



## **RNI CONGRESS – INNOVATION FORUM VIII**



### **New organizational modes for innovation processes**

Iut de Nîmes -Université de Montpellier  
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#### **Session : Local food system and new innovation processes.**

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The innovation process is more and more conceptualized as sequences of interactions between various actors rather than as a linear sequence (Kline & Rosenberg, 1989). These actors carry out the stages of its achievement, through their multiple roles, initiators, translators, enrollers, intermediaries, when new ideas or practices emerge and spread (Akrich, Callon and Latour, 2006).

The common theme of this congress will focus on the organizational models and characteristics underlying this process of building innovations. In particular, we will question the renewal of organizational arrangements capable of supporting disruptive innovations.

Current food systems involve a large number of actors who are geographically dispersed. But these food chains lack of sustainability (Esnouf & al, 2011). Today there is a need of innovation to succeed the ecological transition toward more sustainable systems. In this context, organizational models are at stake to succeed in this transition.

The proposals in this session can relate to:

- short food chains and innovation in organizational arrangements to shift from long to shorter chains, to social innovation in short food chains linked to the interactions between producers and consumers, to the new organizational models of the supply chains, to the new channel of

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. web site <http://www.iut-nimes.fr/acces> for access.

retails such as “ruche qui dit oui”. The proposals can also relate to the brakes to shorten the food chains;

-proposals can also relate to new models of innovation such as industrial ecology and circular economy, with case studies applied to food chains or to the link between food chains and other functions such as mobility, transport or housing;

-proposal can also relate to the public policy dimension, for example the relations between public actors and firms or with communities. Case studies can relate to the promotion of urban agriculture.

### **Key dates :**

- January 22 2018: Submission of communication proposals (abstract of 3 pages)
- February 16 2018: Answer of the scientific committee
- April 7 2018: Submission of the Final Text (from 10 to 25 pages)
- June 4 and 5 2018 : Innovation Forum

Communications will be selected for publication in the journals of the network (Innovations : REMI/JIEM, TechInn, Marché et Organisation)

<http://innovations.cairn.info/en/>

<http://www.editions-harmattan.fr/index.asp?navig=catalogue&obj=revue&no=130>

<http://www.openscience.fr/Technologie-et-innovation>

### **Registration fees:**

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Phd Students: 150 euros

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