



American Society of
Agricultural and Biological Engineers



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Agricultural Engineers Grow Closer

St. Joseph, Michigan—A new agreement between two of the world's foremost organisations for agricultural, food and biological engineers will advance ground-level efforts toward improving the production of more, and better, food and livestock and also of renewable fuels and materials and doing it in an increasingly sustainable way.

The American Association of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) and the European Society of Agricultural Engineers (EurAgEng) have agreed to enhance communication and cooperation between their members. The two organisations will encourage their members to cooperate more closely on networking and training events, attend each other's respective conferences, organise other conferences on specific topics and increase cooperation on exchanges and projects.

The two associations, with a total membership of nearly 12 000, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding. One of the first results of this is to increase publicity for each other's conferences. Both organisations run very successful conferences attracting many hundreds of attendees.

The ASABE 2009 conference takes place in Reno, Nevada, 21-24 June, while the next EurAgEng Conference, Land.Technik-AgEng 2009, is being organised by VDI-MEG, the EurAgEng German member Society, and will be in Hannover from 6-9 November. This will be in conjunction with the huge Agritechnica exhibition (10-15 November).

Melissa Moore, Executive Vice President of ASABE, said "From ASABE's perspective, the agreement will facilitate the exchange of technical information, as well as advance the professional development of agricultural, food, and biosystems engineers worldwide" and David Tinker, General Secretary of EurAgEng, said "along with President Florentino Juste and the Executive we are really pleased that these two organisations will increase the networking of our members to transfer ideas and knowledge between these two highly productive agricultural areas of the world".

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Notes to Editors.

EurAgEng exists to promote the profession of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and the people who serve it. The Society is particularly active in Conferences, Special Interest Groups, Publications, Networking and International lobbying. EurAgEng has 2600 members who join through the 21 National Societies. EurAgEng can be considered as a Society of Societies.

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is an educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to agricultural, food, and biological systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St Joseph, Michigan, ASABE comprises 9,000 members in more than 100 countries.

Agricultural, Food and Biological Engineers develop efficient and environmentally sensitive methods of producing food, fiber, timber, and renewable energy sources for an ever-increasing world population.

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EurAgEng President Florentino Juste signing the ASABE-EurAgEng Memorandum of Understanding in Clermont-Ferrand, France



Members of the EurAgEng Executive with President Florentino and General Secretary David Tinker signing the ASABE-EurAgEng Memorandum of Understanding.

*Back row; Prof Dr-Ing Peter Schulze-Lammers, Dr Martin Kremmer, Prof Aad Jongebreur, Prof Piero Febo, Ing Emmanuel Hugo, Prof Reiner Brunsch
Front row; President Prof Florentino Juste, Secretary General David Tinker*

