 June Senegal

Supervision mission for the 'Assessment and management modelling of woody vegetation in a forest zone in southern Senegal' CEC-funded project (CEC-contract B7-5040/91/041). Contacts with governmental and non-governmental agencies.

09 - 14 May Madrid (Spain)

Erasmus-funded study visit (contract: STV-91-B-4015) to the University of Complutense, Faculty of Sciences, Department of Biology, in order to elaborate joint curricula, student exchange programme and students' study trip.

02 - 08 May Chania (Crete)

Erasmus-funded study visit (contract: STV-91-B-4015) to the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Crete, in order to elaborate joint curricula, student exchange programme and students' study trip.

06 - 27 April Namibia

Supervision mission of the CEC-funded 'Ethnobotanical Survey of the Namib Desert' ethnobotany project (CEC-contract B7-5040/91/005). Botanical survey, ethnobotanical interviews with Topnaar-people in Kuiseb river area, and contacts with governmental and non-governmental agencies.

09 February - 10 March Argentina

Scientific stay at the University of Cordoba, Faculty of Sciences, sponsored by the Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research (*Nationaal Fonds voor het Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek*, NFWO). Contacts and research on ethnobotany. Study of local vegetation with emphasis on plant taxonomy.

1991

24 December - 09 January 1992 Namibia

Supervision mission of the 'Ethnobotanical Survey of the Namib Desert' ethnobotany research project (CEC-contract B7-5040/91/005).

03 - 08 November	Algeria	<p>Programmation mission for COTITEX (Algerian national cotton processing firm). Purpose: to evaluate possibilities to start cotton culture in Saharan desert areas of Algeria (places visited: Ghardaia, Béchar).</p>
25 September - 04 October	Monaco	<p>Scientific stay at the <i>Jardin Botanique</i> (Botanical Garden of Monaco), financed by the <i>Ministère des Affaires Etrangères</i> de Monaco. Study of succulent and esp. cactus collection and literature. Slide collection.</p>
29 May - 23 June	Zimbabwe	<p>Scientific research stay at the National Botanical Garden, financed by the NFWO. Study of local vegetation with emphasis on plant taxonomy and drought resistant plant species.</p>
13 - 24 May	Senegal	<p>Joined World Bank - IFAD supervision mission of the Small Rural Operations Project: supervision of the project's irrigation aspects (Ngalenka perimeters, Région de Saint-Louis) financed under the project.</p>
14 - 24 April	Spain	<p>Scientific research stay in Andalusia. Contacts with several agricultural organisations and marketing boards, research institutions and universities, and ministries.</p>
01 - 16 February	Senegal	<p>Programmation mission for the Flemish NGO Vredeseilanden vzw (Islands of Peace) integrated development project in Kolda (Région de Kolda, Département de Kolda). Programmation of the agricultural and agroforestry component (water-harvesting; cropping methods and cultural calendar).</p>
01 - 08 January	Kenya	<p>Scientific programmation visit to ICRAF; first contacts and fact finding mission in order to guide Belgian government financing to ICRAF.</p>
1990		
24 December - 11 January 1991	Rwanda	<p>Evaluation mission for the Flemish NGO Vredeseilanden vzw (Islands of Peace) integrated development project in Kabona (Crête Zaire - Nil), with a special emphasis on the agricultural sector and institutional aspects (co-operatives and credit).</p>
20 May - 18 June	Sri Lanka	<p>Preparation mission for the ABOS-funded Scientific Research Project on Weeds in Annual Leguminous Crops to be executed in co-operation with the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Visits to several agricultural research stations.</p>
04 - 26 April	Namibia	

Study trip sponsored by the Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research (NFWO). Study of local vegetation with emphasis on plant taxonomy (esp. *Euphorbia* spp. and drought resistant plant species).

1989

23 - 31 October Zambia

Evaluation mission for the Belgian Ministry for Development Cooperation. Economic evaluation of the plant breeding section of the Mount Makulu Research Station and the veterinary project of Chipata, Zambia. Macro-economic evaluation of the newly proposed fertilizer policy of Zambia.

16 July–11 August Senegal

Identification mission for IFAD, Rome. Identification of possible interventions to assist Senegalese returnees after the Mauritania-Senegal conflict in the field of irrigated crops. Work involved calculation of cost/benefits and preparation of detailed cost tables (COSTAB/COSTBEN).

20–22 June (Rome) Italy

Follow-up mission for IFAD, Rome. Actualisation of detailed COSTAB cost tables and cost/benefit (COSTBEN) analysis data of the Small Rural Operations Project, Senegal (appraisal mission 6 March 1989 - 6 May 1989).

06 March–06 May Senegal

Appraisal mission for IFAD, Rome. Appraisal of the agro-economical and agronomical aspects and technical irrigation aspects of the Small Rural Operations Project, Senegal, financed by the World Bank. Work included calculation of cost and benefits (COSTBEN) and elaboration of detailed cost tables (COSTAB).

1988

07 November - 08 February 1989 Togo

Appraisal mission for IFAD, Rome. Appraisal of the institutional, agro-economical and agronomical aspects of the "Village group support in the eastern Savannah region" project proposal.

11–25 September Morocco

Scientific research stay in Agadir. Sponsored by the N.F.W.O. (the National Fund for Scientific Research). Contacts with several research institutions and vegetable growers; topic: salinity problems and research in vegetable growing.

20–30 April Spain

Scientific research stay in Andalusia. Contacts with several agricultural organizations and marketing boards, research institutions and universities, and ministries.

1987

16 November - 07 January 1988 Togo

Interim project manager and senior agronomist for the Ile de Paix de Dapaong project, Région des Savanes.

04 - 15 June Togo

Preparation mission for an IFAD project in the Région des Savanes, together with Ahmad Yazayeri, project controller for IFAD.

18 May–03 June Togo

Intermediate evaluation of the socio-economic performance of the integrated rural development project Ile de Paix de Dapaong, Région des Savanes.

1986

28 May–24 June Zaire

Evaluation of the agricultural sector of the non-governmental organization project C.D.I.-Bwamanda, Equator province. Evaluation of the vulgarisation and soybean growing sector of the project. Planning of vulgarisation and research programme of the project.

1985

06 May–21 June Togo

Feasibility study for an integrated rural development project of the Belgian non-governmental organization Islands of Peace in Dapaong, Région des Savanes. Study of the agricultural production and marketing, and vulgarisation sector. Project formulation and monitoring. Contact with international research stations in Burkina Faso (FAO, I.C.R.I.S.A.T.,...)

21–30 April Spain


Scientific research stay in Andalusia. Contacts with several agricultural organizations and marketing boards, research institutions and universities, and ministries.

1984

21 June–08 July Guiné-Bissau

Identification mission for the Belgian non-governmental organization Islands of Peace. Evaluation of development policy, plus project proposal. Discussions with local authorities and stakeholders (mainland and Bijagos islands). Meetings with representatives of international and bilateral donors.

Seminars, Congresses and Lectures

Participation in seminars, conferences or lecturing on invitation or the organizers is marked by “”. Organisation of conferences or similar events printed in bold. Presentator underscored in case P. Van Damme was not present/did not present personally. Locations between brackets are virtual, Covid-19-limited events.

2020

- 15 December (Brussels (Belgium))
Young Researchers Overseas’ Day, organized by the Royal Academy of Overseas’ Sciences (RAOS)
Member of the organization and scientific committee
Chair of Oral Session II, and Poster session C
- 3 – 4 December (Almaty (Kazakhstan))
V International Agrotechnological online Summit: 'Innovative Development of the Agro-Industrial Complex in the Context of Globalization of the Economy', organised by the Kazakh National Agrarian Research University,
Participation with support address.
- 3 December (Brussels (Belgium))
First Lunchtime Ethical Forum online: the pandemic-driven digital university: temporary nightmare or seed for better higher education ?
Participation without presentation
- 26 – 27 November (Bali (Indonesia))
11th International Conference on Bioscience and Biotechnology, georganiseerd door de Faculty of Agriculture, Udayana University, Bali, Indonesia.
Keynote address (opening session 26 Nov): The prospect of agroforestry to improve livelihoods...
- 25 – 26 November (Den Haag (Netherlands))
OPCW-IFS Joint Workshop on Toxic chemicals in the environment: from understanding pollution and its impact to removal and verification techniques (on line via MS Teams)
Participation without communication
- 20- 21 November (Vienna (Austria))
ELLS Scientific Student Conference - The World of Tomorrow – A Green and Sustainable Society
Poster presentation: Urban homegardens: agrobiodiversity, food security and commercialization – a review (Rojas, L., Verner, V. & Van Damme, P.)
(https://boku.ac.at/fileadmin/data/themen/ELLS_2020/SSC2020_Oral_Poster_Sessions_expo_IP.pdf)
- 18 – 20 November (Istanbul (Turkey))
2nd International Symposium on Biodiversity Research (www.isbr2020.erdogan.edu.tr)
Poster presentation: Plant use and diversity in urban homegardens in Latin America – a review (Rojas, L., Verner, V. & Van Damme, P.) (<http://isbr2020.erdogan.edu.tr/Files/ckFiles/isbr2020-erdogan-edu-tr/Poster%20Programme%2013.11.2020.pdf>)
- 16 – 20 November (Rome (Italy))
Seventh TAP Partners Assembly (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, en Tropical Agriculture Platform), participation without presentation, as representative (and past-president) of EFARD
- 13 October (York (UK))
Towards deforestation-free supply chains. Developing effective policy and practice.
Workshop organised by the Stockholm Environment Institute York (SEI-Y) & Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL)
Participation without presentation
- 30 September (Brussels (Belgium))
Virtual EU-Canada Business Summit 2020, hosted by Canada-Europe Economic Chamber | EU
Participation without presentation

17 September (Brussels (Belgium))
Internal FRDO seminar "*Indicatoren van het federaal rapport duurzame ontwikkeling 2019*" (Indicators of the federal report sustainable development 2019)
Participation without presentation

14 September (Wageningen (Netherlands))
EFARD Virtual AGM 2020 – Strengthening EFARD's networking capability: implication for governance, partnerships, funding
Chair, with specific presentation

9 – 11 September (Germany)
(Virtual) 22d Tropentag conference – Food and Nutrition Security and its Resilience to Global Crises

6 July (Las Palmas (Spain))
University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria - Virtual SGroup Web Conference Sustainable Development - – Health, Environment, Society and Education
Panel 4 – Open Space Panel: Sustainability in Global Development Studies - Regional Cluster: invited presentation: Africa's Great Green Wall initiative and... Ghent University. Or how reforestation can be science-driven and thus more sustainable.

2019

2 – 13 December Madrid (Spain)
Conference of Parties (COP) 25 - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
Member of the Belgian Delegation, and representative of the Federal Council of Sustainable Development, working group on biodiversity (<https://unfccc.int/cop25>)

14 – 16 November Brussels (Belgium)
Exceptional session of the Crans Montana Forum-organised African Women's Forum (in association with the New Leaders for Tomorrow) - African Women: A model for their Youth but also the Whole World (<https://www.cmf.ch/index.php?page=12&eve=73>)
Participation without presentation

12 – 13 November Brussels (Belgium)
4th Global Project Steering Committee meeting for the FAO Action Against Desertification project (GCP/INT.157/EC)
Presentations:

- Large-scale restoration in practices: learning from AAD experience, en
- Concept of continuing and scaling up restoration, building on experience by AAD – other opportunities (such as GCF/GEF/bilateral) (together with dr. ir. Moctar Sacandé)

4 November Brussels (Belgium)
UIA (Union of International Associations) Associations Round Table Europe 2019 (<https://uia.org/roundtable/2019/europe/>)
Participation without presentation

24 – 28 September Cape Town (South Africa)
SER 2019. 8th World Conference on Ecological Restoration
Presentation: Assessing large-scale restoration interventions in Africa's Great Green Wall programme (Sacandé M., Martucci A. & Van Damme P.)

29 June Brussels (Belgium)
First China - Belgium Science and Technology Exchange Symposium
Session 4. Food and Agriculture - Co-chair and keynote presentation (together with ir. Emiel De Meyer): Sustainable food for a safe and nutritious future: a Belgian/European perspective

29 – 31 May Rome (Italy)
34^d GFAR (Strategic Planning and) Steering Committee Meeting

23 – 25 May Montpellier (France)
IFS Collaborative Research SAC (Scientific Advisory Committee) on agriculture, biology and forestry
– evaluation of research proposals

18 – 22 May Montpellier (France)
4th World Congress on Agroforestry

13 – 14 May Gembloux (Belgium)
CDAIS International Forum

15 – 16 May Gembloux (Belgium)
Agrinatura General Assembly (Ghent University representative) and technical workshops

2018

30 – 31 August Gent (Belgium)
Scientific innovation for a sustainable development of African agriculture.
Conference co-organised by the *Ghent Africa Platform* and the VIB (*International Plant Biotechnology Outreach*)
Member of the Scientific Committee
Keynote address: The Africa Platform of Ghent University Association: more than 10 years of building academic collaboration with Africa
Poster presentations:

- Application of extended photoperiod to lentil (*Lens culinaris* Medik.) segregating genetic material and wild accessions (*L. orientalis*): towards accelerated (pre-)breeding for rapid improved-variety development (Idrissi, O. & Van Damme, P.)
- Exploring genetic diversity and disease response of cultivated rice accessions against *Pyricularia oryzae* under rainfed upland conditions in Benin (Yelome, O.I., Audenaert, K., Landschoot, S., Dansi, A., Vanhove, W., Silue, D., Van Damme, P. & Haesaert, G.).

28 – 30 May Rome (Italy)
33^d GFAR (Strategic Planning and) Steering Committee Meeting

25 – 27 May Lund (Sweden)
IFS Collaborative Research SAC (Scientific Advisory Committee) on agriculture, biology and forestry
– evaluation of research proposals

16 – 17 May Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)
Seminar on Flood control and mitigation of climate change impact in the context of waterborne transport in the Mekong Region, organised by Flanders Investment and Trade, and Mekong River Commission for Sustainable Development
Participation without presentation

24 – 26 April Hohenheim (Germany)
Workshop: Innovation partnerships in ‘Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture’ between Europe and Africa, Asia and Latin America: experiences from PAEPARD and CDAIS (25/26 April) – Agrinatura General Assembly

2017

1 – 3 September Genève (Switzerland)
Thai Student Academic Conference. Innovation for Sustainable Life (<https://www.tsac2017.com/>)
Oral presentation:
Potential of small fishing village: opportunities and challenges for safeguarding food security in Bu Boi, Southern Thailand (Sampantamita, T.B., Van Damme, P., Roongtawanreongsrid, S. & Verzelen, K.) – best presentation award.

27 June – 1 July Basel (Switzerland)
• Participation in the general assembly of Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies/ Research Network of African Studies Centres (AEGIS) x European Conference on African Studies (ECAS)
• 7th European Conference on African Studies ECAS 2017 conferentie: Urban Africa - Urban Africans: New encounters of the rural and the urban: participation without presentation

12 – 16 June Rome (Italy)
Strategic Planning and Steering Committee Meeting
(including field visit to Agricoltura Nuova Coop)

3 – 9 June Bragança (Portugal)
Society of Economic Botany meeting ((June 4)
58 SEB Conference ‘Living in a Global World: Ethnobotany, Local Knowledge and Sustainability’ (4 – 9 June)
Chair of session 2 under the ‘Ethnobotany, ethnopharmacology and natural products: challenges and trends’ symposium
Oral presentations (http://esa.ipb.pt/seb2017/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2017-SEB-Meeting-Final-Program_Symposium-3-Sessions.pdf):
• Baobab (*Adansonia digitata* L.) and tamarind (*Tamarindus indica* L.) value chains for greater income stability in (West) African rural communities: a SWOT analysis
• How do value chains of cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* Mill.) work in the plant species' centre of origin ? (Van Damme, P. & Vanhove, W.)
• Foraging and pollinating behaviour of *Apis mellifera adansonii* Latreille (Hymenoptera: Apidae) on *Lophira lanceolata* Van Tiegh. ex Key (Ochnaceae) flowers in Meiganga (Adamawa, Cameroon) (Van Damme, P. & Soukontoua, Y.)
• Improving Indonesian cinnamon (*Cinnamomum burmannii*) value chains for greater farmer income (Van Damme, P. & Menggala, S.R.) (in ‘Agrobiodiversity and traditional knowledge: conservation strategies and sustainable development’ symposium (http://esa.ipb.pt/seb2017/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2017-SEB-Meeting-Final-Program_Symposium-4-Sessions-1.pdf))

Poster presentation:
Global medicinal plant markets: panacea or disaster - a SWOT analysis (http://esa.ipb.pt/seb2017/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2017-SEB-Meeting-Final-Program_Poster-session.pdf)

(13) 14 – 18 (19) May Nairobi (Kenya)
XXI AETFAT Conference (<http://www.aetfat2017.museums.or.ke/>)
Oral presentations
• Diversity and Nutritional Characteristics of *Garcinia kola* Heckel (Clusiaceae) in Southwest Cameroon (Manourova, A., Lojka, B., Leuner, O. & Van Damme, P.)
• Developing global medicinal plant markets: panacea or disaster - a SWOT analysis
• Foraging and pollinating behaviour of *Apis mellifera adansonii* Latreille (Hymenoptera: Apidae) on *Lophira lanceolata* Van Tiegh. ex Key (Ochnaceae) flowers in Meiganga (Adamawa, Cameroon) (Van Damme, P. & Soukontoua, Y.)

24 – 28 May Prague, and Moravia (Czech Republic)
Teaching, preparation of project proposals, and wine tour of Moravia, with several visits to winehouses in Pavlov area

(18 -) 20 – 22 (23) April Khon Kaen ((Thailand))
3d Regional Workshop. Promotion of Neglected and Underutilized Indigenous Crop Species (NUS) for Food Security and Nutrition in Southeast Asia and the EU Program. Natural Products Research Unit, Department of Chemistry, Khon Kaen University

13 – 22 February Lomé (Togo)
One week training course for would-be plant nursery technicians and landscaping architects, for Exchange VZW, and commissioned/facilitated by the Fonds d'Appui aux Initiatives Économiques des Jeunes (FAIEJ), a funding programme of the *Ministère du développement à la base, de l'artisanat, de la jeunesse et de l'emploi des jeunes*, together with mrs. Inge De Bruycker, landscaping architect

7 – 10 February Rome (Italy)
GFAR Steering Committee Meeting

2016

18 – 21 October Cali (Colombia)
2016 Conferencia ESP Latinoamérica y el Caribe. Ecosistemas Sanos para Sociedades Resilientes Conferencia Latinoamérica de la Alianza de Servicios Ecosistémicos (Ecosystem Services Partnership – ESP)
Presentation: *Biodiversidad y agricultura campesina: una relacion simbiotica que moldea la funcion de produccion de los pequenos productores* (Espinel, R., Van Damme, P., Herrera, P., Torres, M. & Villa-Cox, G.)

6 – 7 October Brussels (Belgium)
European OneHealth/EcoHealth Workshop (<http://www.biodiversity.be/health/58>)
Convenor of and oral presentation in the Nature Health Benefits session (6 October): Developing global medicinal plant markets: panacea or disaster ?

