

ICABR Conference is a global forum for scholars and practitioners to exchange knowledge on the technological, economic and policy factors that shape bioeconomy innovation.

We are working at the 30th ICABR Conference:

***“The Bioeconomy Transformation in Transition:
Past Successes, Current Challenges, and Future
Prospects”***



Back to the breathtaking town of Ravello, Italy. Celebrating three decades of pioneering research and global dialogue, the 30th International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research (ICABR) conference brings together leading minds to explore innovation, policy, and progress in biotechnology and agricultural development.

Join us in Ravello, July 7-10, 2026!

Global Policy Momentum Confirms the Central Role of the Bioeconomy

The past months have brought unprecedented international recognition of the bioeconomy as a strategic driver of green growth, climate resilience, and sustainable development: the EU Launches the New Bioeconomy Strategy, FAO Endorses Integrated Bioeconomy Approaches.

This unprecedented momentum reinforces the relevance of ICABR’s work at the intersection of innovation, policy, and development. For nearly 30 years, the consortium has anticipated many of these global shifts, promoting rigorous research, evidence-based policy dialogue, and North–South collaboration on bioeconomy challenges.

As ICABR approaches its 30th Annual Conference in Ravello, these international developments underscore the importance of continued scientific leadership and global engagement.

The world is now moving in a direction that ICABR has long helped to define — placing the bioeconomy at the core of sustainable and inclusive development.

The bioeconomy is emerging as a transformative model with the potential to drive inclusive development, spur innovation, and protect ecosystems. Read the news...

News from the bio world

EU's New plan to unlock the bioeconomy's potential

“The proposed new Strategy will support activities that providesustainable practical solutions and alternatives to critical raw materials using our biological resources in the following ways: Make bio-based innovations a reality on the ground

scale up bio-based innovations using a combination of public and private investments, as well as a streamlined regulatory environment

ensure faster, clearer and simpler approvals for innovative solutions, especially for small businesses

invest in bio-based technologies and establish a bioeconomy investment deployment group to stimulate private investment

Develop lead markets for bio-based materials and technologies

boost demand for bio-based content in products, for example, by setting targets in relevant legislation

set up a bio-based Europe alliance, which would gather EU companies to collectively purchase bio-based solutions

Secure a sustainable use of biomass

promote circularity and enhance the value of secondary biomass – such as agricultural residues, by-products, and organic waste

set up initiatives rewarding farmers and foresters who protect soils, enhance carbon sinks and support sustainable biomass use

Harness global opportunities

support European industry in accessing global markets by securing partnerships that reduce vulnerability and ensuring that Europe is not dependent on a single region or a single resource”.

“With a value of up to **€2.7 trillion** in 2023 and employing 17.1 million people (around **8% of EU jobs**), the EU bioeconomy already contributes significantly to job creation and economic growth in Europe. Every job in the bioeconomy creates three indirect jobs in the EU. Examples of products are bio-based chemicals made from algae that are used to produce pharmaceuticals, personal care products and industrial applications. Bio-based plastics are increasingly used in packaging and automotive parts. Also bio-based construction productions, textile fibres and fertilisers are increasingly in demand. However, it still has a huge untapped potential.

The EU Bioeconomy Strategy aims to unlock this potential by scaling up innovation and investments, developing lead markets for bio-based materials and technologies, ensuring a sustainable supply of biomass, and harnessing global opportunities”.

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FAO “Biotechnologies for a Sustainable Future: Driving Agrifood Systems Transformation”



As of the FAO Global Agrifood Biotechnologies Conference (Rome, June 2025) the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy highlights the importance of leveraging diverse scientific disciplines and knowledge sources, technologies, and innovations, **with biotechnologies playing a critical role** in this effort. **Biotechnologies hold immense potential to enhance food production, improve nutrition, and reduce environmental impacts and enhance resilience of agrifood systems, while ensuring food safety and efficient use of resources.** To harness this potential, FAO’s work on biotechnologies covers technical assistance, capacity development, knowledge sharing on good practices, policy development and serving as a neutral platform for Members to discuss benefits and risks of application of biotechnologies in food and agriculture.

