

Food production, food security and greenhouse gas emissions

The Fellowship was primarily focussed at completing the First Order Draft of Chapter 7 of the forthcoming WG2 IPCC 5th Assessment report, due in 2014. The title of the chapter is Food Security and Food Production Systems.

This task was completed and the chapter is now out for review. In addition two lectures were given, entitled 'Ecosystem Services in Agricultural Systems' and 'Agronomy and the Challenges of Food Production'. These are available on the homepage of the European Society for Agronomy (<http://www.european-agronomy.org/>).

Supervisory meetings and visits to experimental sites were held with a seven PhD and post-doctoral scientists on their research work. One of the PhD students was encouraged to apply for a post-doc position in Denmark, which they have done. Discussions were also held with the host on possible collaboration between INRA/Supagro and the University of Copenhagen on developing joint MSc courses in agronomy and in wine production; information on the latter has been passed to colleagues at the University of Copenhagen. An unexpected and unplanned outcome of the visit was a series of meetings with an INRA scientist on the possibility of holding a multi-disciplinary workshop in 2013 with the title of 'The moral and ethical principles needed for the good life in the Anthropocene'. Finally, I was happy to be able to promote the benefits of membership the OECD CRP within the highest management levels of INRA.