22 – 23 September Antwerp (Belgium)
European Ecosystem Services Conference – Helping Nature to Help us
Participation without presentation
(<http://www.esconference2016.eu/86157#.WAKrzPI97IU>)

18 – 21 September Vienna (Austria)
Tropentag 2016 Solidarity in a competing world — fair use of resources
Organised by the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU Vienna), Austria
Chair of oral session I and II Cropping systems and poster sessions I and II Cropping systems
Poster presentations:

- *Sesbania rostrata* (Bremek & Oberm.) as Biological Nitrogen Fixator for Sustainable Lowland Rice Production (Wabi, M.A., Verzelen, K., Houngnandan, P., Vanhove, W., Glèlè Kakaï R. L. & Van Damme, P.)
- Genetic Structure of the CITES-Listed Rosewood Species *Dalbergia oliveri* from Indochina: Implications for Conservation (Tran, H., Van Damme, P. & Widmer, A.)
- Traditional Foods Contribute to the Minimum Dietary Diversity Score of Indigenous Woman in Guasaganda, Ecuador (Penafiel, D., Lachat, C., Espinel, R. & Van Damme, P.)

(cf.:http://www.tropentag.de/2016/abstracts/abstracts.php?menu=1&noID=0&noposter=0&showtime=1#Subgroup_1a)

1 - 7 July Kampala (Uganda)
15th Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology. Ethnobiological knowledge for improved human wellbeing and development ([www.http://isecongress2016.org/](http://isecongress2016.org/))

1 – 5 June Bergen (Norway)

IASSIST (International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology - <http://www.iassistdata.org/about/index.html>) (Big Data) Conference - Embracing the 'Data Revolution': Opportunities and Challenges for Research (<http://iassist2016.org/>)
Participation without presentation

09 – 18 May Debre Berhan (Ethiopia)
3d International Research Symposium (May 10 – 13) – Research and Innovation towards the Achievement and Implementation of the Second Growth and Transformation Plan/GTP II
Keynote address:
Field visits to medicinal projects in Debre Berhan area, to Lalibela and Addis Abeba

30 April – 5 May Dakar (Senegal)
Session moderator for the First GGWSSI conference (<https://sawap.net/2016/04/05/first-great-green-wall-conference-may-2-7-2016-dakar-senegal/>) – Restoring Africa's landscapes: the way forward
Discussions with FAO, and major donors, on possible collaboration

2015 – to be updated

3 – 4 November Prague (Czech Republic)
Second international Tropical Biodiversity Conservation Conference (TBCC)
Keynote address – Leveraging livelihood benefits from plant biodiversity: challenges, needs and opportunities (3 November)

8 - 10 July Paris (France)
ECAS 2015 - 6th European Conference on African Studies: Collective Mobilisations in Africa. Contestation, Resistance, Revolt.
Speaker/presenter at African Studies Journals Round Table/T6 Promoting Interdisciplinary Approach (8 July)

26 June – 5 July Clanwilliam (South Africa)
56th Annual Conference of the Society for Economic Botany, and 18th Annual conference of the Indigenous Plant Use Forum: Global vision on indigenous plants and economic botany.
28 June: board meeting of the Society for Economic Botany
Oral presentation (in Medicinal plants' session):

- Medicinal plants used for treatment of diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular ailments in West Cameroon (Zhang, R., Van Damme, P., Verzelen, K. & Tsobou, R.)
- Medicinal plants used for treating reproductive health care problems in Bamboutos Division, West Region, Cameroon (Tsobou, R., Van Damme, P. & Mapongmetsem, P.-M.)

Poster presentations:

- Comparison of plant uses of two mestizo communities in the Peruvian Amazon of the Ucayali region (Vael, L., Cruz-Garcia, G. S., Chuspe Zans, M.E., Sánchez-Choy, J., Verzelen, K. & Van Damme, P.)
- *In vitro* antimicrobial activity of plants used in traditional medicine in Gurage and Silti Zones, south central Ethiopia (Teka, A., Rondevaldova, J., Asfaw, Z., Demissew, S., Van Damme, P. & Kokoska, L.)

Mentor meeting with Tabita N. Randrianarivony
Chair of the Marketing and Trade session (July 2)
Fulling Award (Best presentation) Jury member

01 – 04 June Prague (Czech Republic)
Students' scientific paper presentations – MSc These Defenses (Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences) in the domains of: Tropical Forestry and Agroforestry, Tropical Crop Management and Ecology,

Wildlife Management in Tropics and Subtropics, and Animal and Food Science in Tropics and Subtropics.

12 – 14 May Meknès (Morocco)
XVI GERMPA Meeting on almonds and pistachios, organized by *Ecole Nationale d'Agriculture de Meknès* and *Institut agronomique méditerranéen de Saragosse* (IAMZ-CINEAM)
Oral presentation: Impact of osmotic drought stress on carbon isotope discrimination and growth parameters in three pistachio rootstocks (Esmailpour, A., Van Labeke, M. C., Boeckx, P. and Van Damme, P.)

7 – 10 April Marrakech (Morocco)
International Symposium. The Plant Kingdom: source of drugs, nutraceuticals and cosmetics.
Oral communication: Potential medicinal plants used by traditional healers in western areas of Burkina Faso (Zerbo, P., Compaoré, M., Méda, N.T. R., Lamien-Méda, A., Kiendrebéogo M. & Van Damme P.).

2014 – to be updated

06 December Brussels (Belgium)
European Microfinance Programme (EMP)
3-hours course on: Microfinance Institutions – the case of northern Togo

19 – 22 November Stockholm (Sweden)
IFS board meeting
Discussions on fund raising strategy, networking, planning,..

16 – 19 November London (UK)
Participation in the SRI EU-financed LEONARDO life-long learning project partner meeting (SRI: Socially Responsible Investing) (www.sustainable-investment.eu)
Discussions on training contents, planning of future activities,..

6 – 17 October Pyeongchang (Republic of Korea)
COP 12 - Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (<http://www.cbd.int/cop/>)
Delegation member of the Belgian Government and IUFRO
Co-organisation of the Tree Diversity Day (10 October) and oral presentation in the CGIAR-hosted side event:
Session 3: Trees for food and nutrition- Emerging findings of the Global Expert Panel on Forests and Food Security
Oral contribution: Forests and trees on farm for sustainable diets

29 September - 17 October Pyeongchang (Republic of Korea)
Twelfth meeting of the conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 12)
Seventh meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 7)
First meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (CAOP-MOP 1)

17 – 19 September Prague (Czech Republic)

Tropentag - Bridging the gap between increasing knowledge and decreasing resources (<http://www.tropentag.de/>)

Lead paper (on the Plants and Soils, Crop Management session): 'Traditional' Agriculture Versus Biotechnology: Challenges for Research and (development) Practice (<http://www.tropentag.de/abstract.php?code=TZwwQWwC>) (together with Wouter Vanhove)

6 – 14 September San José (Costa Rica)

7th Ecosystem Services Partnership Conference – Local action for the common good (8 – 12 September) (http://www.esconference.org/ESP_Conference)

Oral presentation (in session E3 – 43: Implementation of the ecosystem services approach in fresh water management and wetland protection; part 3: impact of aquatic ecosystem change on ecosystem services):

- Managing an invasive alien aquatic fern, *Azolla filiculoides* (Lam.) Azollaceae in a northern Iranian wetland (together with Sadeghi Roghayeh and Rahmat Zarkami)

15 – 28 August Brisbane (Australia)

XXIX International Horticultural Congress – Sustaining lives, livelihoods and landscapes (17 – 22 August) (<http://www.ihc2014.org/index.html>)

- WOCMAP Digital Poster Session leader (together with Joanna Jamie) (18 August)
- WOCMAP Session 2: New Biological and Pharmacological Approaches to the Study of MAPs

Oral presentation:

In Vitro Antimicrobial Activity of Medicinal Plants From Ankober District, Amhara Region, Ethiopia (Lulekal, E., Rondelova, J., Bernaskova, E., Cepkova, J., Zemedede, A., Ensermu, K., Kokoska, L. & Van Damme, P.)

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Poster presentations

25 – 28 June Berlin (Germany)

Participation in the SRI EU-financed LEONARDO life-long learning project partner meeting (SRI: Socially Responsible Investing) (www.sustainable-investment.eu)

Discussions on training contents, planning of future activities,...

20 – 24 June Brazzaville (Republic of Congo)

Jury member for the PhD defence of Bernard Lelou (promoter) (*Université de Brazzaville*)

Rwanda

29 May – 9 June Bumthang (Bhutan)

14th International Conference of the International Society of Ethnobiology – *Chi Nor Zom Bu Ling* – One Earth for All. Regenerating Biocultural Ecosystem Resilience (1 – 7 June)

(<http://isecongress2014bhutan.org/>)

Participation without presentation

24 – 27 May Stockholm (Sweden)

IFS: joint C and D SAC meetings

IFS: Board discussion/planning meetings

Rome

9 – 14 May Cherokee (USA)

Joint Society Conference Society for Economic Botany & Society of Ethnobiology – The energy of people, places and life (11 – 14 May)

(<https://www.econbot.org/index.php?module=content&type=user&func=view&pid=46>)

Participation without communication

Society of Economic Board meeting (10 May) (with election into the SEB Board:

<https://www.econbot.org/index.php?module=content&type=user&func=view&pid=10>)

05 – 07 May Madrid (Spain)

External jury member for the PhD defence of Rodrigo Camàra-Leret (*Universidad Autonoma Madrid*) (promoter: prof. dr. Manuel J. Macía)

8 – 15 February Delhi (India)

World Congress on Agroforestry 2014

Participation without presentation

11- 18 January Stellenbosch (South Africa)

AETFAT conference

2013

14 December Brussels (Belgium)

European Microfinance Programme (EMP)

3-hours course on: Microfinance Institutions – the case of northern Togo

6 December Ghent (Belgium)

7th symposium of the Ghent Africa Platform – GAPSVM7: Africa and Food: challenges, risks and opportunities

Overall organizer/chair

Opening Address: Opening of the symposium and presentation of this year's theme

Food Security Session: oral presentations:

- Wild edible plants in Ethiopia: a review on their potential to combat food insecurity (Lulekal, E. & Van Damme, P.)
- Can wild edible plants guarantee food security? A case from RD Congo (Termote C. & Van Damme, P.)

5 December Ghent (Belgium)

Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the International Training Programme in Soil Science. Thematic Day 2013: '50 years of sharing knowledge in soil science for worldwide sustainable development'. Organisation: International Training Centre for Post-Graduate Soil Scientists (ITC-Ghent), Ghent University.

Participation without communication

21 November Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Conferencia general del proyecto SALSA – jornada de sustentabilidad en las cadenas de soja y carne entre America Latina y Europa (<http://www.salsaproject.eu/>)

Participation without communication

22 November Buenos Aires (Argentina)

SALSA (<http://www.salsaproject.eu/>) – meeting on project work package 4




13 November Luxemburg (Luxemburg)


European Microfinance Week 2013 – The future of microfinance: investing in inclusive growth (<http://emfp.ccrn.lu>)

Opponent in session: Agricultural microfinance for smallholder farmers organised by the University meets Microfinance Action group


5 – 9 October Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
Malaysian International Cocoa Conference Innovation and technology driving cocoa productivity/sustainability (MICC – <http://www.koko.gov.my/micf2013/micc.html>)
Session III – Agronomy: oral presentation: Short-term impact and interaction effects of cocoa rehabilitation treatments (Vanhove, W., Van Damme, P., Vanhoudt, N. & Anselmi, C.)

30 September– 1 October Brussels (Belgium)
International conference. Nutrition and Food Production in the Congo Basin, organised by the Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences (RAO) and the Royal Academies of Sciences and Arts, Belgium: National Committee for Biological Sciences
Chair of session on Biological aspects (together with prof. dr. ir. Eric Tollens) (1 October)
Poster presentation: (Patrick Van Damme en Céline Termote): Wild Edible Plant Use in Tshopo District, DR Congo

 25 – 30 september Accra (Ghana)
Third International Conference on Neglected and Underutilized Species (NUS) for a Food-Secure Africa (<http://nus2013.org/>)
Keynote address for Theme 1 - Resilience & livelihood (T1): Leveraging livelihood benefits from NUS through agricultural research: challenges, needs and opportunities


 16 September Hyderabad (India)
Invited lecture for the International Crops Research Centre for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT, www.icrisat.org): Strategies for making the dryland systems more resilient in a changing climate scenario.

11 – 13 September Ghent (Belgium)
138th European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) Seminar: Pro-poor innovations in food supply chains
Presentation (in: Contributed paper session 2/Transaction costs): Characteristics and choice of governance typology in the NRFP value chain in Cameroon – a transaction cost approach (Foundjem-Tita, D., D’Haese, M.K., Degrande, A., Van Huyelenbroeck, G., Tchoundjeu, Z. en Van Damme, P.)

 26 – 31 August Denpasar (Bali/Indonesia)
6th Annual International Ecosystem Services Partnership Conference 2013 – Making Ecosystem Services Count

- Co-organisation/co-host (together with dr. H. Keune and dr. C. Kretsch) of workshop nr 6: Ecosystem services – public health (TGW 6B) (http://www.esconference.org/ESP_Conference/80772/5/0/60#6)
- Rapporteur for TGW 6B position/conclusions, and TGW 6B representative/panel member during concluding panel discussion
- Invited oral presentation: Can food from the forest really guarantee food security to resource-poor farmers? (Van Damme, P. & Termote, C.)

Resource person for the open session and working group on ‘Voluntary standards and certification of forest and agroforestry commodities’

 22 August Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
Visit of The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, and oral presentation on: Forests and trees (on farms) for/in sustainable diets

29 June – 2 July Plymouth (UK)
54th annual meeting of the Society for Economic Botany – what is your message – are we getting it across ?

Oral presentations:

- Identification, local importance and interest of medicinal plants used by traditional healers in the region of Mbanza-Ngungu (RMN), DRC (Nzuki, B. F., Termote, C., Kibungu, K. & Van Damme, P.)
- Ethnomedicinal study of medicinal plants in Mana Angetu District, southeastern Ethiopia (Van Damme, P. & Lulekal, E.)
- In vitro antimicrobial activity of 19 medicinal plants from Ankober District, Ethiopia (Van Damme, P., Lulekal, E., Kokoska, L. en Rondevaldova, J.)

26 – 29 June

Lisbon (Portugal)

AEGIS/ECASconference 2013: African dynamics in a multipolar world

Participation in General Assembly of member organisations as representative of the *Gents Afrika Platform (GAP) (Plenary meeting, 26 June)*

Organisation/management of workshop/round table on: Writing in African Studies Journals: what, how, and where ?

17 – 19 June

Montréal (Canada)

International Symposium on Medicinal Plants and Natural Products

Université de Montréal

Oral presentations:

- Traditional medicine in the region of Mbanza-Ngungu (RMN), province of Bas-Congo, DRC (Nzuki, F. & Van Damme, P.)
- An ethnomedicinal study of medicinal plants from Ankober District, Ethiopia (Lulekal, E. & Van Damme, P.)
- In vitro antimicrobial activity of some medicinal plants from Ankober District, Ethiopia (Lulekal, E., Rondevaldova, J., Bernaskova, E., Cepkova, J., Asfaw, Z., Kelbessa, E., Kokoska, L. en Van Damme, P.)

Round table conversations:

- Medicinal Plants and Public Health (together with dr. Ghaemghami, Haddad, Michel, Dudai, Mesa en Hay), and
- Indigenous people and communication (together with Hay, Haddad, Haddad and Michel)

Session chair for 'Micropropagation and evaluation' session

5 – 7 June

Antwerp (Belgium)

9th International Conference on Renewable Resources & Biorefineries

Oral presentation: *Euphorbia tirucalli* is a better and more sustainable source of biofuel than *Jatropha curcas* ... - alternative .. euh... alternatives to fossil fuels. An eye on *Jatropha curcas* and *Euphorbia tirucalli*

1 June

Brussels (Belgium)

Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences

Conference convenor/organisation: "*Mondiale berichtgeving. Realistische beeldvorming ?*" – Global journalism, realistic or mythical information transfer.



13 - 15 May

Rome (Italy)

International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition, FAO (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/food-security/en/>)

Keynote speaker for Parallel session 3. The role of forests and trees in sustainable diets
presentation: Forests and trees on farm in sustainable diets

14 March Brussels (Belgium)
'The future we want for all' - *choix politiques pour le future* (14-03-2013). *Un nouveau cadre pour le développement et la coopération après 2015*
Federal parliament and the Coalition Against Hunger
Participation without presentation



9 March Brussels (Belgium)
7th Annual Session of the Crans Montana Forum on Africa and South-South Cooperation: Africa in 2013. Upheavals and changes
Participation without presentation (also see: <http://cmf.ch/about/presentation>).

6 – 8 March Bayamo (Cuba)
IV Congreso Cubano de Desarrollo Local. Articulando estrategias para un desarrollo sostenible en VII Taller Internacional de Agricultura Sostenible y Biotecnología Vegetal
Poster presentation:

- Saline crops for overcoming soil salinity in eastern Cuba: Institutional strengthening and capacity building for research and development (López Sánchez, R.C., Gómez, E., Avila, C., Alarcón, K., Argentel, L., Samson, R. & Van Damme, P.)

Oral presentation:

- *Fijacion biologica de nitrogeno en plantas de frijol caupi (Vigna unguiculata L. Walp) desarrolladas en condiciones de estrés salino* (Gomez Parilla, E., Ruiz-Diez, B., Fernández Pascual, M., Fajardo, S., Gomez Buzan, E., Eichler-Löbermann, B., Samson, R., Van Damme, P. & Lopez Sanchez, R.)
- *Evaluacion de la tolerancia a la salinidad en variedades de tomate (Solanum lycopersicum L.)* (Gomez Parilla, E., Ruiz-Diez, B., Fernández Pascual, M., Fajardo, S., Gomez Buzan, E., Eichler-Löbermann, B., Samson, R., Van Damme, P. & Lopez Sanchez, R.)

8 February Brussels (Belgium)
European Microfinance Programme (EMP)
3-hours course on: Microfinance Institutions – the case of northern Togo

8 February Ghent (Belgium)
18th National symposium on applied biological sciences (<http://www.nsabs2013.ugent.be/>)
Poster presentations:

- Classification trees and support vector machines methods used to study habitat requirements of *Azolla filiculoides* (Lam.) in Selkeh wetland, Iran (Sadeghi, R., Zarkami, R., Sabetraftar, K & Van Damme, P.)
- Use of support vector machines combined with genetic algorithm and greedy stepwise methods for prediction of habitat requirements of *Azolla filiculoides* (Lam.) in Selkeh wetland (Iran) (Sadeghi, R., Zarkami, R., Sabetraftar, K & Van Damme, P.)

2012

12 – 15 November Venice (Italy)
Fourth International Symposium on energy from biomass and waste
Oral presentation:
Euphorbia tirucalli is a better and more sustainable source of biofuel than *Jatropha curcas* (in: Session B7 – AD Algae & winery waste).

15 – 19 October

Ciego de Avila (Cuba)

X Conferencia científica UNICA 2012

Oral presentation: Selection of Tolerant Crops to Be Used in Tropical Salt Affected Soils (López Sánchez, R.C., Gómez Padilla, E.J., Alarcón Barredo, K.Y., Avila Amador, C.A., Eichler-Loebermann, B., Van Damme, P. & Samson, R.).

26 – 28 September

Yaoundé (Cameroon)

Overall coordination, and member of the organising and scientific committee of the Tree product value chains for Africa symposium, organized by ICRAF, UGent, and GAP at the end of the 4 year R&D project AFTP4A (Agroforestry tree products for Africa), financed by the Belgian development cooperation.