“The need for transformative shifts in agrifood systems has never been more urgent. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for integrated solutions to overcome barriers to transformation and recognizes the pivotal role of agrifood systems in linking people, planet, and prosperity. Guided by its Strategic Framework 2022–31, FAO aims to create agrifood systems that are more efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable - delivering better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind.”

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Waiting for ICABR Ravello 2026

Presenting ICABR 2026 Conference Expert Speakers (to be continued....)



Riccardo Valentini is full professor of Forest Ecology at the University of Tuscia, Italy.

His expertise concern the role of land use changes and forestry in the carbon cycle, biodiversity and bioenergy. He is also involved through IPCC and governmental bodies on policies about the global carbon cycle and the role of land use changes and forestry

He is coordinator of several EU projects aiming to understand and quantify the terrestrial carbon budget and greenhouse gases emissions. He is coordinator of the EU-Project CARBOAFRICA.

He is Doctor Honoris Causa Faculté Universitaire des Sciences Agronomiques de Gembloux, Belgium. He is a Nobel Prize for Peace as member of the IPCC board.

He is Director of the Impacts Division of the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change and Member of the Biogeoscience Committee of the European Research Council

2009: Chairman of the Global Terrestrial Observation System Programme, sponsored by FAO/UNESCO/UNEP/ICSU/WMO.

2010: Coordinator of the EU project CLIMAFRICA.

2010: Award of the Advanced Senior Grant of the European Research Council.

2010: Member of Aurelio Peccei Foundation – Club di Roma

2011 – Coordinator of the EU project GEOCARBON.



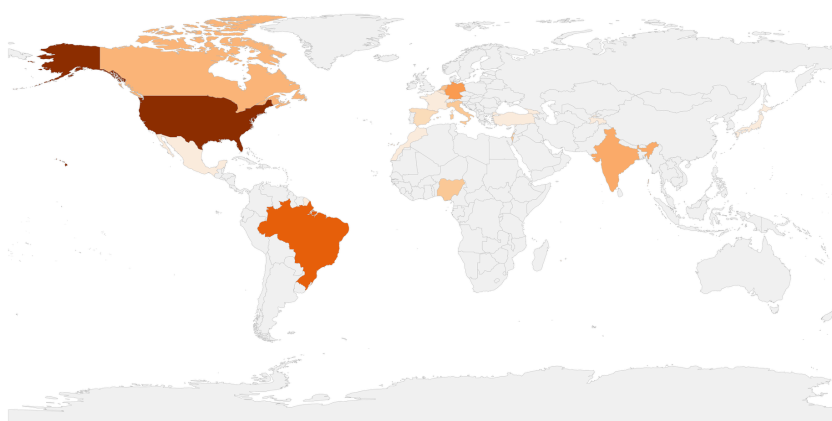
Carlo Carraro is President Emeritus and Professor of Environmental Economics at Ca' Foscari University of Venice. He holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University. He was President (Rector) of the University of Venice from 2009 to 2014 and Director of the Department of Economics from 2005 to 2008.

From 2009 to 2023 he was Vice-Chair of the Working Group III and Member of the Bureau of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He was also Chair of the Executive Board of the European Institute on Economics and the Environment (EIEE), President of the Italian National Committee on Climate Change Impacts on Infrastructures and Mobility established by the Italian Minister of Transports and Infrastructures, and a member of EU-DG ECFIN High Level Advisory Group in Brussels.

