



Workshop: Animal biodiversity

Date: February 25 (Friday) 2011, 1.00 PM-3.00 PM, Workshop session 1

Languages: English, French, Hungarian

Room: Plenary II, basement

Coordinator: Roxanne Mitralias (Confédération paysanne, France)

Workshop goals and summary:

There will be several presentations on the situation of small animal races in Eastern Europe (Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria) and the challenges of peasant stockbreeding.

There will be one presentation on the situation of stockbreeding in Western Europe and most specifically in France: industrialisation of stockbreeding, alternatives to the pyramidal selection and hurdles to peasant practices.

The goal of this workshop is to inform on the situation of stockbreeding, get to know the different situations and try to give some patterns of reflection and action on this topic.

How to preserve small animal races? How to resist to the expansion of the industrial stockbreeding? How to reinforce farmers' experiences on the genetic diversity of cattle.

Speakers:

- **France** – Confédération Paysanne (Antoine de Ruffray/Patrick Hamelin/Jean-Louis Meurot)
- **Poland** - Social Ecological Institute (Ela Priwiezienczew)
- **Hungary** - Animal Research Institute and Coordination Center for Gene Conservation (Szalay Istvan, Do Thi Dong Xuan Kisne)
- **Bulgaria** - Association for Breeding of Local indigenous to Bulgaria (Boyko Stoyanov).