Keynote address (in the Tapping the green market session)

Tapping the green market - constraints and opportunities for AFTP promotion

Oral presentations

- Domestication of *Allanblackia* species (Clusiaceae): State-of-the-Art (Asaah, E.K., Tsobeng, A., Tchoundjeu, Z., Van Damme, P., Jamnadass, R., Ofori, D., Mujuga, M. and Perpera, T.)
- Ecological and human impacts on stand density and distribution of tamarind (*Tamarindus indica* L., Fabaceae) in Senegal (Bourou S., Ndiaye, F. and Van Damme, P.)
- Whose view counts? Impact assessment of a rural development project through the eyes of farmers, researchers and development staff (Cosyns, H., Van Damme, P., De Wulf, R. and Degrande, A.)
- Trade permits, delays and costs in the Non Timber Forests Products value chain in Cameroon (Foundjem-Tita, D., Speelman, S., D'Haese, M., Degrande, A., Van Huylenbroeck, G., Van Damme, P. and Tchoundjeu Z.).

Poster presentations

- *Effets de l'inoculation mycorhizienne sur le comportement agro-physiologique des écotypes du tamarinier (Tamarindus indica L., Fabaceae) au Sénégal* (Sali, B., Ndiaye, F. and Van Damme P.)
- Effect of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi on drought tolerance of baobab (*Adansonia digitata* L., Malvaceae) (Niang, M., Ndiaye, F., Diouf, M., Dio, P. T., Cissé, D. and Van Damme, P.)
- Domestication of *Allanblackia floribunda* Oliver of humid forest zone of Cameroon through air-layering (Tsobeng, A., Van Damme, P., Tchoundjeu, Z., Bell, J.M., Jamnadass, R., Asaah, E and Ngonkeu E. L. M.)
- *Moringa oleifera* (Lam.) production adds value to degraded farms in Ghana (Mbi Enoh-Arthur, S. and Van Damme, P.)
- Processing of *Ricinodendron heudelotii* (Baill. Pierre ex Pax) seeds: influence of pretreatment on mechanized cracking (Mbosso, C., Tabougue, P., Degrande, A., Van Damme, P. and Tchoundjeu Z.)
- Can commercialization of NTFPs alleviate poverty? A case study of *Ricinodendron heudelotii* (Baill.) Pierre ex Pax. kernel marketing in Cameroon (Cosyns, H., Degrande, A., De Wulf, R., Van Damme P. and Tchoundjeu, Z.)
- Can awareness and properly enforced policy instruments affect farmers' on-farm tree planting decisions? Evidence based on farmers' perception in Cameroon (Foundjem-Tita, D., D'Haese, M., Degrande, A., Gyau, A., Speelman, S., Van Damme, P., Tchoundjeu, Z. and Van Huylenbroeck, G.).

19 – 21 September

Göttingen (Germany)

Tropentag 2012, organised by the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen and University of Kassel-Witzenhausen

Poster presentations:

- *Euphorbia tirucalli* - physiological and genetical characterization of a drought tolerant plant and its potential as a source for bioenergy production (Hastilestari, B.R., Guretzki, S., Mudersbach, M., Biskupek-Korell, B., Van Damme, P.L.J & Jutta Papenbrock).
- Selection of Tolerant Crops to be Used in Tropical Salt-Affected Soils (Sánchez, R.C.L., Padilla, E.J.G., Barredo, K.Y.A., Amador, C.A., Eichler-Löbermann, B., Van Damme, P. & Samson, R.).

2 – 6 September
Graz (Austria)
13th international congress of the Society for Ethnopharmacology (<http://ise13.uni-graz.at>)

Oral presentation:

Antimicrobial activity of medicinal plants from Ankober district, Amhara region, Ethiopia (Ermias Lulekal Molla, Lulel, E., Rondevaldova, J., Bernaskova, E., Asfaw, Z., Kelbessa, E., Kokoska, L. & Van Damme, P.).

1 – 6 August
Dakar (Senegal)
Animation scientifique élargie – Centre National de Recherche Forestière

Oral presentation:

Eco-physiological study of tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*) in a tropical, arid environment (Bourou, S., Diouf, M. & Van Damme, P.).

3 May
Brussels (Belgium)
Hoe biodivers/duurzaam is onze landbouw/voedselvoorziening/How Biodiverse/sustainable is our Belgian agriculture/food provision system
Presentation for the Ministry of Agriculture, department of agriculture and fisheries, Monitoring and Research Unit (transition exercise ‘Agriculture 2050’)

13 March
Gent (Belgium)
Wetenschapscafé Duurzame landbouw – Utopie of mogelijkheid/Science café Sustainable Agriculture – Utopia or possibility (www.wetenschapscafe Gent.be) (opponent: prof. dr. ir. Geert Haesaert, HoGent; moderator: Joël De Ceulaer)

8 March
Gent (Belgium)
Inleider voor het Panelgesprek over Kunst en Maatschappij in Afrika/Introductory keynote panel meeting on Art and Society (organised by GAP and AVRUG)

8 March
Gent (Belgium)
International symposium: A multiple stakeholders perspective on gold mining and gold consumption (organised door CATAPA, UGent, VAIS, ECOLIFE and Netwerk bewust verbruiken)
Introductory keynote for the *Panel discussion on certification*

4 – 6 January
Oxford (UK)
Climate Change and Deforestation. The Future of African Rainforests. International Conference
Poster presentations:

- Sustainable partnerships in Agroforestry practices for climate change adaptation using *Moringa oleifera* in Ghana (Enoh-Arthur, S., Van Damme, P.)
- The perceptions of local farmers on *Moringa oleifera* leaf abscission with green leaf manure potential for rehabilitation of exhausted degraded farm lands (Enoh-Arthur, S., Van Damme, P.).

2011

15 October
Brussels (Belgium)
The official Belgian policy against hunger ?.. World Food Day – How will we solve the food crisis ?
Organized by the Federal Parliament and the Coalition against Hunger.
Participation without presentation

26 – 30 June
Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

2nd International Symposium on Underutilised Plant Species – Crops for the future: beyond food security

Member of the scientific committee

Session chair: Theme 2: Economic and marketing potential – building value chains

Keynote paper: Underutilised plant species and value chains – the case for baobab and tamarind

Oral presentations:

- Characterisation, sustainable use and value chains of *Annona chermola* Mill. in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia (Van Damme, P., Vanhove, W. & Scheldeman, X.)
- Density and distribution of tamarind (*Tamarindus indica* L.) in Senegal: assessing the potential of a Sahel tree to adapt to climate change (Bourou, S. & Van Damme, P.)
- Physiological adaptation of tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*) in relation to progressive drought stress (Belko, M. N. & Van Damme, P.).



13 April

Addis Abeba (Ethiopia)

Addis Abeba University seminar series

Oral presentation: Wild edible plants: a review of their potential to combat food insecurity, the case of Ethiopia. (Lulekal, E., Zemed, A., Kelbessa, E. & Van Damme, P.).



31 March

Kortrijk (Belgium)

Ethical enterprise (MVO; www.mvo-event.be) – participation via exhibition/poster presentation on *Euphorbia tirucalli*, the petrol plant.



9 – 11 March

Bayamo (Cuba)

V Taller Internacional de Agricultura sostenible y Biotecnología Vegetal – ASBIO 2011

Invited keynote address: Fifteen years of research on cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* L.) in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia (presented in Spanish: *15 Anos de investigación con cherimoya (Annona cherimola L.) en Ecuador, Peru y Bolivia* (in collaboration with Scheldeman, X. and Vanhove, W.)

2010

20 December

Gent (Belgium)

16th PhD Symposium on Applied Biological Sciences, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Ghent University

Oral presentation: *Plant species composition and vegetation structure of the Angetu forest* (Lukelal, E. & Van Damme, P.)

Poster presentations:

B5 *Density and distribution of tamarind (Tamarindus indica L.) in Senegal assessing a Sahel tree's potential to adapt to climate change* (Bourou, S. & Van Damme, P.)

F5 *Determination of trophic condition in Gheshlagh river (western Iran)* (Rezaei, F. & Van Damme, P.)

F6 *Dam presence impact on water quality of Gheshlagh river (western Iran)* (Rezaei, F. & Van Damme, P.)

9 December

Brussels (Belgium)

Population growth, food security and biodiversity conservation: a key challenge for the next decades. Symposium organized by IUCN, UNEP en UGent

Presentation:

Can we produce enough food without destroying our planet

3 December

Gent (Belgium)

Gent University Association reaches out: Which role for higher education in Society ?

Participation without presentation

24 – 26 November Dakar (Senegal)
Ecole doctorale Sciences de la vie, de la santé et de l'environnement (EDSEV)
Oral presentation:
Amélioration variétale du sésame (Sesamum indicum L.) par mutation induite: types et fréquences des mutations (Seyni Boureima, Diop, T. & Van Damme, P.)



3 – 5 November Chiapas (Mexico)
IV Congreso Internacional y V Congreso Nacional de Anonáceas
Invited speaker: A review of 15 years of research on *Annona cherimola* in its centre of origin: successes and avenues for further research

3 – 8 October Lisbon (Portugal)
VII International Ethnobotany Symposio
Oral presentations:
The ethnobotany of the Turumbu, tropical forest zone of Democratic Republic of Congo: wild edible plants (Van Damme, P. & Termote, C.)
Sustainable harvest of twelve medicinal tree species from Benin (Van Damme, P. & Delvaux, C.)
Session chair for the Ethnopharmacology, pharmacognosy, medicinal plants session (Thursday, 7 October)

28 September Gent (Belgium)
Exchange conference on Feed, Food & Health
Poster presentation:
Sixty years of food-oriented research and development experience at UGent's tropical lab

20 – 22 September Kortrijk (Belgium)
Chef 10 – professional fair for master chefs
Poster presentation:
Sixty years of food-oriented research and development experience at UGent's tropical lab

14 – 16 September Zürich (Switzerland)
Tropentag 2010 – World food system – a contribution from Europe
Poster presentations:

- Evaluation of selected pesticidal plants extracts against major cabbage insect pests in the field (Mwine, J. & Van Damme, P.)
- Response of *Clitoria ternatea* and *Vigna unguiculata* to inoculation with *Rhizobium* and *Bradyrhizobium* strains in salt-affected soils in the Cauto valley, Cuba (Lopez Sanchez, R.C., Gomez Padilla, E., Eichler-Loebermann, B., Fernandez-Pascual, M., Ruiz-Diez, B., Samson, R. en Van Damme, P.)

23 – 28 August Seoul (Korea)
XXIII IUFRO World Congress 'Forests for the future: sustaining society and the environment'.
Oral presentation:
Institutional arrangements: a driving force for NTFPs as a livelihoods option. Case study of ADEAC Cameroon (Foundjem-Tita, D., Van Damme, P., Degrande, A. en D'haese, M.)

Windhoek (Namibia)

TUCSIN,

8 – 11 juli Canterbury (UK)

5 – 7 juli Hannover (Duitsland)

Wageningen

Discussies/project planning

24 – 25 June Fort Collins (USA)
Plant Breeding for Drought Tolerance, symposium organised by Colorado State University
Oral presentation:
Effects of water deficit induced by PEG-6000 on germination of some confirmed sesame (*Sesamum indicum L.*) mutants (Boureima, S., Eyletters, M., Diouf, M. en Van Damme, P.) – price-winning presentation (1000 US \$)

6 – 11 June Xalapa (Mexico)
51th Annual meeting of the Society for Economic Botany
Featured symposium: Agrobiodiversity: lessons for conservation and local development
Oral presentation:

- Wild edible plant knowledge by the Turumbu, Mbole and Bali ethnic groups, district Tshopo, Oriental Province, DR Congo (together with Céline Termote)

10 – 11 May Yerevan (Armenia)
European FAO-Civil Society Consultation
Policy Response to Challenges in Agriculture and Rural Development in the Europe and Central Asia Region – Sharing Experience and Enhancing Cooperation in the Region
Participation without presentation

 27 May Guayaquil/ESPOL (Ecuador)
INIAP/Biodiversity day

26 – 30 April Antananarivo (Madagascar)
19th AETFAT Congress
Member of the scientific committee
Poster presentation:

- Recovery from bark harvesting of twelve medicinal tree species in Benin (Delvaux, C. & Van Damme, P.)


9-10 February Ebolowa (Cameroon).
First Steering Committee meeting: “Increasing small-scale farmer benefits from agroforestry tree products in West and Central Africa” (AFTP4A)
First Steering Committee meeting: “Promoting Rural Innovation through Participatory Tree Domestication in West and Central Africa

2009

15 – 17 December Djerba (Tunisia)
3^o Meeting internationale sur l'aridoculture et les cultures oasiennes
Member of the scientific committee
Oral presentation

- *Impact de la responsabilisation de la population locale dans la conservation de la biodiversité végétale (Zerbo, P., Millogo-Rasolodimby, J. & Van Damme, P.)*

DADOBAT

 9 – 12 November Bamako (Mali)
Promoting local fruit trees in the Sahel (SAFRUIT-organised)
Oral presentation
Results from the DADOBAT project on *Tamarindus indica* and *Adansonia digitata*.

18 – 21 oktober Avignon (Frankrijk)

FAVHealth 2009. Troisième symposium international sur les effets des fruits et légumes sur la santé humaine

Oral presentation:

- Effect of a health claim on the acceptance of two açai fruit juices with a low and high a priori liking (Sabbe S, Verbeke W., Deliza R., Matta V. and Van Damme, P.)



12 – 14 October

Kinshasa (DRC)

6 – 10 October

Sanliurfa (Turkey)

V International Symposium on Pistachios and Almonds

Member of scientific committee

29 September – 3 October

Meknès (Morocco)

4th International Symposium on Fig

Member of scientific committee

Oral presentations:

- Fig (*Ficus carica* L.) cultivation systems and cultivars diversity in Moulay Driss Zerhoun (Morocco) (Messaoudi, Z., El Khaloui, M., Ibrahimy, A., Khatib, F., Perichon, S. and Van Damme, P.);
- Morphological and chemical characterisation of Moroccan local fig varieties (Messaoudi, Z., Aghanbou, H., Adardor, R., Kajji, A. and Van Damme, P.);
- Evaluation of Moroccan local varieties (Messaoudi, Z., Aghanbou, H., Adardor, R., Kajji, A. and Van Damme, P.).

Poster presentation

- Comparison between fig (*Ficus carica* L.) propagation techniques (Messaoudi, Z., Khatib, F. and Van Damme, P.).

21 – 25 September

San Bernardo de Bariloche (Argentina)

5th International Congress on EthnoBotany (ICEB 2009)

Member of the scientific committee

(<http://www.fca.unju.edu.ar/risapret/iceb2009/iceb.html>)

31 August – 3 September

Nairobi (Kenya)

All Africa Horticulture Congress (AAHC), organised by GlobalHort and KARI (Kenya)

Member of the scientific committee (<http://www.globalhort.org/news-events/all-africa-horticulture-congress/committees/>)

23 – 28 August

Nairobi (Kenya)

2d World Congress of Agroforestry – Agroforestry: the future of global land use

- Co-organisator of technical session: Hot or cold: the role of underutilised crops for AF, in Theme: Markets as opportunities and drivers of Agroforestry (together with Dr. Hannah Jaenicke, ICUC Sri Lanka)
- Member of the scientific committee (<http://www.worldagroforestry.org/wca2009/>)
- Session leader for technical session 27: The role of underutilized crops for agroforestry

Presentation

Poster presentation

4 – 10 July

Yaoundé (Cameroon)

Développement d'une méthodologie pour évaluer l'impact des nouvelles technologies et nouveaux mécanismes sur le bien-être des ménages et sur les ressources naturelles (6-7 juillet, Yaoundé)

Workshop organised by ICRAF/UGent in preparation of project AFTP4A (Increasing small-scale farmer benefits from agroforestry tree products in West and Central Africa)

Session leader for: *Identification des changements attendus et formulation des hypothèses d'impact au niveau des ressources naturelles*



27 June Brussels (Belgium)

20th Crans Montana Forum

Specialised session 3: Investing in durable food security: Africa first

Session leader-moderator (together with dr. ir. Emile Frison, Director General, Bioversity International, CGIAR)

(http://www.cmf.ch/events/crans_montana_forum2009/speakers_contributions.php)

8-10 June Warsaw (Poland)

Co-organisation van de “*Agriculture Production workshop*”, Warsaw University of Life Sciences-SGGW (www.sggw.pl)

presentation

- Presentation of the network, and objectives’ definition of the workshop

19 – 22 May Kampala (Uganda)

African Organic Conference 2009: fast tracking sustainable development in Africa through harnessing organic agriculture and biotechnology

Member of the scientific committee

Presentations

Invited speaker:

- key note address: Ethnobotanical and indigenous knowledge-based research for increased knowledge on biodiversity for use in organic farming
- oral presentation: Indigenous biodiversity as a potential source of crops for future satisfaction of consumer demand.

Poster presentations

- Mwine, J., Van Damme, P., Kamoga, G. & Jumba, F., An inventory of pesticidal plants used in Maraka district in Central Uganda
- Ssekya, C., Van Damme, P. & Steele, K.A., Molecular characterisation of tomato leaf curl disease causing viruses in Uganda

Overall theme leader for sessions 3 (Pest and disease management – challenges and solutions) and 4 (Post-harvest handling, processing and marketing) (Thursday May 21)

Convenor for the parallel session of Friday 21: Inter-faculty social science seminar on indigenous knowledge in Africa: Indigenous and farmer-led knowledge contribution to enhancing the sustainability of organic agriculture in Africa (together with J.C. Katongole, Umu)

18 May Makerere (Uganda)

Invited lecture: Ethnobotanical research for increased knowledge on biodiversity: examples from the field (Africa, Latin America)

April

Montréal (Canada)

3 – 4 March Cuscatlàn (El Salvador)

I Seminario Nacional de la Agroindustria Frutícola Salvadoreña

Presentations

- PAVUC – Procuding Added Value to Under-Utilised Tropical Fruit Crops with High Commercial Value – project presentation
- PAVUC – Methodologies for diversity-rich products to access a globalised market
- European market environment for Latin American tropical fruit species
- Impact of sensory experiences on the acceptance of tropical fruit juices by Belgian consumers
- Consumer acceptance fresh versus processed tropical fruit products
- Cost/benefit analysis of Latin American versus European fruit juices

31 January– 6 February Yaoundé (Cameroon)
Planning workshop for the ‘Increasing small-scale farmer benefits from agroforestry tree products in West and Central Africa (AFTP4A)’ project (ICRAF/IRAD/INERA - UGent)

- Session leader of February 3 morning session on project components 3 – 5
- Moderator for Working Group 4 (WG4): Science issues and potential PhD/MSc projects
- Presentation: Effective organizational mechanisms and arrangements to strengthen linkages between actors in the AFTP value chain (together with ir. Céline Termote)

2008

December (Sitske)

3 – 7 November Stellenbosch (South Africa)
Sustainable forest management in Africa. African solutions to African problems in natural forest management (<http://www.sun.ac.za/forestry>)
Poster presentation
Vessels as an indicator of bark harvesting methodology impact on the physiology of 10 medicinal tree species (Benin) (Delvaux, C., Sinsin, B., Van Damme, P. and Beeckman, H.)



22 – 24 October Montpellier (France)
Non-food and energetic use of plants from Mediterranean and tropical areas/Valorisation non alimentaire et énergétique de plantes des régions chaudes, VANATROP workshop (georganiseerd door CIRAD, IRD, INRA; Agropolis International)
Sessievoorzitter: Enjeux économiques et sociaux/Economical and social issues (22 oktober)
Mededeling: What plants for what type of valorisation ?/Quelles plantes pour quelle valorization ?