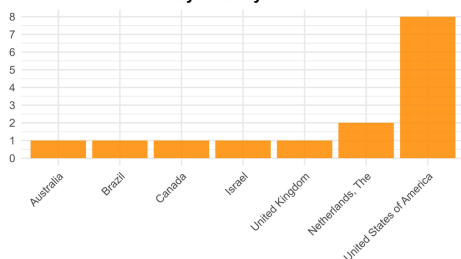
He is Strategic Board Member of the Euro Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change (CMCC) and a member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Expert Network. He is also Research Fellow of the CEPR (Center for Economic Policy Research), London and CESifo (Center of Economic Studies), Munich.

Some data on ICABR 2026 submissions

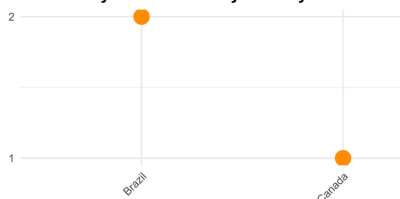
ICABR 2026 – Paper Submissions by Country



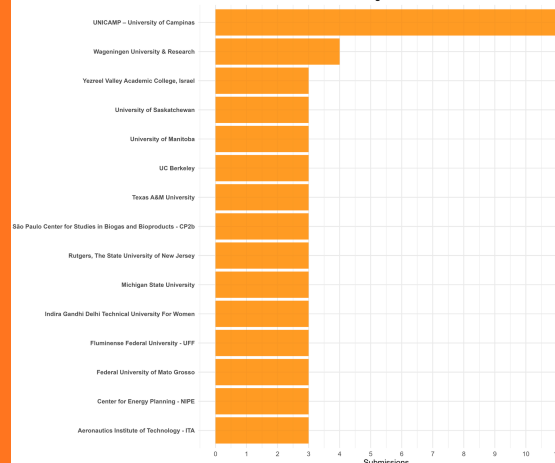
Panel Submissions by Country



Case Study Submissions by Country



Where ICABR 2026 Research is Coming From



by Diego Macall

Call for Papers



ICABR 2025 Special Issues Open! EXTENDED DEADLINES!

Following the success of the 29th ICABR Conference in Saskatoon, researchers are invited to submit manuscripts to two exciting Special Issues. The International Food and Agribusiness Management Review (IFAMR) is accepting papers on “Bioeconomy and Sustainability” with a submission deadline of October 31, 2025. A second opportunity is available through the Circular and Cleaner Bioeconomy journal, focusing on “Circular Bioeconomy and Systems of Sustainability,” with submissions due by December 30, 2025. Both issues welcome high-impact research exploring innovation, policy, and sustainability strategies within the bioeconomy. Don’t miss your chance to contribute to these influential publications!

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Global
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Professor of Practice: Agribusiness Supply Chain Management
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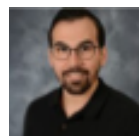
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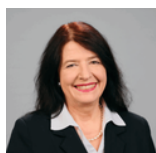


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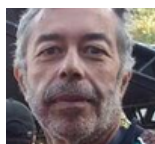


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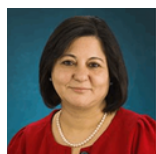
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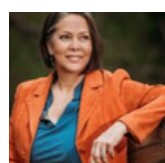
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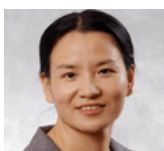
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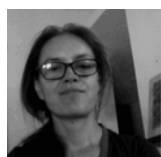
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About ICABR: The Consortium was established to bring together international scholars in the field of bioeconomy studies – its partners come from across the globe and include leaders in agricultural and economic development, natural resources management, environmental policy, risk communication and other fields. Our objectives:

(a) contribute to the advancement of knowledge and understanding of nature and human behavior in the field of economics and biological sciences with special regard to natural resources, agriculture and the bioeconomy;

(b) encourage and improve communication between teachers, researchers and students in the advancement of knowledge and understanding of nature and human behavior in the field of economics and biological sciences with special regard to natural resources, agriculture and bioeconomy; and

(c) develop and encourage cooperation between university level teaching institutions and research

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