7 – 9 October Stuttgart/Hohenheim (Germany)
Tropentag 2008, International Conference on Research for Development in Agriculture and Forestry, Food and Natural Resource Management Competition for Resources in a Changing World: New Drive for Rural Development
Poster presentation
Use and Socio-Economic Value of Wild Edible Plants by the Turumbu, Tshopo District, DR Congo (Termote, C., Dheda Djailo, B., Everaert, G., Haesaert, S. & Van Damme, P.) (<http://www.tropentag.de/2008/abstracts/posters/232.pdf>)

21 – 25 September New York (USA)
5th World Congress on Allelopathy. ‘Growins awareness of the role of allelopathy in ecological, agricultural, and environmental processes (The Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs) (<http://www-iascongress5.org>)
Poster presentations

- Evaluation of allelopathic and nematocidic effect of *Capparis spinosa* L. on germination and early growth of cucumber (*Cucumis sativus* L.) under laboratory conditions (Rafieiolhossaini, M. Sodaiezadeh, H. & Van Damme, P.)
- Assessment of phytotoxic properties of *Peganum harmala* on growth of redroot amaranth (*Amaranthus retroflexus*) in greenhouse conditions (SodaieiZadeh, H. & Van Damme, P.)



2 – 5 September Lleida/Lerida (Spain)
Developing roadmaps for European Life Science degrees: competences, quality, employability. Ninth European Conference on Higher Agricultural Education (ECHAE), organised by ICA and Universitat de Lleida.
Invited lecture: Meeting new demands for staff development. Dare to think – the road ahead

3 – 8 Augustus Athens (Greece)

7th Joint Meeting of AFERP, ASP, GA, PSE & SIF

Poster presentations

- Herbicidal properties of *Peganum harmala* under laboratory condition (Sodaeizadeh, H. Van Damme, P.).
- Variation in the yield and composition of essential oils in German chamomile (*Matricaria chamomilla*) according to flower development stage (Rafieiohossaini, M., Adams, A., De Kimpe, N. & Van Damme, P.)
- Influence of soil nitrogen level and plant spacing on essential oil content and composition of German chamomile (*Matricaria chamomilla*) (Rafieiohossaini, M., Adams, A., De Kimpe, N. & Van Damme, P.)

14 – 16 July

Bangkok (Thailand)

International Seminar on Consumer Trends and Exports of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits

Presentation

(Sabbe, S., Verbeke, W. & Van Damme, P.)

30 March – 4 April

Athens (Greece)

XIV Meeting of the Mediterranean Research Group for Almond and Pistachio (GREMPA)

Session leader voor Session 5. Physiology, biology, biotechnology (together with Oliveira Margarida)

Poster presentation:

Characteristics of stomata in three almond species affected by drought stress (Rouhi, V. Ranjbarfardooei, A., Samson, R. & Van Damme, P.) (4.03)

3 - 7 March

Arusha (Tanzanië)

see above – personally organised congresses

23 January

Gent (Belgium)

Conference on Desertification, FBW

Poster presentation:

Evaluating salt tolerance of four Iranian wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) genotypes at different levels of salinity (Asgari, H.R., Hasan Ghassamei, T.M., Cornelis, W.M. & Van Damme, P.)

22 January

Gent (Belgium)

Inauguration UNESCO chair on eremology (participation without presentation)

Philippines

Duke

Prague – also in 2007

Valencia

2007

12 – 14 November

Bamako (Mali)

Atelier régional : 'Options politiques et de recherches agroforestières pour améliorer la nutrition, la santé et la vie des populations rurales en Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre' (ICRAF)

Poster presentations:

- Characterisation of baobab and tamarind accessions in West Africa (De Groote, S. & Van Damme, P.)
- Production and Marketing Chain Analysis of Baobab and Tamarind (De Caluwe, E., Djouara, H. & Van Damme, P.)

Oral presentation

- *Importance de la pulpe des fruits de Detarium microcarpum dans l'alimentation humaine* (Kouyaté, A. & Van Damme, P.)



8 - 10 November Leipzig (Germany)
6th European Colloquium on Ethnopharmacology and 20. *Fachkonferenz Ethnomedizin*
Oral presentation: Fourlegged pharmacists, self-medicating livestock give insights to the origins of ethnomedicines? (Gradé, J. & Van Damme, P.)

5 – 8 November Ambato (Ecuador)
Sixth Ibero-American Congress of Food Engineering (CIBIA VI)
Oral presentation: Impact of sensory experiences on the acceptance of tropical fruit juices (Sabbe, S., Verbeke, W. and Van Damme, P.)

9 – 11 October Witzenhausen (Germany)
Tropentag 2007. International Research on Food Security, Natural Resource Management and Rural Development: Utilisation of diversity in land use systems: Sustainable and organic approaches to meet human needs (jointly organised by the Universities of Kassel-Witzenhausen and Göttingen) (<http://www.tropentag.de/>)
Poster presentation
Domestication and development of baobab and tamarind ~ DADOBAT (Van Damme, P., De Caluwé, E. & De Groote, S.) (<http://www.tropentag.de/2007/abstracts/posters/187.pdf>) (*full paper* can be downloaded from: <http://www.tropentag.de/2007/abstracts/full/187.pdf>).

3 - 6 October Valencia (Spain)
ERASMUS-SOCRATES teaching staff mobility programme – *Politecnica de Valencia*
Teaching of courses on:

- Ethnobotany and new crop development: introduction (6 hours)
- Study and research opportunities at University Gent (2 hours)

2 – 6 September Graz (Austria)
55th Annual Meeting and International Congress of the Society for Medicinal Plant Research (<http://www.ga2007.org>)
Poster presentation

- Antimicrobial activity of Ugandan Medicinal Plants (Kuglerova M., Halamova K., Kokoska L., Van Damme P., Grade J.)
- Household Analysis on local knowledge, domestication and use of *Moringa oleifera* in the Volta region of Ghana (Suzanne Enoh-Arthur and Patrick Van Damme)



3 –6 September Southampton (UK)
5th International Symposium on New Crops and Uses: their role in a rapidly changing world
oral presentation
Session 1. The context, justification and application of underutilized crops in a rapidly changing world 'Food and Nutrition: the Role of Under-utilized Crops in Traditional Crop Improvement and New Crop Development'
poster presentations
Consumer perceptions and determinants of purchasing fresh and processed tropical fruit products: An exploratory study (Sara Sabbe, Wim Verbeke and Patrick Van Damme)

11 – 14 April Brussels
V Congreso Europeo CEISAL de latinoamericanistas: Las relaciones triangulares entre Europa y las Américas en el siglo XXI: expectativas y desafío (<http://www.ulb.ac.be/soco/cercal/accueil.html>)
Oral presentation
Similarities and differences between homegardens from Trinitario and Yuracare communities (Vandebroek, I., Thomas, E. & Van Damme, P.)



2 – 6 April Accra (Ghana)
International conference on management of national/natural parks and biodiversity conservation in Africa.

Oral presentation:

From (African) plant biodiversity to domestication for sustainable development

26 February – 2 March Yaoundé (Kameroen)
18ème Congrès AETFAT - Systématique et Conservation des Plantes Africaines

Oral presentations:

- Use and socio-economic importance of wild edible plants in tropical rainforest around Kisangani, District Tshopo, DR Congo (Céline Termote, Meyi, M.B., Bosco, N., Van Damme, P. & Djailo B.D.)
- Ethnobotany, genetic diversity and conservation of baobab (*Adansonia digitata* L.) populations from different climatic zones of Benin (Assogbadjo, A.E., Kyndt, T., Sinsin, B., Gheysen, G. & Van Damme, P.)

Poster presentations

- Domestication And Development Of Baobab and Tamarind (DADOBAT) (Patrick Van Damme, Emmy De Caluwé & Sitske De Groote)
- *Impact du ramassage des fruits de *Pentadesma butyracea* sur sa régénération naturelle et analyse financière de la commercialisation de ses produits au Bénin* (Carolle Avocévou, Sinsin, B., Adégbidi, A., Dossou, G. & Van Damme, P.)

2006

25 – 28 December Djerba (Tunisia)
Gestion des ressources et applications biotechnologiques en aridoculture et cultures sahariennes: perspectives pour la valorisation des potentialités du Sahara

• Oral presentation:

*Index de sélection pour la création de variétés synthétiques du mil [*Pennisetum glaucum* (L.) R. Br.] dans les régions arides tunisiennes* (M. Loumerem, P. Van Damme, D. Reheul et T. Behaeghe)

- Chair (27 december): 14.00-16.15 – *Session 6: Agro-systèmes et structures de production* (président: P. Van Damme; rapporteur: Abdelmajid Hamrouni)

3 - 6 December San Antonio (Texas, USA)
4th ISHS International and 8th National Symposium on Seed, Transplant and Stand Establishment of Horticultural Crops: Translating seed and seedling physiology into technology

poster presentation: *Poster session III & IV: Seed Technology – Transplant Production and Technology*

Seed germination and subsequent seedling growth of wild almond in relation to different temperature, stratification and scarification applications (Rouhi, V., Samson, R., Uddin, R. & Van Damme, P.)

21 – 23 November Kampala (Uganda)
Innovation Africa Symposium (CIAT, IFPRI-ISNAR, ILRI, IIRR-Africa en PROLINNOVA)

Oral presentations:

- *The IK Bridge to Innovation* (Jean Gradé & Patrick Van Damme)
- *Impacts of traditional soil and water conservation methods on agricultural production in marginal areas: analysis of best practices in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Riziki Silas Shemdoe & Patrick Van Damme)

8 November Gent
'Cartografie en GIS. Jonge onderzoekers aan het woord.'

Oral presentations

- *Use of DIVA-GIS to determine potential cultivation areas of *Passiflora* spp. In the Yungas of La Paz, Bolivia* (Marleen Delanoy, Xavier Scheldeman, Patrick Van Damme & Stephan Beck)

- *Distribution, diversity and environmental adaptation of highland papayas (Vasconcellea spp.) in tropical and subtropical America* (Xavier Scheldeman, L. Willemen, G. Coppens d'Éeckenbrugge, E. Romeijn-Peeters, M.T. Restrepo, J. Romero Motoche, D. Jiménez, M. Lobo, C.I. Medina, C. Reyes, D. Rodriguez, JA. Ocampo, P. Van Damme & P. Goetghebeur)

18 - 21 October

Perugia (Italy)

Belgian representative in the *European Regional CITES Plants Meeting*

Presentation of a resolution text on *Non-Detrimental Findings to the survival of Appendix-II species. Need for relevant information and a standardized procedure to evaluate the non-detrimental character of the trade in timber species listed in Appendix II of the CITES convention* (Beeckman, H., Van Damme, P. & De Ridder, Maaïke), during session 5: timber trade

6 October

Kampala (Uganda)

NUFU Conference, Makerere University.

Orale presentation: *Learning from our Animals: the Self-Medicating Livestock of Karamoja* (Jean Gradé & Patrick Van Damme)

1 – 8 October

Conakry (Guinea)

First international symposium – Contribution of African botanica to humanity (organiser: ISHS and UDECOM – *Université pour le Développement Communautaire de Guinée/N'zérékoré*)

- Keynote address: 'From African Ethnobotanical Biodiversity to Domestication of New Crops for Development'
- Paper presentation: 'Linking Small-scale Farmers to Commercial Sector Activities'
- Chairing of panel presentation and discussion: 'Tools for the Present and the Future'

Field visit to the natural forest preserve in Conakry, followed by a boat trip to the ecologically fascinating island of Tamara – the furthest of the Loos Island group – nine kilometers off the shore of Conakry.

22 – 25 August

Greifswald (Germany)

5th European Conference on Ecological Restoration – Land Use Changes in Europe as a Challenge for Restoration: Ecological, Economical and Ethical Dimensions.

Oral presentation: *Abiotic factors influencing ecological diversity and productivity of baobab tree (Adansonia digitata L.): consequence for the species restoration in Benin* (Achille Assogbadjo, Sinsin, B. & Van Damme, P.)

13-19 August

Seoul (South Korea)

International Horticultural Congress (IHC)

Poster presentations

- Session S13 – P - 63 (*Seed Enhancement and Seedling Production Technology*) - *Effect of Sowing Date and Age of Seedling on Some Morphological Characteristics of Chamomile (Matricaria chamomilla)* (Mohammad Rafieiohossaini & Patrick Van Damme)
- Session S04-P-49 (*Enhancing Economic and Environmental Sustainability of Fruit Production in a Global Economy*) - *Stem photosynthesis in three different almond species during drought and subsequent recovery* (Rouhi, V., Samson, R., Lemeur, R. & Van Damme, P.) (Winning poster in poster award competition).
- Session S04-P-50 (*Enhancing Economic and Environmental Sustainability of Fruit Production in a Global Economy*) - *Ecophysiological differences of three almond species to drought and subsequent recovery* (Samson, R., Rouhi, V., Lemeur, R. & Van Damme, P.)
- Session S16-O-17 (*Citrus and Other Tropical and Subtropical Fruit Crops*) – *Crop Ecology of Passiflora mollissima (Kunth) L.H. Bailey, Passiflora tricuspidata Mast. and Passiflora nov sp. in the Yungas of La Paz, Bolivia* (Marleen Delaney, Scheldeman, X., Van Damme, P. & Beck, S.)

3 – 8 July Lima (Peru)
Belgian representative in the *Conference of parties to the Convention CITES*. Presentation of a resolution text on *Non-Detrimental Findings to the survival of Appendix-II species. Need for relevant information and a standardized procedure to evaluate the non-detrimental character of the trade in timber species listed in Appendix II of the CITES convention* (Beeckman, H., Van Damme, P. & De Ridder, Maaïke)

14 June Brussels (Belgium)
Workshop on *Access and Benefit Sharing* (in het kader van de studie *Analyse du degré de connaissance et de prise en compte par les acteurs belges des dispositions de la Convention sur la Diversité Biologique en matière d'accès aux ressources génétiques et de partage juste et équitable des avantages résultant de leur utilisation*).

20 June Ghent (Belgium)
Conference: Universiteit Gent Overzee - Jonge Onderzoekers delen hun passie mee (Young Belgian research share their passion), georganiseerd door de Koninklijke Academie voor Overzeese Wetenschappen/*Académie royale des Sciences d'Outre-mer* en de Universiteit Gent
Poster presentations

- Seed germination of *Passiflora mollissima* (Kunth) L.H. Bailey and *Passiflora tricuspidata* Mast. (Delanoy, M., Van Damme, P., Scheldeman, X. and Maldonado, J.)
- Knowledge and use of *Passiflora* species in the *Yungas* of the department of La Paz, Bolivia (Delanoy, M., Van Damme, P. and Scheldeman, X.)
- Eco-physiology of the recovery of the medicinal tree after debarking in the Monts Kouffé woodland of Benin (West Africa) (Delvaux, C., Sinsin, B. and Van Damme, P.)

23 May Gent (Belgium)
58th International Symposium on Crop Protection.
Poster presentations:

- *Fertility of intraspecific hybrid lines resistant to post-flowering insect pests of cowpea Vigna unguiculata (L.) Walp.* (Lelou, B. & Van Damme, P.) (F029)
- *Allelopathic potential of Bambusa, Dendrocalamus and Guadua bamboo genera on germination and growth of some tropical crops and weeds* (Rios Albuerna, C., Rosales, M., Sosa, R., Torres García, M., Puente Isidró, Mayra, & Van Damme, Patrick) (H004)
- *Effect of Stachytarpheta jamaicensis extract on the in vitro growth of Sclerotium rolfsii* (Puente Isidró, Mayra, Torres García, M., Herrera, I., Machado, M.R., De Cupere, Françoise & Van Damme, Patrick) (P032)

2005

25 November Leuven (Belgium)
Bioinformatics in scope – human diseases and drug discovery. A Flandersbio initiative. Deelname zonder mededeling (www.bioscope-it.be).

6 October Leuven (Belgium)
11th PhD Symposium
Poster Presentation:

- *Germination, growth and dry matter accumulation of wild almond seedlings from stratified and scarified seeds.* (Vahid Rouhi, M.R. Uddin & Patrick Van Damme)
- *Effective approaches to improve water use efficiency in dryland farming* (Mingyung Yang, X. Cui & Patrick Van Damme).

24 – 28 September Rome (Italy)

InterDrought-II Congress (The 2nd International Conference on Integrated Approaches to Sustain and Improve Plant Production Under Drought Stress)

Postervoorstellingen

- *Ecophysiological differences of three almond species to drought and subsequent recovery* (Samson Roeland, Rouhi Vahid, Lemeur Raoul, Van Damme Patrick)
- *Stem photosynthesis in three different almond species during drought and subsequent recovery* (Rouhi Vahid, Samson Roeland, Lemeur Raoul, Van Damme Patrick)



21 – 26 August

Istanbul (Turkey)

ICEB 2005 congress (Ivth International Congress on EthnoBotany – ICEB)

Session leader of ‘panel 10’ Methodologies in ethnobotanical research

Oral communications

- Indigenous Knowledge of Rural People and Importance of Baobab Tree (*Adansonia digitata* L.) in Benin (Assogbadjo Achille Ephrem, Brice Sinsin & Patrick Van Damme) – panel 1
- Medicinal Plant Use for General Symptoms and Long Term Disorders in Bolivian High and Lowland Communities: A Dynamic Trial and Error Approach (Thomas Evert, Ina Vandebroek & P. Van Damme) - Panel 2
- Goat's Self Medication Against Internal Parasites in Karamoja, Uganda (Gradé Jean & Patrick Van Damme) - Panel 3
- Quantitative Ethnobotany: Integrating Anthropological Techniques with Ecological Sampling (Thomas Evert, Ina Vandebroek & Paul Goetghebeur & Patrick Van Damme) – Panel 10

Poster presentations

- Indigenous use, nomenclature and classification of plants in a Nahuatl-speaking village in the Balsas Region, Central Mexico (Melissa Ceuterick & Patrick Van Damme)

8 – 13 August

Brisbane (Australia)

World Congress 2005. Forests in the Balance: Linking Tradition and Technology

Oral communication: (session 52): Morphological and biochemical variability of *Detarium*

microcarpum Guill. & Perr. in Mali (Kouyaté, A.M. & Van Damme, P.) (<http://www.iufro2005.com>)

5 – 7 July

Elmina (Ghana)

Tropenbos International-Ghana Conference on Restoration and Sustainable management of Forests in Ghana (<http://www.tropenbos.org/news/ghana2005/programme.htm>)

Oral communication: Facilitating the choice of under-utilized species for restoration and rehabilitation of degraded lands: a case for *Moringa oleifera* tree crop production in West Africa (Suzanne Enoh-Arthur & Patrick Van Damme)



27 June

Brugge (Belgium)

Agricultural Research and Education in Belgium and Belgium's International Developmental

Integrated Water Management 2004. Training Programme, organised by WES – DGOS (24th May – 13th August)

Modules offered:

1. How do plants manage water/cope with drought stress
2. How do men manage water in agriculture: more crop per drop
3. Case study: rice: irrigated versus upland rice
4. Case study: small dam constructions and their relations with the environment, and the ground water table (an example from Togo)

22 June

Brussels (Belgium)

Stakeholder meeting for on the ‘Corporate Social Responsibility of chocolate processors and distributors survey’ (organised by Stock at stake, International Consumer Research and Testing, and Ethibel)

19 – 23 June Bari (Italy)
13th International European Weed Research Society (EWRS) Symposium
Poster presentation

- Effect of Weed Management Practices and *Rhizobium* Inoculation on yield of pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) (Amit Jhala, Trivedi, G.C. & Patrick Van Damme)
- Biological control of water hyacinth (*Eichhornea crassipes*) by exotic weevil *Neochetina bruchi* (Amit Jhala, Trivedi, G.C. & Patrick Van Damme)



22 June Brussels (Belgium)
First stakeholder meeting on corporate responsibility of chocolate companies in the cocoa production chain (organised by Ethibel) – deelname zonder mededeling

22 – 25 May Teheran (Iran)
IV International Symposium on Pistachios and Almonds
Session leader ('panelist' sic) for Oral Session 5 (Orchard Management) (Wednesday 25 May, 9 – 11 am)

(oral and poster presentations as de facto presented – because of a programmation mistake the congress abstract book presented some of them wrongly)

Oral presentations:

- Photosynthetic gas exchange characteristics in three different almond species during drought stress and subsequent recovery (V. Rouhi, R. Samson, R. Lemeur & P. Van Damme)
- Using chlorophyll fluorescence to detection of photosynthetic activity in sweet almond (*Prunus dulcis* Mill.) in response to salinity stress (A. Ranjbarfordoei and Patrick Van Damme)

Poster presentations

- Effect of cold treatment and scarification on germination of *Amygdalus scoparia* (V. Rouhi, M.R. Uddin & Patrick Van Damme) (P48)
- Ecophysiological characteristics of three different almond species during drought stress and recovery (R. Samson, V. Rouhi, R. Lemeur & Patrick Van Damme)

10 May Gent (Belgium)
57th International Symposium on Crop Protection.

Poster presentations:





- Allelopathic Effect of “Orozuz” (*Phyla strigulosa*) on crops and weeds (Torres García, Sinesio, Hernández Aro, M., Puente Isidró, Mayra, De Cupere, Françoise, Van Damme, Patrick and Méndez Vega, R.)
- The effect of the fungicide Mancozeb on the appearance of green spot on tobacco leaves (var. Habana 2000) (Danneys Armario Aragon, Sinesio Torres Garcia, Oguelis Rodriguez, Ramón E. Pérez Hernandez, Angel Mollineda Trujillo & Patrick Van Damme)
- Behaviour of the antagonistic fungi *Trichoderma viride* and *Trichoderma harzianum* at exposure to the watery extracts of Anamú (*Petiveria aliaceae* L.) and Orosús (*Phyla nodiflora* Greene.) (Puente Isidró, M., Espinosa Ruiz, R., Torres García, S., Herrera Ysla, L., Hernández Aro, M., De Cupere, Françoise¹, Van Damme, Patrick, Fajardo González, CE., Pupo Rodríguez, A. & Álvarez Morales, A.)
- The effect of seed rates and weed management practises on weeds and yield of wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) under irrigated conditions of middle Gujarat, India (Jhala, A.J., Rathod, P.H., Shah, S.C. & Patrick Van Damme)
- Growth and yield of groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.) as influenced by weed management practices and *Rhizobium* inoculation (Jhala, A.J., Rathod, P.H., Patel, K.C. & Van Damme, Patrick)



25 – 29 April Queretaro (Mexico)
Ier Congreso Internacional de Ingenieria
Oral presentation:

(*Conferencia magistral*) Faculty of Bioscience Engineering – Ghent University: Education and Research

2004

-  22 – 25 November Jerba (Tunisia)
International Meeting : *Aridoculture et cultures oasiennes : voies pour un développement durable en zones arides*
Oral presentation
Introductory conference for the 1^o session “*Agrobiodiversité en milieu aride et saharien*”, Potential new crop development in a developing socio-economic context - the importance of biodiversity.
-  23 - 26 October Stockhom (Sweden)
Better Cotton workshop organised by WWF-International.
Oral presentation
Water use in cotton: impacts and practical implications
- 11 - 14 October Beijing (China)
2004 CIGR International conference (<http://www.2004cigr.org>)
Oral presentation: Impact of crop residues on soil fertility in conservation tillage (Mingyung Yang & Patrick Van Damme)
- 22 October Ghent (Belgium)
Oral presentation
- 12 – 17 September Fortaleza (Brazil)
3rd International Symposium on Tropical and Subtropical Fruits.
Oral presentation: Small-scale cultivation of two *Passiflora* spp. in the Yungas of the La Paz Department, Bolivia (Marleen Delanoy, Xavier Scheldeman, Ina Vandebroek, Patrick Van Damme & Stefan Beck)
-  8 – 10 September Shahrekord (Iran)
4th International Iran and Russia Conference ‘Agriculture and Natural Resources’.
- Member of the International Scientific Committee
- Chairman of 2 sessions in section 3: *Ecology and Sustainable Development* - Wednesday 8 September, second afternoon session (together with Prof. Shabaldas and Dr. Korori) and Thursday 9 September, first afternoon session (together with Dr. Ghofrani, and Dr. Soltani)
Two oral presentations:
 - Ecophysiological response of *Pistacia khinjuk* L. and *P. mutica* to salinity and drought stresses (Ranjbarfordoei, A., Van Damme, P. & Rouhi, V.)
 - Potential new crop development in a developing socio-economic context - the importance of biodiversity (Van Damme, P.)
- 25 – 30 August Loja (Ecuador)
II. *Congreso de la conservacion de la biodiversidad en los Andes y en la Amazonia. IV. Congreso Ecuatoriano de botanico*
Oral presentation: *Evaluacion de la diversidad botanica en los alrededores de la comunidad campesina de Apillapampa, Bolivia* (Evert Thomas, Paul Goetghebeur & Patrick Van Damme)
-  28 June Brugge (Belgium)
Agricultural Research and Education in Belgium and Belgium’s International Developmental Integrated Water Management 2004. Training Programme, organised by WES – DGOS (24th May – 13th August)

Modules offered:

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2. How do men manage water in agriculture: more crop per drop
3. Case study: rice: irrigated versus upland rice
4. Case study: small dam constructions and their relations with the environment, and the ground water table (an example from Togo)

7 – 11 June Dijon (Frankrijk)
Second International Conference on Legume Genomics and Genetics (ICLGG)/Fifth European Conference on Grain Legumes – Legumes for the benefit of agriculture, nutrition and the environment.
Oral presentation (Bernard Lelou & P. Van Damme)



13 – 17 June Canterbury (Kent, UK)
Ninth International Congress of Ethnobiology 2004
(<http://www.kent.ac.uk/anthropology/ice2004/organisers.html>).

Member of the International advisory committee

Session president of 'Plants, knowledge and empowerment amongst cultural minorities of the Americas' - co-chairs: Patrick Van Damme and Anna Waldstein (*session 39*)

Oral presentations

- The role of oak (*Quercus* spp.) and birch (*Betula* spp.) in traditional European medicine compared to their ecological niche (Yvonne Voermans & P. Van Damme) (panel 24)
- Percentages of plant use in Apillapampa, a traditional community in the Bolivian Andes (Evert Thomas, Patrick Van Damme; Paul Goetghebeur) (*session 39*)
- Comparison of ailments treated by a primary health care service and traditional healers in the Bolivian Andes (Vandebroek Ina, Sabino Sanca; Willy Terceros; Patrick Van Damme; Luc Van Puyvelde; Norbert De Kimpe) (*session 38*)

Poster presentations

- Knowledge and use of *Passiflora* species in the Yungas of the department La Paz, Bolivia (Marleen Delanoy & Patrick Van Damme) (panel 6)
- Medicinal uses of *Detarium microcarpum* Guill. & Perr. in southern Mali (Amadou Kouyaté & Patrick Van Damme) (panel 6)

2003

15 – 16 December Manchester (UK)
Crop quality: its role in sustainable livestock production (conference organised by the Association of Applied Biologists).
Oral presentation in *Session 3: An environmental factor evaluation of crop growing in different agro-ecological zones in China* (Mingyuan Yang and Patrick Van Damme)

12 – 15 November Bayamo (Cuba)
Evento convencion UDG 2003. I Taller internacional de biodiversidad y agricultura sostenible – III Taller caribeno de biotecnologia vegetal.
Conferencia magistral (opening's address): Investigaciones etnobotanicas para elevar el conocimiento en biodiversidad.

25 – 30 August Loja (Ecuador)
II *Congreso de conservacion de la biodiversidad en los Andes y la Amazonia in Ecuador*
(<http://www.joethejuggler.com/Funbotanica/SpCircular.pdf>) (www.biodiversidad2003.org)

Poster presentation

- Evaluacion de la diversidad botanica en los alrededores de la comunidad campesina de Apillapampa, Bolivia (Evert Thomas, Paul Goetghebeur & Patrick Van Damme)

17 – 19 June Santa Clara (Cuba)
Secunda conferencia sobre desarrollo agropecuario y sostenibilidad

Pretoria

6 May Gent (Belgium)
55th International Symposium on Crop Protection.

Poster presentations:

- *The allelopathic effect of sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas* (L.) Lam) on germination and growth of some crops and weeds* (S. Torres Garcia, M.G. Puerto Auiar, M. Puente Isidron, Françoise De Cupere & Patrick Van Damme)
- *Screening plant extracts for their allelopathic effect on phytopathogenic fungi* (M. Puente Isidron, Kathleen Allaert, L. Herrera Isla, N Suarez, S. Torres Garcia, C. Pérez Navarro, M. Rodriguez Garcia, Françoise De Cupere & Patrick Van Damme)

April London (UK)
Mededeling: *Bark harvesting of medicinal trees for local income, and its impact on the tree population dynamics in the swamp forest of Lokoli in Benin* (Cl. Delvaux, B. Sinsin and P. Van Damme)

30 – 31 January Brussels (Belgium)
Conference: Towards sustainable agriculture for Developing Countries: options from life sciences and biotechnologies, organised by the European Commission.

29 January Brussels (Belgium)
Mini-symposium organised by the Belgian Committee of the Friends of the Weizmann Institute and the Institute of Plant Biotechnology for Developing Countries (IPBO): *Plant Biotechnology and Developing Countries*.

2002

24 – 29 November Havana (Cuba)
Biotecnologia Habana “Agro-biotech in the new millenium” 2002

Oral presentations

- The allelopathic effect of sweet potato (*Ipomoea batatas* (L.) Lam.) on germination and growth of some crops and weeds (Decupere, F. & Van Damme, P.)
- The allelopathic effect of aqueous sunflower extract on the germination and growth of weeds under semi-controlled conditions (Decupere, F. & Van Damme, P.)
- Evaluation of the allelopathic effect of tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum*) at different concentrations on germination, and stem and root growth of eight different crops (Torres, S., Pérez, G. J., De Cupere, F., Puentes, M. and Van Damme, P.).



30 September Ghent (Belgium)
Lecture United Nations University – 4th Biodiversity Training Course (RUG; promotor: Prof. Dr. Henri Dumont). Three hours' lecture title: Ethnobotany and Biodiversity – on Tools and Uses (University of the United Nations (Tokyo, Japan) and the Department of Ecology of the Ghent University (Ghent, Belgium) – website: http://allserv.rug.ac.be/~peewee/summary_of_details.html)



21 - 26 September Nairobi (Kenya)
Plant Resources for Tropical Africa (PROTA) First International Workshop (www.prota.org)
Poster presentations:

- Morphological characterization of *Detarium microcarpum* Guill. and Perr. in southern Mali (presented by Kouyaté, A. M. and Van Damme, P.)
- Ethnobotany and new crop development in Africa: contributions of the laboratory of tropical and subtropical agriculture and ethnobotany of the University of Ghent, Belgium



17 June Leuven (Belgium)
 Invited lecture at the Microfinance Workshop organised by Vredeseilanden VZW. Opening address: Lessons learned with relation to savings and credit experiences in NGO-driven programmes

15 – 17 May Rome (Italy)
European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development (EFARD), 2d General Assembly – *Strengthening the European Contribution* – contribution to discussions/workshop as Belgian NATURA representative (website: <http://www.eufor.org>)

7 May Ghent (Belgium)
 54th International Symposium on Crop Protection
 Poster presentations:

- Allelopathic effects of bamboo species (presented by Rios, C., Puentes, M., Torres, P., Van Damme, P. & De Cupere, F.)
- Evaluation of allelopathic effect of tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum*) at different concentrations on germination and stem and root growth of eight different crops (presented by Torres, S., Perez, J.G., De Cupere, F., Puentes, M. & Van Damme, P.)



7 January Ghent (Belgium)
 Invited lecture on ‘Low external input agriculture (LEIA)’ as part of the Sustainable Development course (Centre of Environmental Sanitation; co-ordinating lecturer: Prof. Dr. De Pauw)

2001

3-4 December Montpellier (France)
 Seminar: Consultancy on Programme Agro-Alimentaire (PAA), CIRAD – critical assessment of the documents prepared for the consultancy (contact person: Gérard Chuzel)



15 November Ghent (Belgium)
 Lecture United Nations University – 3d Biodiversity Training Course (RUG; promotor: Prof. Dr. Henri Dumont). Three hours’ lecture title: Ethnobotany and Biodiversity – on Tools and Uses (University of the United Nations (Tokyo, Japan) and the Department of Ecology of the Ghent University (Ghent, Belgium) – website: http://allserv.rug.ac.be/~peewee/summary_of_details.html)



6 - 10 November Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
 Workshop *Latin America, Caribea y Union Europea* (WALCUE) organised by the European Union. Oral presentation: Potential new crop development in a tropical socio-economic context.

6 – 9 November Antalya (Turkije)
International Symposium on Sustainable Use of Plant Biodiversity to Promote New Opportunities for Horticultural Production Development (FAO, CIHEM/MAIC, TUBITAK, EUFA and MARA in collaboration with ISHS and TSHS)
 Oral presentation:

- Horticultural Potential of Andean Fruit Crops Exploring Their Centre of Origin (Scheldeman, X., Ureña Alvarez, J.V., Romero Motoche, J.P. & Van Damme, P.)

19/20 October Liège (Belgium)
Co-organisator of colloquium/seminar: *La protection de l'environnement au Coeur du système juridique international et du droit interne. Acteurs, valeurs et efficacité*, organised by METRO-IUS commune (University of Maastricht) and Law Faculty of University Liège.

Chair of session II. *Acteurs et valeurs du droit interne de l'environnement. Influence du droit international ou autonomie.*

IIa. *La planification. L'environnement composante des autres politiques. Le rôle de la décentralisation ou du fédéralisme.*

IIb. *L'accès à l'information en matière d'environnement. La participation du public à la formation de la décision publique. Relations de droit privé et environnement.*

19/20 October Meise (Brussels) Belgium
Botanical Biodiversity and Belgium's Expertise (BBB 2001)
Oral presentation: Ethnobotanical Research for Increased Knowledge on Biodiversity at the Laboratory of Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Ethnobotany, University of Ghent: its Situation at the Beginning of a New Era

Poster presentations:

- Biodiversity assessment of Cuban weed flora as a source of biological herbi- and pesticides (presented by Françoise De Cupere, Ina Vandebroek, Mayra Puentes, Sinesio Torres and Patrick Van Damme)
- Characterization of the Riparian Flora of the Botanical Garden "Cupaynicú", Granma Province, Cuba (presented by Yakelin Sánchez Rodríguez, Cesar García Hernández, Françoise De Cupere and Patrick Van Damme)
- The Riparian Flora and Vegetation of the Botanical Garden "Cupaynicú", Granma Province, Cuba (presented by Yakelin Sánchez Rodríguez, Cesar García Hernández, Françoise De Cupere and Patrick Van Damme)
- Forest Community, Structure and Diversity of the Coastal Cienfuegos (Cuba) Thicket (presented by Cristóbal Ríos, Aracelys Valiente, Francisco Dallmeier, James Comiskey, Ximena Londoño, Patrick Van Damme and Françoise De Cupere)

10 October Ghent (Belgium)
7th PhD Symposium FAABS/RUG.
Oral presentation: Application of accelerated ageing test to compare winter wheat seed vigour (Modaressi, R., Tekroni, D.M. & Van Damme, P.).
Poster presentation: Ion leakage and wheat seed quality (Modaressi, R. & Van Damme, P.)

4 October Leuven (Belgium)
KAURI/CFP

22 – 30 September Napels (Italy)
Third International Congress of Ethnobotany (*Etnobotanica Napoli 2001 – Italy*) – *Ethnobotany in the Third Millenium: expectations and unresolved issues*.

Two oral presentationse:

- The European Ethnobotany Research Network (EERN): Objectives, Activities and Themes of Debate (Vandebroek, I. & Van Damme, P.)
- Qualitative and quantitative aspects of medicinal plant use: the example of quechua healers in the Bolivian Andes (Apillapampa, Department of Cochabamba) (Thomas, E., Vandebroek, I., Calewaert, J.B., Arrazola, S., Cahill, J., Van Puyvelde, L., De Kimpe, N. & Van Damme, P.)

24 – 28 September Cuzco (Peru)
Conservacion de la Biodiversidad en los Andes y la Amazonia
Posters:

- Potential of highland papayas (*Vasconcella* spp.) in southern Ecuador (Scheldeman, X., Romero Motoche, J. P., Van Damme, V., Heyens, V. & Van Damme, P.)
- *Potential of cherimoya (Annona cherimola Mill.) in southern Ecuador* (Scheldeman, X., Ureña Alvarez, J.V., Van Damme, V. & Van Damme, P.)

Oral presentation:

- *Diversidad Etnobotanica y Potencial Etnofarmacologico de los Valles Secos de Cochabamba – Bolivia* (sessie 4 : *Usó y valor de los productos no maderables*; Arrazola R. S. & Van Damme, P.)

26 – 29 June

Kew (UK)

Forest Biometry, Modelling and Information Science, IUFRO 4.11 Conference

Oral presentation

- Comparing species richness and evenness contributions to on-farm tree diversity for data sets with varying sample sizes from Kenya, Uganda, Cameroon, and Nigeria with randomised diversity profiles (presented in session Inventory III: Forest, Biodiversity, NTFP and TROP) (Kindt, R., Degrande, A. Turyomurugyendo, L. Mbosso, C, Van Damme, P. en Simons, A.J.)

14 – 22 June

Angers (France)

ISTA – 26th Congress of the International Seed Testing Association

Poster (session 3):

- Seed vigour of wheat cultivars seed lots (Modarresi, R., Van Damme, P. & Reheul, D.)

3 – 7 June

Zaragoza (Spain)

XI GREMPA meeting on pistachios and almonds (georganiseerd door de Universiteit van Zaragoza)

Oral presentation:

- Ecophysiological characteristics of two pistachio species (*Pistacia khinjuk* and *P. mutica*) in response to salinity (Ranjbar, A., Lemeur, R. & Van Damme, P.)

28 May – 2 June

Honolulu (Hawaii)

Building Bridges with traditional knowledge II

Oral presentation:

- Qualitative and quantitative analysis of traditional medicinal plant use by Quechua healers in the Bolivian Andes (Apillapampa, Department of Cochabamba) (Vandebroek, I. & Van Damme, P.)

27 – 30 May

Utrecht (Netherlands)

9th Meeting on Nordic Botanical Research in the Neotropics

Presentation:

- *Vasconcella* (Caricaceae) species in Southern Ecuador: Agronomical Potential and Need for Taxonomical Research (Scheldeman, X., Romero Motoche, J.P. & Van Damme, P.)

16 – 20 May

Poznan (Poland)

EUCARPIA XVI Genetic Resources Section Symposium

Poster:

- *Collection and Selection of Cherimoya (Annona cherimola Mill.) in Loja Province, Southern Ecuador* (Scheldeman, X., Ureña Alvarez, J.V. & Van Damme, P.)

8 May

Gent (Belgium)

53th International Symposium on Crop Protection.

Poster presentation:

Evaluation of vegetal extracts as biological herbi- en pesticides for their use in Cuban agriculture (De Cupere, F., Vandebroek, I., Puentes, M., Torres, S. & Van Damme, P.)

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26 November – 1 December Cairns (Australia)

International Symposium on Tropical and Subtropical Fruits

Oral presentations

- Highland papayas in Southern Ecuador: need for conservation actions (Scheldeman, X., Romero, J. & Van Damme, P.)
- Improving cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* mill.) cultivation exploring its centre of origin (Scheldeman, X., Ureña, V. & Van Damme, P.)

Chair for Session 5: Conservation (together with Dr. Bhag Mal)

30 November Cairns (Australia)

Understanding and Managing Intellectual Property with Transgenic Crops, Postconference workshop.



5 - 9 November Cienfuegos (Cuba)

Botanical Gardens, their challenge in the XXI Century (Cienfuegos Botanical Garden)

Oral presentation:

- Ethnobotanical Research at the University of Ghent in Latin America

12 – 16 June Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

International Conference on Science and Technology for Managing Plant Genetic Diversity in the 21st Century (IPGRI).

Poster presentation:

- Potential of and Threat to Cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* Mill.) Conservation in its Centre of Origin (Scheldeman, X., Ureña Alvarez, J.V. & Van Damme, P.)
- Collection and Selection of Cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* Mill.) in Loja Province, Southern Ecuador (Scheldeman, X., Ureña Alvarez, J.V. & Van Damme, P.)
- Potential of Local Highland Papayas in Southern Ecuador (Scheldeman, X., Heyens, V., Romero Motoche, J.V. & Van Damme, P.)
- Edaphoclimatological Evaluation and its Possibilities: A Case Study of Local Highland Papayas in Loja Province, Ecuador (Scheldeman, X., Vandersmissen, M., Romero Motoche, J.V. & Van Damme, P.)



10 mei Utrecht (Nederland)

Invited lecture: Ethnobotanical Research in South America: from theory to practices (with case studies from Ecuador and Bolivia). Lecture as part of the *Neotropical Flora* intensive MSc training course (Utrecht Universiteit, National herbarium of Holland; course leader: Prof. Dr. Paul Maas)

1999

30 October - 4 November Be'er Sheva (and Sede Boqer) (Israël)

Combating Desertification with Plants – Trees for Arid Lands Conference, organised by The International Program for Arid Land Crops (IPALAC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev). Oral presentation:

- *Euphorbia tirucalli* for High Biomass Production, en sessievoorzitter van de Agroforestry Sessie.

26- 28 October Tuxtla Gutiérrez (Mexico)

II Congreso Internacional de Anonaceas.

Oral presentation

- *Potencial del cultivo de chirimoya (Annona cherimola Mill.) en la provincia de Loja, Ecuador* (together with Scheldeman, X., Ureña, V., Romero, J. en Van Damme, V.).

13 October Ghent (Belgium)

Fifth PhD Symposium organised by the FAABS/RUG.

Poster presentation: Ecophysiological Characteristics of Two Pistachio Species (*Pistacia khinjuk* and *P. mutica*) in Response to Salinity (Ranjbar, A., Lemeur, R. and Van Damme, P.)

20 – 23 September Zürich (Switzerland)
International Conference on Calibration and Reliability in Groundwater Modelling. Coping with Uncertainty.

Poster

- The influence of small dams on seasonal water table variations in the sedimentation and granite erosion mantle in northern Togo (Vermeulen, H., Van Herpe, Y., Van Damme, P., De Troch, F. and Troch, P.).



16 September Antwerp (Belgium)
Kauri Café: Women Entrepreneurs in the South: Problems and Solutions. Moderator.



14 September Brussels (Belgium)
Women and Credit in a Developing World Context.
Seminar organised by Kauri and Mensenbroeders, Flemish NGO for development cooperation, as part of the Women and Globalisation Conference (15 - 20 September).

Invited presentation

- *L'expérience de RAFIA en matière de mise en place et d'appui de systèmes d'épargne et de crédit autogérés* (Self-monitored saving and credit systems: the RAFIA experience in northern Togo).

1 - 4 September Sanliurfa (Turkije)
XI GREMPA Meeting on Pistachios and Almonds (organised by and at the University of Harran, Faculty of Agriculture & Pistachio Research and Application Center).

Oral presentation

- Ecophysiological Characteristics of Two Pistachio Species (*Pistacia khinjuk* and *P. mutica*) in Response to Salinity (Ranjbar, A., Lemeur, R. and Van Damme, P.)

12 - 13 July Brussels (Belgium)
VIIR-IUC Partner Council: discussion on scope of programme and programme definition



6 July Utrecht (Holland)
Invited lecture
• Ethnobotanical Research at the University Gent.
Lecture at the University of Utrecht, Faculty of Biology (head of department: Prof. Dr. Paul J.M. Maas) as part of the intensive MSc training course 'Neotropical Flora'

1 - 5 May Cochabamba (Bolivia)
Teaching of 60 hours (30 hours theory + 30 hours practical sessions) course on *Bases generales de Ecologia Terrestre* in the first year of the *Maestria en Ciencias Ambientales (mencion Biodiversidad Vegetal)* postgraduate course programme (organised within the *Centro de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Renovables*).

16 - 19 March Loja (Ecuador)
Convenor of the First International Symposium on Cherimoya.
Chair of Opening Ceremony and opening lecture on
• Four Years of Cherimoya Research in Southern Ecuador: Where Do We Go From Here.
Four paper presentations:
• Edaphoclimatological Study of Cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* Mill.) in Loja Province, South Ecuador (Bydekerke, L., Scheldeman, X., Van Ranst, E. & Van Damme, P.)
• Collection and Characterization of Cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* Mill.) in Loja Province, South Ecuador (Scheldeman, X., Ureña Alvarez, J.V. & Van Damme, P.)

- Promising Cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* Mill.) Accessions in Loja Province, South Ecuador (Scheldeman, X. & Van Damme, P.)
- Seed Structure and Germination of Cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* Mill.) (De Smet, S., Scheldeman, X., Romero Motoche J.P. & Van Damme, P.)

22 - 26 February Turrialba, CATIE (Costa Rica)

Presentation of poster 63:

- Sangre de Drago (*Croton* spp.): a potential new crop for and from the humid forests in South America (together with F. Van Dycke and J. De Schepper) at the Multistrata Agroforestry Systems with Perennial Crops congress (poster was presented in the absence of the submitters)

01 - 12 February Lomé (Togo)

Teaching of 40 hours course on *Problèmes urbains et ruraux de l'environnement*, as part of the postgraduate programme on environmental law (*D.E.A. - Politique et droit de l'environnement*), organised by Law Faculty, University of Maastricht (Holland), University of Gent and Liège, *Faculté des sciences juridique, économiques et politiques* (National University of Benin, Cotonou, Benin) and *Faculté de Droit* (University of Benin, Lomé, Togo).

08 - 24 January Cochabamba (Bolivia)

Teaching of 40 hours course on *Etnofarmacologia* in the *Maestría en Ciencias Ambientales (mención Biodiversidad Vegetal)* postgraduate course programme (organised within the *Centro de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Renovables*).

13 – 19 January Quito (Ecuador)

Exhibition *Ecuador alternativo*.

Poster

- Presentation of the project *Conocimientos y Prácticas Culturales sobre los Recursos Fitogenéticos en el Austro Ecuatoriano* (together with X. Scheldeman)

1998

03 - 07 December Dakar (Senegal)

Participation in the joint Global Biodiversity Forum and Convention on Desertification meetings. Presentation of a paper:

- *Data collection for problem identification and priority setting: a case study from the Casamance, Senegal*, in the Linking Biodiversity and Desertification: a Strategic Perspective workshop.



21 - 29 November ICRAF, Nairobi (Kenya)

Presentation of a paper at ICRAF's weekly seminar: From ethnobotanical research into new fruit crop development: the case of *Annona*, *Passiflora* and *Carica* – experiences from Ecuador

6 October Gent (Belgium)

Fourth PhD Symposium organised by the FAABS/RUG:

Poster

- Estimation of Leaf Area by Non-destructive Methods in Three Iranian Pistachio Species (*Pistacia khinjuk* subsp. *oblonga*, *P. khinjuk* subsp. *populifolia* and *P. mutica* subsp. *cabulica*), Ranjbar, A. & Van Damme, P.

18 - 19 February Osnabruck (Duitsland).

Preparatory workshop for 'EU-funded Concerted Action Project with the Objective to Improve the Utilization of Halophytes in Subtropical and Tropical Regions', organized by the University of Osnabruck.

03 - 15 January Lomé (Togo).

Problèmes environnementaux des PVD. Course (30h theory + 15h practical sessions) in the postgraduate course *Droit environnemental*, organized by and in collaboration with Universiteit Maastricht (Nederland), Université de Liège et RUG, et Université du Bénin, Lomé (Togo) et Université Nationale du Bénin (UNB), Cotonou (Bénin). Contacts with colleagues from UNB and UB on possibilities for further collaboration.

1997

24 September Wageningen (Holland)

Participation in the conference 'For teleteaching teacher still requested?' (*Voor teleleren nog docent vereist?*).

8 - 12 September Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

Participation in the "16th Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society Conference", organised by Malaysian Plant Protection Society (MAPPS).

Presentation of a paper:

- Weed Surveys Providing Ecological Information for Development of Integrated Weed Management Systems in the Tropics, and
- Effective Weed-free Period for Two Vegetable Bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) cultivars in Sri Lanka'.

Co-chairman and jury member for 'best paper of the conference' for session 1B: Weed Biology and Ecology II.

20 - 23 August Beijing (P.R. China)

Participation in the "International Symposium on Sustainable Agricultural Technology"

Oral presentation

- Weed Ecology Studies: a Basis for Integrated Weed Management Systems in the Tropics
- The Importance of Knowledge on Floristic Composition and Relative Abundance of Rice Weeds in the Dry and Intermediate Zones of Sri Lanka: the Case of *Echinochloa*.

Co-chairman of the second day's morning session of working (technical) group B; presented the conclusions of working (technical) group A to the general assembly at the closing ceremony.

03 May Gent (Belgium)

18 March Brussels (Belgium)

Participation in the seminar 'Food security in Tanzania: a comparison between the policies of ACT and COOIBO, Flemish NGOs for development cooperation, organized by NCOS, Brussels.

17 -18 March Brussels (Belgium)

Participation in the congress 'Adapted Modes of Co-operation as a Driving Force for Social Economic Promotion of Farmers in the South', organized by Ieder voor Allen, Flemish NGO for development cooperation.

07 - 08 March Ostend (Belgium)

International Conference on the Social Economy in the North and South, organized by the Belgian Administration of Development Cooperation (BADC).

1996



15 December Antwerp (Belgium)
Lecture
Don't just say "Hottentot" to a "Topnaar"...(*Zeg niet zomaar "Hottentot" tegen een "Topnaar"...*), given on invitation for the Cultural Department of the Royal Zoological Society of Antwerp.

13 - 17 October Meknès (Morocco)
Participation in the 'Xème Colloque du GREMPA' (*Groupe de Recherches et d'Etudes Méditerranéens pour L'Amandier et le Pistachier*). Presentation of ongoing research activities on pistachio.

11 - 13 September Dijon (France)
Participation as an author into the '10th Conference on Weed Biology'.
Presentation of a paper

- Floristic Composition and Relative Abundance of Rice Weeds in the Dry and Intermediate Zones of Sri Lanka (together with Van Mele P., Van Damme V., Scheldeman X. and Meylemans B.)

3 - 7 September Prague (Czech Republic)
44th annual congress on Medicinal Plant Research
Poster presentation

- Pharmacological Study of *Acanthosicyos horridus*. I. Effect on Some Biochemical Parameters
- Pharmacological Study of *Acanthosicyos horridus*. II. Interaction with Adrenalin and Acetylcholine on the Sensitivity of Myocard in Rats (with Mimica-Kukic N., Popovic M., Jakovljevic, V., and Milicevic, B.)

02 - 06 September Nairobi (Kenya)
Fifth International Congress of Ethnobiology
Oral presentation

- Wild Edible Fruits of Southern Ecuador and Their Cultivation Prospects (together with Van den Eynden V.)

23 - 26 July Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
International Conference on Tropical Fruits, Global Commercialisation of Tropical Fruits
Oral presentation

- Demand for Tropical Fruits Produced in the Southern Provinces of Ecuador (together with Verheyen I.)

08 July Hohenheim (Germany)
Participation in the NATURA organized 'Course on Agricultural Technology in Tropical Countries' lecturing 'Agro-silvopastoral systems (The multipurpose tree idea)' and 'Ethnobotanical aspects of legumes' (7 hours in total).

02 - 05 July Kew Gardens (England)
conference on Plants for Food and Medicine
Oral presentations

- Promising Wild Fruits of Southern Ecuador
- Wild Edible Plants from Southern Ecuador and Their Possibilities for Cultivation (together with Van den Eynden V.)



25 June Brussels (Belgium)
Lecture for the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences entitled: 'Ethnobotanical research at the RUG'.

26 -27 May Gannoruwa (Sri Lanka)
Second Weed Science Congress of the Weed Science Society of Sri Lanka (WSSSL) organized in collaboration with/sponsored by the 'Weeds in Leguminous Crops' project, and co-organised by

University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and Natural Resources, Energy and Science Authority of Sri Lanka.

Oral presentation

- A Survey of Weeds in Upland Crops in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka (together with Meylemans B., Van Damme V. and Scheldeman X.)
- Ecological studies on weed crop interaction in selected food legumes (together with Kodikara, P.B., Sangakkara, U.R., Thattil, R.O., Meylemans, B. & Van Damme, P.)

22- 24 May

Brussels (Belgium)

International Conference on Tropical Climatology, Meteorology and Hydrology

Oral presentation

- Influence of Small Dams on the Water Table Level in Northern Togo (together with Vermeulen H., De Troch F. and Troch P.).

07 May

Gent (Belgium)

48th International Symposium on Crop Protection.

Oral presentations

- Effect of Management Practices on the Occurrence of *Echinochloa* spp. in Dry and Intermediate Zone Rice Fields of Sri Lanka' (together with Van Mele P., Van Damme V., Scheldeman X. and Meylemans B.)
- Some Aspects of Weed-crop Interactions in Tropical Food Legumes (together with Sangakkara U.R. and Meylemans B.)

Poster presentation

- Influence of Drought Stress on Competition between Mungbean (*Vigna radiata* Wilczek) and Selected Weed Species (together with Van Caelenbergh W., Seynaeve T. en Meylemans B.)



26 April

Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Invited lecture at the Institute for Development Research, University of Amsterdam, in the MSc programme 'Agriculture in Africa'. Title: Ecological Aspects of Farming Systems in The Tropics.



20 - 23 March

Montevideo (Uruguay)

VIII simposio Latinoamericano de Farmacobotania.

Oral presentation

- The Long Quest for New Medicine, Ethnopharmacology: a difficult Research Discipline is Coming of Age.

11-15 March

Montpellier (France)

Eucarpia Meeting on Tropical Crops

Poster

- Ethnobotanical research at the Faculty of Agricultural and Applied Biological Sciences, University of Gent (together with Van Mele P., De Wolf J., Van den Eynden V. and Van Wingham J.)



01 March

ICRAF, Nairobi (Kenya)

Presentation of a paper at ICRAF's weekly seminar on 'The ethnobotany of the Namib Topnaar'

25 - 28 February

Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

International Symposium on Chemistry, Biological and Pharmacological Properties of African Medicinal Plants

Poster


- The Cytotoxic Principle of the Roots of *Bridelia micrantha* (together with Van Puyvelde L., Boeikens M., Wouters W., Bracke J., Janssens W., Lauwers W., De Kimpe N., Van den Eynden V. and De Wulf J.)

19 - 23 February Nairobi (Kenya)
Domestication and Commercialization of Non-timber Forest Products in Agroforestry Systems; An International Conference
Poster

- Promising New Non-timber Products from Southern Senegal (together with De Wolf J., Van den Eynden V. and Van Wingham J.)


08 -12 February Athens (Greece)
General Assemblée of NATURA, official representative of the University of Gent.

1995

 06 December Gent (Belgium)
Invited lecture delivered in the framework of *De avonden van Afrika Focus* (The evenings of Afrika Focus) with title: *Afrika: Hoe groen is de andere kant van de vallei* (Africa, how green is the other side of the valley)

09 - 12 December Beijing (China)
International Summit on Drugs from Natural Products
Poster

- Insecticidal Activity against the Cockroach *Blattella Germanica* from the roots of *Pergularia daemia* (together with Van Puyvelde L., Verbruggen L., De Kimpe N., Van der Kinderen G., Van Gestel J. and Van den Eynden V.)

 19 -23 June Tucson (USA)
Cactus & Succulent Society Of America Convention.
Oral presentations

- The Ethnobotany of the Topnaar of the Namib Desert
- Succulent Plant Communities of the Namib Desert (together with Van den Eynden V.)

18 - 19 May Tel Aviv (Israel)
International Conference on the Peace Process and the Environment (Tel Aviv University, the Porter Super-Center for Ecological and Environmental Studies, Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv)

09 May Gent (Belgium)
47th Internationaal Symposium on Crop Protection
Oral presentations

- Depression of Growth of *Imperata cylindrica* by *Mucuna pruriens* (together with Premalal B., Meylemans B. and Sangakkara U.R.)
- Occurrence and Degree of Infestation of Weeds in Rice in the Dry and Intermediate Lowland Zones of Sri Lanka (together with Van Damme V., Scheldeman X. and Meylemans B.)

Posters


- Weed Distribution in Relation to Soil Texture and pH in the Dry and Intermediate Lowland Zones of Sri Lanka (together with Scheldeman X., Meylemans B)
- (Rhyzomatous) Weeds Competition and their Control in Coconut (*Cocos nucifera*) Nurseries (together with Devos A., Vanherpen I. and Gunasekera T.G.L.G.)

1994

28 - 30 November Brussels (Belgium)
Implementation of the Convention on Desertification, conference organized by the 'European Environmental Bureau'.

25 November Antwerp (Belgium)
19th Symposium on Pharmacognosy and Natural Products Chemistry, organized by LOF (*Landelijk Overleg Farmacognosie*).
Poster

- From Medicinal Plant to Phytomedicine: the RUG-Senegal Ethnobotanical Research Programme (together with Van den Eynden V. and De Wolf J.)


 23 September Aalst (Belgium)
Het geloof zonder de werken is dood. (No development without action). Lecture delivered at training course for VZW Vredeseilanden education staff.

31 July - 04 August Halifax (Canada)
International Research Congress on Natural Products. The Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the American Society of Pharmacognosy.
Poster

- Phytotoxins from the Leaves of *Laggera decurrens* (together with Van Puyvelde, L., Bosselaers, J., De Kimpe, N., Stevens, C., Van Gestel, J., Van den Eynden, V.)

17 - 22 July Townsville (Australia)
The Future of Tropical Savannas: managing resources and resolving conflicts, congress organised by the James Cook University of North Queensland
Poster

- Woodlands in South Senegal: Protection or Exploitation ? (together with De Wolf, J.)


 07 June Damascus (Syria)
Lecture for the 'Intensive Course on Soil and Water Conservation in Arid Environments'. This course was organized by the 'International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICH)', Chania, Crete. Lecture: Hydrology of Arid Lands. Methods and Techniques of Soil and Water Conservation.

03 May Gent (Belgium)
46th Internationaal Symposium on Crop Protection
Oral presentation

- Survey on Weed Management Practices in Upland Crops in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka (together with Van Damme, V. and Meylemans, B.)

03 - 05 March apaong (Togo)
Opening Seminar "*Projet de soutien aux groupements villageois dans l'est de la région des savanes*" (FIDA/FENU/PNUD) (Village Group Support Project in the East Savanna Region, Togo).


1993

 06 - 09 December Nairobi (Kenya)
Participation in 'Expert Panel on GIS/Remote Sensing Methodology to Assess Desertification', Invited by the Desertification Control, Programme Activity Centre (DC/PAC) of the United Nations Environment Programme — reporter.

08 October russels (Belgium)
Information day on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction 1990–2000, UNO (resolution 42/169).
Poster

- Fire and its negative impact on vegetation development (together with De Wolf, J., Van Winghem, J., Verstraete, G.).

Said poster was presented during the accompanying exhibition in the Brussels Planetarium (08 October – 07 November 1993).

 31 July–09 August Guadalajara (Mexico)
Visit to the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara (UAG). Invited lectures (in Spanish) on: Ethnobotany, *Euphorbia tirucalli* and Agriculture in (semi)-arid zones (9 hours in total).

25–30 July Mexico City (Mexico)
IV Conferencia Internacional para el Desarrollo de las Zonas Aridas. Paper presented: ‘*Euphorbia tirucalli*, a Succulent Plant Suitable for Dry and Salt Soil Cultivation’.

24 June Gent (Belgium)
Seminar organized by the National Centre for Development Cooperation. Lecture: ‘Food Security Measures in Developing Countries’.

12 June Leuven (Belgium)
Food Security Seminar, organized by NCOS-Province East Flanders, Belgium
Paper presented

- The Food Security Situation of the African Peasantry (together with De Wolf, J., Van Winghem J., Verstraete G.)

19 -22 May Tunis (Tunisia)
First Intercontinental Congres. Medicinal Plants and Phytotherapy.
Poster

- Medicinal Plants in the Traditional Topnaar Culture (Namib Desert) (together with ir. Veerle Van den Eynden).

14 May Louvain (Belgium)
Seminar, organized by the Catholic University of Louvain: ‘Environmental Platform’
Poster


- Assessment of the Woody Vegetation in the Soudano Guinea Zone of Senegal.

04 May Gent (Belgium)
45th International Symposium on Crop Protection.
Oral presentations





- Suicidal Germination of Striga-Seed using Several Trap Crop Varieties (together with De Jongh, K. and Berner D.)
- Epiphytic and Parasitic Algae (Trentepohliaceae) on Oil Palm (*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq.); General Description of Species
- Epiphytic and Parasitic Algae (Trentepohliaceae) on Oil Palm (*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq.); II. Experimental Work (both together with Van Eesvelde, S. and Liao, S.S.)

22–25 March Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee (Israel)
International Symposium on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.
Oral presentation

- Ethnobotanical research in the Namib Desert - the use of medicinal and aromatic plants by the Topnaar people.

 06–28 February Benguet (Philippines)
Teaching at the Benguet State University. The themes covered were: Stress Physiology (9 hours), Farming Systems (9 hours), Root Crops Germplasm Collection and Breeding (12 hours). Monitoring of students' seminars. Presentation of 2 seminars: Agriculture in Semi-Arid Zones and Rapid Rural Appraisal Methods (each seminar: 2 hours).

1992

-  17 December Leuven (Belgium)
Seminar on Small Enterprise Development, Elements for a Policy, organized by ATOL, Blijde Inkomststraat, 9, 3000 Louvain, Belgium. Presentation of a paper: Small Enterprise Development: A Critical Review from an Agricultural Perspective; or: are there Parallelisms Between Small Industrial Enterprises and Small Rural Enterprises.
-  7 - 12 December Abidjan (Ivory Coast)
Scientific Workshop on Fallow Land Regeneration in the African Humid Tropics. Presentation of a paper: *Apport de la Belgique dans le domaine de la recherche sur les jachères en Afrique tropicale humide* (Belgian contribution to the Fallow Land Research in the Humid African Tropics).
- 18 November Ghent (Belgium)
Symposium organized by Dodonaea
Poster
 - The Ethnobotany of the Namib Desert (together with Van den Eynden V. and Vernemmen P.)
- 17–19 November Wageningen (Netherlands)
Seminar ‘Financial Landscapes Reconstructed’. Seminar organized by the University of Wageningen.
Paper
 - *Emergence d'une organisation populaire d'épargne et de crédit au Nord-Togo* (Emergence of a popular savings and credit organization in northern Togo).
- 23 - 26 October Brussels (Belgium)
Training Seminar on ‘Taking Peoples’ Cultures into Account in Development Work’. Title of the lecture: Case study: a model for an integrated developing project in Northern Togo.
- 06 - 08 October Harare (Zimbabwe)
The Third Symposium on Science and Technology.
Oral presentation
Biomass as a Renewable Energy source: a Case Study of Three Perennial Plant Species (together with Peddi, S.).
- 26 September Gobabeb (Namibia)
Scientific Research Presentation Day of the Desert Ecological Research Unit.
Poster left on permanent display in Gobabeb
 - Ethnobotany of the Namib Desert (together with Van den Eynden V. and Vernemmen P.)
- 20 -26 September Cordoba (Spain)
Symposio II ‘Etnobotanica '92’
Poster
 - Ethnobotanical Survey of the Namib Desert (together with Van den Eynden V.)
-  21 September University of Agronomy, Wageningen (The Netherlands)
Course in the DBI-project: Senegal valley, 4 lectures about Integrated Cropping Methods.
- 19–25 July Maastricht (The Netherlands)
First World Congress on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants for Human Welfare WOCMAP
Oral presentation
 - Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Used by the Topnaar - Namibia (together with V. Van den Eynden)
-  06 May Chania (Crete)
Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania. Invited course in the Economics of Integrated Rural Development Programme (sections: Agricultural Management and Marketing, and International

Agricultural Policy and Development). Title: Saving and Credit as Tools to Start Development in a Developing Rural Environment.

05 May ent (Belgium)

44th International Symposium on Crop Protection.

Oral presentations

- The Use of Artificial Nests to Establish Colonies of the Black Cocoa Ant (*Dolichoderus thoracicus* Smith) Used for Biological Control of *Helopeltis theobromae* Mill. in Malaysia ((together with ir. M. Heirbaut)
- A New Technique to Test Germination response of *Striga* - Seed Using Host Plant Roots ((together with Ir. P. Van Mele)



24 - 25 April Rehoboth (Namibia)

Second meeting of the 'Museum Association of Namibia'.

Oral presentation

- Ethnobotany in Namibia (together with Ir. Veerle Van den Eynden and Lic. Patrick Vernemmen)

02 March Cordoba (Argentina)

4 hours' course (in Spanish) on: {1.} *Etnobotanica : definicion y aspectos generales*; {2.} *Ejemplos tipicos: Senegal, Ruanda y Namibia*; {3.} *Euphorbia tirucalli* L. (*planta CAM-C3*); and {4.} *Euphorbia tirucalli* L.: *adaptacion a la sequia y salinidad*



15 January University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Invited lecture at the Institute for Development Research in the programme 'Agriculture in Africa'. Title: Ecological Aspects of Farming Systems in The Tropics.

1991

24–27 November Maastricht (The Netherlands)

First European Symposium on Industrial Crops and Products

Oral presentation

- *Euphorbia tirucalli*, a Latex Producing Drought Resistant Succulent with Potentials for Energy, Triterpene and Rubber Production.

23 - 26 October Brussels (Belgium)

Participation into a four day Training Seminar on 'Taking Peoples' Cultures into Account in Development Work'. Presentation of a case study on an Integrated Development Approach in northern Togo.



09 October Wageningen (Netherlands)

One day course on Irrigated Crop Systems (in the Senegal valley area) in the Senegal Valley Project Course of the University of Wageningen.



04 -07 March University of Amsterdam (UA) (The Netherlands)

Guest course at the Institute for development research in the Agriculture in Africa workshop. Discussions with programme directors in view of possible co-operation between UA and State University of Ghent.

1990

05 - 07 December Paris (France)

First Congress of the European Society of Agronomy, Paris.

Oral presentation

- Investigation into the Extreme Drought Tolerance of *Euphorbia tirucalli*

Poster

- Reasons for the Extreme Salt Tolerance of *Euphorbia tirucalli*.

17–19 November

Gent (Belgium)

RUG. Workshop 'Water Saving Techniques for Plant Growth', Advanced Research Workshop, Sponsored by NATO, National Science Research Foundation.



14 June

Kandy (Sri Lanka)

Special Research Colloquium delivered to the Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy. Title: Africa, the Lost Continent?



04 June

Peradeniya (Sri Lanka)

Invited Lecture for the Postgraduate Institute of the University of Peradeniya. Title: Carbon Metabolism - Ecological Implications of C3, C4 and CAM plants.

1989



16 November

Brussels (Belgium)

Lecture for seminar organised by Wereldsolidariteit KAV - KWB - ACW. Paper presented: *Milieuproblemen in de Derde Wereld en ontwikkelingssamenwerking* (Development Co-operation and Environmental Problems in the Third World).



19 October

Brussels (Belgium)

Lecture for the Commission Peace and Development, working group on Development Policy. Theme: Environment and Development, Guidelines for a Development Policy.



27 September

Gent (Belgium)

Opening address at the beginning of the academic year of the postgraduate course (master's programme) on eremology. Title: The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of Ghent in Third World Perspective.

27 June

Brussels (Belgium)

Seminar Development and Culture organised by the Platform for Development and Culture sponsored by the European Economic Community. Presentation of the text: *Méthodes d'identification et de suivi d'un projet de développement intégré: étude de cas*.

1988

14 - 15 September

Rabat (Morocco)

Colloque: *L'irrigation sous serre et la protection phytosanitaire sous serre, Rabat*.

26 June - 02 July

Bologna (Italy)

VIIth World Congress for Rural Sociology, Bologna.

Oral presentation

- Sociological and Organizational Aspects of Fuel Wood Growing in Traditional Communities: The Case of Northern Togo.

1987

14 - 18 September

Montpellier (France)

VIII Séminaire d'économie et de sociologie rurales, Montpellier. *Problématiques et instruments d'observation en zone rurale tropicale*. Paper presented: *Méthodes d'identification et de suivi d'un projet de développement intégré: de la théorie à la pratique* (Identification and follow-up methods for integrated rural development projects: from theory to practice).

1984

29 - 30 June

Brussels (Belgium)

IV Vlaams wetenschappelijk congres voor Groenvoorziening (Fourth Flemish Scientific Congress on Vegetation), Vrije Universiteit, Brussels. Member of working group III-2: Acid precipitation in relation to forest stands.

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38. Analysis of incentive contracts for sustainable ecosystem management in the buffer zone of Podocarpus National Park, Ecuador. Leander RAES (co-promoters: prof. dr. ir. Guido Van Huylenbroeck, UGent, FBW, prof. dr. ir. Marijke D'Haese, UGent, FBW, and prof. dr. Konrad Hagedorn, Division of Resource Economics, Humboldt University Berlin; 8 January 2016).
39. Molecular diversity and quantitative trait loci related to drought tolerance in lentil (*Lens culinaris* Medik., Fabaceae). Omar IDRISSE (co-promotor: dr. ir. Jan De Riek, ILVO, Belgium) (21 June 2016) (winner of the yearly competition of the Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences, 2017 - <https://www.kaowarsom.be/en/prizewinners>).
40. Forest policy and institutional dimensions of REDD⁺ in Cameroon. Serge NGEDNDAKUMANA (co-promoters: prof. dr. ir. Stijn Speelman UGent, FBW, and dr. ir. Zacharie Tchoundjeu, principal scientist ICRAF, West and Central Africa, Regional Programme, Cameroon) (26 October 2016).
41. *Recherches ethnobotaniques sur les plantes médicinales dans la Région de Mbanza-Ngungu, RDC*. Flavien NZUKI BAKWAYE (07 december 2016).
42. Osmotic drought stress influence on physiological and biochemical characteristics of pistachio (*Pistacia* spp.) seedlings. Ali ESMAEILPOUR (co-promotor: prof. Dr. ir. Roeland Samson, Universiteit Antwerpen) (27 October 2017).
43. Traditional food consumption and its nutritional contribution in Guasaganda, Central Ecuador. Dolores Daniela PENAFIEL ANCHUNDIA (co-promoter: prof. dr. Ramon Espinel, ESPOL, Guayaquil, Ecuador) (13 December 2017).

44. Non-timber forest products in Suriname. Diversity, knowledge and use of plants in an Amerindian and Maroon community. Sofie RUYSSCHAERT (12 June 2018).
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46. Vulnerability of maize-dependent smallholders and their adaptation strategies to climate change in Ethiopia. Sisay Belay BEDEKE (23 March 2020).

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2. Plant Diversity and Ethnobotanical Study of Medicinal Plants in Ankober District, North Shewa Zone of Amhara Region, Ethiopia. LULEKAL, Ermias Molla (20 June 2014; co-promoters: dr. Zemedet Asfaw and Prof. dr. Sebsebe Demissew).

Université de Kisangani, Faculté des Sciences, Democratic Republic of Congo

Valeurs nutritionnelles et toxicologiques de quelques plantes alimentaires sauvages: Aframomum laurentii, Amaranthus viridis, Cola acuminata var. rouge et jaune, Garcinia kola, Gnetum africanum, Pentadiplandra brazzeana, Pteridium aquilinum, Scorodophloeus zenkeri, Solanum americanum et Synsepalum stipulatum consommées à Kisangani et dans les environs. Basile SOLOMO (DEA; 2008, co-promoteur : Prof. Dr. ir. Dhed'a Djaouilo, UNIKIS).

Université Marien Ngouabi, Brazzaville, Congo Republic

Amélioration variétale du niébé, Vigna unguiculata (L) WALP: exploitation du potentiel génétique des formes sauvages, Bernard LELOU (21 June 2014).

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1. Potential of biogas production from biowaste in Kenya and its contribution to environmental sustainability. Charles K. Nzila (promoters: Prof. Dr. ir. Jo Dewulf and Prof. dr. Henri Spanjers) (22 December 2011).
2. The effects of poly- β -hydroxybutyrate on Siberian sturgeon (*Acipenser baerii* Brandt) larval and juvenile culture, Ebrahim Hossein NAJDEGERAMI (promoters: Prof. dr. ir. Peter Bossier and Prof. dr. Nico Boon (1 March 2012).

3. Diversity of entomopathogenic nematodes in North China and their control potential against the chive midge, *Bradysia odoriphaga*, Juan MA (promoters: Prof. dr. ir. Patrick De Clercq and dr. ir. Maurice Moens) (16 April 2012).
4. Osmotically-induced anhydrobiosis in entomopathogenic nematodes used for the integrated management of the striped flea beetle, *Phyllotreta striolata*, Xun YAN (promoters: Prof. dr. ir. Patrick De Clercq and dr. ir. Maurice Moens) (16 April 2012).
5. Toxicity and mode of action of fungal lectins in pest insects important in agriculture. Mohamad HAMSHOU (promoters: Prof. dr. ir. Guy Smaghe and Prof. dr. Els Van Damme) (24 May 2012).
6. Identity and distribution of entomopathogenic nematodes in southern Cameroon and their potential as biocontrol agent against pest insects. Françoise NGO KANGA (promoters: Prof. dr. ir. Luc Tirry and dr. ir. Maurice Moens) (21 June 2012).
7. Copula-based models for design rainfall. Sander Vandenberghe (promoters: Prof. Dr. ir. Niko Verhoest and Prof. dr. Bernard De Baets) (20 September 2012).
8. Improved utilization of oil palm fronds in ruminant diets. Hasliza Binti ABU HASSIM (promoters: Prof. dr. ir. Veerle Fievez, Prof. dr. Y. M. Goh (University Putra Malaysia) and dr. Marta Lourenço) (2012).
9. Borrower perspectives on access to formal microcredit in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam (*Analyse van de toegang tot formeel microkrediet vanuit het perspectief van de ontlener in de Mekong Delta in Vietnam*). Vuong Quoc DUY (promoter : prof. dr. ir. Marijke D'Haese) (28 September 2012).
10. The role of plant hormones in rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) defense towards root parasitic nematodes (De rol van plantenhormonen voor verdediging tegen plant-parasitaire nematoden in rijst, *Oryza sativa*). Kamrun NAHAR (promoters: prof. dr. Godelieve Gheysen and dr. ir. Tina Kyndt) (16 November 2012).
11. N balances as a basis for improved N use efficiency in vegetable production Central Java, Indonesia. Ladiyani Retno WIDOWATI (promoter: prof. dr. ir. Stefaan De Neve) (20 November 2012).
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13. Towards improved utilization of oil palm fronds in ruminant diets. Hasliza Abu HASSIM (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Veerle Fievez and dr. Goh Yong Meng, Maleisië) (21 December 2012).
14. Intraguild interactions between the harlequin ladybird *Harmonia axyridis* and non-coccinellid aphidophagous predators. Brecht INGELS (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Patrick De Clercq and dr. Ir.. Thomas Van Leeuwen) (14 March 2013).
15. Measuring sap flow and stem water content in trees: a critical analysis and development of a new heat pulse method (Sapflow+). Maurits VANDEGEHUCHTE (promoter: prof. dr. ir. Kathy Steppe) (31 May 2013).
16. Water quality and ecological assessment of natural wetlands in Southwest Ethiopia. Seid Tiku MERETA (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Peter Goethals and prof. dr. Luc De Meester, KULeuven) (2 September 2013).

17. Indirect methods to predict hydrophysical properties of soils of Lower Congo. Yves-Dady BOTULA MANYALA (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Wim Cornelis, prof. dr. Eric Van Ranst and prof. dr. ir. Paul Mafuka Mbe-Mpie, Kinshasa) (23 September 2013).
18. Spatio-temporal patterns of vegetation recovery in post-agricultural forests in Flanders. Luc DE KEERSMAEKER (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Kris Verheyen, and prof. dr. Martin Hermy (KULeuven)) (28 October 2013).
19. The development of an improved model to assess worker re-entry exposure to plant protection products. Kim DOAN NGOC (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Pieter Spanoghe and prof. em. dr. ir. Walter Steurbaut) (16 December 2014).
20. Decision support for tomato growers based on plant responses, modelling and greenhouse energy consumption. Jochen HANSENS (promotor: prof. dr. ir. Kathy Steppe) (14 January 2015).
21. Micropeptides as non-classical bioactive peptides in eukaryotes, a ribosome profiling centered approach. Jeroen CRAPPE (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Wim Van Criekinge, dr. ir. Gerben Menschaert and Prof. dr. Geert Baggerman (Universiteit Antwerpen) (9 February 2015).
22. Interplay between phytotoxins and ethylene mediates rice brown spot disease, caused by *Cochliobolus miyabeanus*. Lieselotte DE BRUYNE (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Monica Höfte and dr. ir. David De Vleeschauwer) (27 May 2015).
23. Diagnosis of *Chlamydia suis* infection in pigs and humans. Leentje DE PUYSSSELEYR (promoters: prof. dr. Daisy Vanrompay and prof. dr. Eric Cox) (17 June 2015).
24. Fouling of nanofiltration membranes: mechanisms and implications for trace organic rejection. Oranso Themba MAHLANGU (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Arne Verliefde, prof. dr. Bhekhe Mamba (University of South Africa, South Africa, and prof. dr. Eric Hoek, University of California, Los Angeles, United States of America) (14 September 2015).
25. Food safety management systems in the East African community: empirical evidence from the fresh produce sector in Kenya and Uganda. Jessica Nanyunja SENTONGO (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Mieke Uyttendaele, prof. dr. ir. Liesbeth Jacxsens, prof. dr. ir. Pieternel A. Luning (WUR, Netherlands) and Prof. Kaaya Archilea Natigo (Makerere University, Uganda)) (24 September 2015).
26. Evaluation of floodwater spreading for groundwater recharge in Gareh Bygone Plain, southern Iran. Mojtaba PAKPARVAR (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Donald Gabriels, prof. dr. ir. Wim Cornelis, and prof. dr. Sayyed Ahang Kowsar) (3 December 2015).
27. From raw numbers to robust evidence. Sam DESIERE (promoter: prof. dr. ir. Marijke D'haese) (11 December 2015).
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29. Integrated control of downy mildew (*Bremia lactucae*) on lettuce, and side effects on basal rot caused by *Botrytis cinerea* and *Rhizoctonia solani*. Nathalie VAN HESE (promoter: prof. dr. ir. Monica Höfte) (18 December 2015).
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31. Identification and characterisation of spoilage moulds in chocolate confectionery and patulin-producing moulds in apples. Nikki DE CLERCQ (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Bruno De Meulenaer, prof. dr. ir. Frank Devlieghere, dr. ir. Els Van Coillie (ILVO) and dr. ir. Geertrui Vlaemynck (ILVO)) (13 June 2016).
32. Characterisation of the interaction between rice and the parasitic nematode *Ditylenchus angustus*. Shakhina KHANAM (promoters: prof. dr. Godelieve Gheysen, prof. dr. ir. Tina Kyndt and prof. dr. Abdul Mannan Akanda (Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University)) (3 October 2016).
33. Possibilities of endophytic fungi from Kenya for growth promotion of rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) and defense against nematodes. Njira Njira PILI (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Godelieve Gheysen and prof. dr. ir. Monica Höfte, UGent, FBW and prof. dr. Rihcard K. Mibey, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya; 08 December 2016).
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35. Evaluation of candidate immunostimulatory compounds in gnotobiotic European sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax* L.) larvae. E. N. YAACOB (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Peter Bossier and Prof. dr. Daisy Vanrompaey) (29 May 2017).
36. Supply chain performance and satisfaction. Investigating the perceptions of relationship quality in the Ugandan maize supply chain. Walter ODONGO (promoters: Prof. dr. Xavier Gellynck, dr. Manoj Kumar Dora (Brunel University London, Uxbridge, UK) and dr. Adrienn Molnár (Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary)) (06 December 2017).
37. Interactions between root-knot nematode *Meloidogyne graminicola* and oomycete *Pythium arrhenomenas* in rice roots. Ruben VERBEEK (promoters: prof. dr. ir. Monica Höfte and prof. dr. ir. Tina Kyndt) (05 January 2018).
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39. The Politics of Urban Agriculture. An international exploration of governance, food systems, and environmental justice. Charlotte PROVÉ (promoters: Prof. dr. ir. Joost Dessein and dr. Michiel de Krom) (02 February 2018).

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and drought stress on cytological, morphological, anatomical and ecophysiological characteristics of CO₂ assimilation in C₃- en C₄ plants). Geert BOGAERT (1990).

Tissue culture investigation in two tropical woody species: *Hevea brasiliensis* Muell. Arg. en *Litchi chinensis* Sonn. ARAK JANTASILP (1991).

Evaluation of drought and salt resistance of several tomato varieties in terms of production, growth and ecophysiological characteristics. SAMI KARIM SHIYA (1992).

Biology, ecology, rearing and predation potential of the predatory bugs *Podisus maculiventris* (Say) and *Podisus sagitta* (Fabricius) (Heteroptera: pentatomidae) in the laboratory. DE CLERCQ P. (1993).

Policy Review and Reform of the Rice Sector in Malaysia. LIN MUI KIANG (1994).

Les Erwinia spp. pectinolytiques inféodées à la pomme de terre en Tunisie: détection et lutte. (Detection and phytosanitary actions against *Erwinia* spp. on potato in Tunisia). ROMDHANI M.E. (1994).

The Impact of Tenurial Systems on Rice Production in West Java. MAMAN HAERUMAN KARMANA (1994).

Morpho-biological characterization of certain North African plant species. Implications for management of pastoral systems. NEFFATI M (1994).

Quality of Dried Rice and Valorization of Rice Bran. EUFEMIO G. BARCELON (1996).

Amélioration de la tolérance de la pomme de terre (Solanum tuberosum L.) à la salinité par voie biotechnologique (Improvement of salt stress by biotechnology of the potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.)) Cherif HANNACHI (1996)

Variations morphologiques, anatomiques et écophysologiques en rapport avec la résistance à la sécheresse chez l'olivier (Olea europaea L.) (Morphological, anatomical and ecophysiological variations, in relation to drought stress resistance of the olive tree (*Olea europaea* L.)). Dalenda BOUJNAH (1996).

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Sustainable Forest Management Modelling: a case study in the PT Asialog Production Forest, Jambi, Indonesia. Bambang SUPRIYANTO (1997).

Improved Micropropagation of *Phalaenopsis*. Vilma Duyao ALEJANDRO (1998).

Reclamation of an Ultisol from South Sumatra Using *Mucuna* L. and Lime (*Verbetering van de vruchtbaarheid van een ultisol in Zuid-Sumatra door Mucuna L. en bekalking*). Dedik, BUDIANTI (1999).

La modernisation agricole et ses effets sur les systèmes de production agricole: cas de la région de Sidi Bouzid en Tunisie Centrale (Modernisation in agriculture and its effects on the agricultural production systems: the case of Sidi Bouzid in Central Tunisia). Ali ABAAB (1999).

Isolation and Structural Elucidation of Natural Products from *Pentas longiflora* and *Gossypioides kirkii* (*Isolatie en structuurbepaling van natuurproducten uit Pentas longiflora and Gossypioides kirkii*). Samir EL HADY (1999).

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The cocoyam root rot disease pathogen, *Pythium myriotylum*: pathogenicity, isozyme characterization, nature of resistance and biological control (*Pythium myriotylum, de verwekker van wortelrot bij cocoyam: pathogeniciteit, isozym karakterisaties, aard van de resistentie en biologische bestrijding*). James Tabi TAMBONG (2000) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. Monica Höfte).

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Detection of fruit stimulating biofactors in waste used for mushroom cultivation (*Detectie van vruchtstimulerende biofactoren in afval gebruikt voor de zwamteelt*). Denisa DOMONDON (2000) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. Monica Höfte en Prof. Dr. ir. Joseph Poppe).

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Cloning of Italian forest tree species by in vitro techniques (*Kloneren van Italiaanse bosboomsoorten via in vitro techniek*). Maurizio CAPUANA (5 June 2001) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. Pierre Debergh).

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Soil water dynamics and crop water use for maize and soybean under an agro-forestry system of improved Sesbania fallow in Zambia (*Bodemwaterdynamica en watergebruik voor maïs en soja onder*

een agro-forestry-systeem van Sesbania-verbeterde braakligging in Zambia), Elijah PHIRI (21 March 2002) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. Hubert Verplancke)

Saponins from *Maesa balansae*, a Vietnamese medicinal plant, as a possible lead for a new anti-Leishmania drug (*Saponinen uit Maesa balansae, een Vietnamese medicinale plant, als een mogelijke lead-verbinding voor een nieuw anti-Leishmania geneesmiddel*), Nils GERMONPREZ (May 2002) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. Norbert De Kimpe en Dr. Luc Van Puyvelde)

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Tissue culture approaches to improve the aluminium tolerance of *Citrus* in the Mekong Delta of Viet Nam (*Weefselteeltbenaderingen voor het verbeteren van de aluminiumtolerantie van Citrus in de Mekong Delta, Viet Nam*). Nguyen BAO TOAN (25 March 2003) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. Pierre Debergh en Prof. Dr. Nguyen Bao Ve)

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Elaboration and application of an adjusted agricultural land evaluation model for Rwanda (*Ontwikkeling en toepassing van een aangepast landbouwkundig landevaluatiemodel voor Rwanda*). Ann VERDOODT (October 2003) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. E. Van Ranst)

Nitrogen dynamics in sugarcane fields (*Stikstofdynamiek in suikerrietvelden*). Denis William ISA (March 2004) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. O. Van Cleemput & Prof. Dr. ir. G. Hofman)

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Decision-making in bovine theileriosis control by small-scale livestock owners in Zambia (*Besluitvorming in de bestrijding van rundertheileriosis door kleinschalige veehouders in Zambia*). Rik ELYN (September 2004) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. Guido Van Huylenbroeck en Dr. E. Thijs (ITG/Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerpen))

Amélioration de la fertilité chimique des sables quaternaires en Côte-d'Ivoire dans l'association cocotier/Acacia spp. (Verbetering van de chemische vruchtbaarheid van kwartaire zandbodems in Ivoorkust voor de plantenassociatie kokospalm/Acacia spp.). Alice N'GORAN (9 February 2005) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. Oswald Van Cleemput en Prof. Dr. ir. Georges Hofman)

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Behaviour of farmers towards price changes during market liberalisation in Ethiopia (*Producentengedrag tegenover prijsveranderingen tijdens de marktliberalisatie in Ethiopië*). Kindie GETNET (14 April 2005) (Prom. Prof. Dr. ir. Jacques Viaene en Prof. Dr. ir. Wim Verbeke)

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Teacher at the International Training course organized by the Westvlaams Economisch Studiebureau (Regional Centre of Economic Development), Brugge, Belgium (1980s).

Teacher at the *Vlaamse Vereniging voor Opleidingsprogramma's in het Buitenland* (V.V.O.B.; Flemish Organization for Training and Education Abroad, a Belgian parastatal organisation for development co-operation); theme: Criteria used in development project evaluation.

Organization and monitoring of several Seminars on Rural Development, Plant Tissue Culture, Biotechnology and Organic Matter (for the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and F.A.O.).

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 - Referee for *Slovak Research and Development Agency* (October 2007 -).
 - *FARA (Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa) & EFARD (European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development) Consultation on Agricultural Research Programming for FP7-FAB and FSTP (organised by the European Commission in collaboration with CTA)* – (Dakar, Brussel (februari 2008 -).
 - Referee for IRD (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, www.ird.fr) – evaluator for JEA1 programme (*jeunes équipes associées internationales*) and PhD and exchange grants, and permanent training (*dossiers de bourses de thèse, des bourses d'échanges scientifiques et de formation continue*) (January 2009 – December 2012; 3 sessions/year, in Marseille)
 - Referee for IRD (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, www.ird.fr) - member of the "Sciences des systèmes biologiques" (CSS3) commission (March 2012 – February 2016).
 - *ERANET (ERA_NETHEALTH)* (<http://cordis.europa.eu/coordination/era-net.htm>) – theme: *Health vulnerability resulting from future climate change impacts on soil-water ecosystems, land use and water resources at regional scale*. Member of 'Terrestrial ecosystem, agro-food, infectious disease', commission together with Prof. Etienne Thiry - ULg (<http://www.belspo.be/belspo/fedra/prom.asp?l=en&promid=2268>), en Prof. Eric Lambin - UCL (<http://www.belspo.be/belspo/fedra/prom.asp?l=en&promid=802>) (April 2008 - now).
 - Holland: expert for the NWO Earth and Life Sciences (NOW-ALW) – Innovative Research Incentives Scheme (IRIS) (see: www.now.nl/vi) (2009 -).
 - *BMBF Call "Sustainable Land Use", German Federal Ministry of Education and Research*, Duitsland (December 2009/January 2010).
 - Member of the Advisory Board of the German *Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung* (BMBF) – 'Sustainable Land Management – Module A' programme (2010 – 2017).
 - *United States – Israel Binational Science Foundation* – early 2010 - ..
 - Evaluator for SANPAD (*South Africa - Netherlands Research Programme on Alternatives in Development*) – April 2010.
 - External reviewer for the Ethnobotanical Research Team in Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden (May 2010).
 - External reviewer for Natural Environment Research Council(UK) Consortium grant in Biodiversity & Ecosystem Service Sustainability (BESS) programme (October 2011)
 - Denmark: referee for the Danish MFA/Danida development research and capacity building of research in low-income countries program (2014).
 - *Directorio de Evaluadores Externos* (member of the external evaluation commission) of the *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú* (PUCP) (since April 2016)
 - Evaluator for the Independent Research Fund Denmark (Ministry of Higher Education and Science, Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education) (June 2018)

Referee Other than for Scientific Journals

- International Foundation for Science (IFS), Sweden (since 1987)
- European Economic Community specific research projects in the field of tropical and subtropical agronomy and plant physiology (call 98/C385A/02 and 1999/C25A/02; since July 1999) - identification number: AG-04/ER D(99)
- European Commission: expert to monitor the RTD fourth Framework Programmes and their Specific Programmes (July 31st 1997 - end 1999) (ref. 97/C 232/11)
- European Commission: expert to monitor the RTD fifth Framework Programmes and their Specific Programmes (call: 1999/C 120 A/02, official journal C 120 A)

- Referee for the German Ministry of Research (BMBF) terrestrial biodiversity research programme (September 1999 -)
- Referee for the German-based Mercedes Benz foundation...
- Referee for the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WotRO) Integrated Programmes (October 1999 -)

Member of the scientific committee supervising the rewriting of Vandeput's standard work on tropical agriculture (Belgian Development cooperation/DGOS).

Membership of Scientific and Professional Organisations

- Cactus and Succulent Society of America (SSCA, since 1991)
- International Society for Horticultural Sciences (since 1992)
- Society for Economic Botany (since 1995)
- Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society (APWSS) (since 1997)
- International Society of Ethnobiology (ISE, since 2004; board member June 2008 -)
- EFARD (European Forum for Agricultural Research for Development) chair: October 2016 – 14 September 2020 (2 mandates of 2 year, plus Covid-extension)
- *Ex officio* representative for EFARD with the General Assembly of GFAR (October 2016 – 14 September 2020)
- Member of the *the Capacity development expert group – TAP* (as EFARD representative) (medio 2020 -)
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Participant in the “Science" by Mail" projects Dino Mail (1992/93) and Bio Post (1993/94).

Editorial Boards Memberships (and Referee)

- Afrika Focus (Gent, Belgium), since 1985
- Tropicultura (Brussels, Belgium), since 1992; since 1996: delegated editor for sector tropical agriculture (*gedelegeerd redacteur*)
- Mulga (Mulga Research Centre Journal; Perth, Western Australia), since June 1994
- The African Crop Science Journal (Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, Makerere University, Uganda), since beginning 1998
- (Gembloux, Belgium), since April 1999

Co-author (together with Prof. Dr. Bruno Henry de Frahan,UCL) of the Belgian Government’s policy position text on Desertification (in preparation of Belgium’s adhesion to the *Desertification Convention*).

Referee Scientific Journals

- Afrika Focus (since early 1985)
- Tropicultura (since medio 1990)
- Annales des Sciences Agronomiques, Université Nationale du Bénin (sinds januari 1999).
- Plant, Cell and Environment (Plant Science Division, University of Nottingham; since October 2001)
- Fitoterapia (Italië, since March maart 2003).
- The African Crop Science Journal (Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, Makerere University, Uganda), since beginning 1998.
- Biotechnologie, Agronomie, Société et Environnement, BASE (Faculté Universitaire des Sciences Agronomiques, Gembloux, België) (<http://www.bib.fsagx.ac.be/base>), since February 2000.
- Journal of Tropical Forest Science (Forest Research Institute Malaysia, Kepong, 52109 Kuala Lumpur, Maleisië), since November 2000.
- Journal of Ethnomedicine Research (3/76 Vanchinathan Street, EVR Salai, Palavakkam, Chennai – 600 041 Indië), since June 2002.

- Journal of East African Natural History (Nature Kenya + National Museums of Kenya), since June 2003
- Economic Botany (www.econbot.org), since February 2006.
- Forest Ecology and Management (<http://ees.elsevier.com/foreco/>), since February 2006.
- Environment, Development and Sustainability (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/envi/> en <http://www.environmental-expert.com/magazine/springer/envi/index.asp>, since February 2006.
- Diversity and Distributions (<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=1366-9516&site=1>), since December 2006.
- Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine (<http://www.ethnobiomed.com/>), since December 2006.
- Belgian Journal of Botany (www.br.fgov.be/tmp/BJB/), since January 2007.
- International Journal of Biodiversity Science and Management (since January 2007).
- International Journal of Biological and Chemical Sciences (Kameroen, IJBCS), since January 2007.
- Fruits (Frankrijk), since October 2007.
- Crop Protection, since March 2008.
- Vertigo (La revue électronique en sciences de l'environnement) (<http://www.vertigo.uqam.ca>), since March 2008.
- Environmental and Experimental Botany (<http://ees.elsevier.com/eeb/default.asp>), since April 2008.
- Environment (since February 2009).
- Plant Systematics and Evolution (since February 2009).
- New Forests (since May 2010).
- AETFAT Proceedings 2010 (Fall 2010).
- Agricultura Tropica et Subtropica (Spring 2011).
- Journal of Biodiversity and Ecological Sciences (since Fall 2011 -).
- British Journal of Pharmaceutical Research (Fall 2012 -).
- Ethnobotany Research and Applications (Fall 2012).
- VERTIGO (*la revue électronique en sciences de l'environnement; Institut des sciences de l'environnement Université du Québec a Montréal; Summer 2012* ; <http://vertigo.revues.org>).
- Scientific research and essays (Fall 2012).
- Journal of Medicinal Plants Research (sedert Fall 2012).
- Desalination and Water Treatment (DWT) (www.deswater.com) (Fall 2012).
- Journal of Medicinal Plants Research (Fall 2012) (www.academicjournals.org/jmpr <<http://www.academicjournals.org/jmpr>>).
- John Libbey Eurotext (Fall 2012).
- African Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology (Fall 2012).
- British Journal of Applied Science & Technology (Spring 2013).
- Journal of Natural Resources and Development (Spring 2013, www.jnrd.info).
- African Journal of Agricultural Research (March 2013 - , www.academicjournals.org/).
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Associate Director Europe with the Mobile Discovery Kit programme (http://lifehabitat.org/?page_id=492) (portable kit to detect antibiotics from plant material)

Scientific coordinator for the activities of VVOB (Flemish Organization for Training and Education Abroad), ethnobotany, at CATER, Loja, Ecuador.

Founding member and member of the general assembly

VZW Groenhart (NGO Greenheart), NGO for development co-operation and environmental problems (September 2002 -)

Board Memberships

NGOs for Development Co-operation

- VZW Vredeseilanden (1983 - June 1996)
- VZW PROTOS (1990 – fall 1999; general assembly till now)

- VZW RUGOS (Rijksuniversiteit Gent OntwikkelingsSamenwerking) (May 1992 -) (function: president of the board)
- International Society of Ethnobiology (June 2008 -)

Others

- World Wildlife Foundation (WWF)-Flemish Community (WWF-Flanders; December 1994 -)
- WWF-Belgium (December 1995 -).

Advisory committee membership – sustainable investments/social responsible investing (SRI)

- member of the external advisory board ‘Sustainable investments’ of KBC bank, Belgium (December 2007 – medio 2015).
- member of the advisory board on environmental issues x investments of KBC bank, Belgium (since October 2008).
- member of the Social Responsible Investment Board of KBC group (since medio 2015).
- member of the External Sustainability Board of KBC group (since early 2016).

Professional Organisations

- OLIS (Overlegcentrum Landbouwkundig Ingenieurs en Ingenieurs voor de Scheikunde en de Landbouwindustrieën) (since December 1993 -)

General Assembly Memberships

- VZW Kauri, linking private enterprise and development co-operation activities (April 1999 - now).
- VZW Vredeseilanden (November 1983 – now).
- VZW Vredeseilanden Productions (November 1994 - now).
- VZW PROTOS (1990 -).

Member of Paraprofessional Organisations

- VZW Kauri Club (April 1998 -)

Membership of Scientific Committees

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture Centre for Research in Veterinary Medicine and Agrochemistry (Centrum voor Onderzoek in Diergeneeskunde en Agrochemie (CODA) (KB 10/07/97; KB /01)

Member of the Scientific Committee supervising the METAFRO (Museum of Middle Africa, Tervuren, Belgium)

Member of the Selection Committee (section agronomy) for ABOS, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Law gazette 14 November 1994) – till end 2000.

Commissions at FAABS-level

Member of the *Commissie Evaluatie Opleiding Landbouwkunde* (Commission Evaluation Agronomy Department)