Local Food Systems Workshop
A Synergy between Science and Society

Fourth Edition: Food & Diversity
Puducherry | March 2nd – 6th, 2022
The confluence of academic researchers with the society at large, focusing on farmers and consumers has been the trajectory of the LFS platform. This edition will focus on the need for food diversity in times of global crises, be it climate change or pandemic. Soil makes plants, but plants also make soil. This is known and appreciated by farmers and all the more recently by the urban consumer. It is also a field of research in agriculture and in ecology. Farmers, consumers and scientists can contribute to a diversity of knowledge and bridge gaps. Thus the current LFS workshop seeks to promote diversity in the very design of its program by involving multiple stakeholders and providing a common platform for debate and understanding.
March 2
Inauguration (Venue: IFP, 10:30 am)

Welcome address by
Blandine Ripert, Directress,
Delphine Thivet & Venkatasubramanian G, Department of Social Science
Doris Barboni, Department of Ecology
French Institute of Pondicherry

Event launch address by
Thiru. C. Djeacoumar
Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Puducherry

Ms. Carole Josse
Vice Consulate Générale of France in Puducherry and Chennai

Special Invitees
Mr Sidharthan RV
DDM, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development NABARD – Puducherry

Mr. Raja Venugopal
President, Puducherry Pradesa Nammazhvar Iyarkai Uzhavargal Sangam

Mrs G. Bagyavathi
President, ATMA Sangam, Karikalambakkam

Vote of Thanks by
C Banushree Reddy, Aavani Thottam

Photo Exhibition (Venue: IFP, 12 noon)
My Kitchen, My Food:
From the photography contest for school children, coordinated by
Ramesh Kumar K, IFP

Booklet Launch (Venue: Alliance Française, 3pm)
The Keerai Project | Native Bees and Pollination in the Puducherry Bioregion

Presentation of the PATAMIL Project (Venue: Alliance Française, 4pm)
Food Justice and Democracy, coordinated by
Frederic Landy, IFP
March 3
Field visit to Karikalambakkam village (9am)
Discussion with women farmers on marketing their produce during the pandemic.

**Presentations (Venue: IFP, 3pm)**
Culture and History of Street Food in Puducherry
by Kannan.M, Prakash M V, Gopinath S and Boopathiraj
Midday meals in schools during the Covid lockdown
by Kannan.M, Karthikeyan, Karunanidbi and Boopathiraj

Movie Screening (Venue: Alliance Française, 6:30pm)
on the topic of Local Food Systems, coordinated by
Thaniya Kanaka Mahalakshmi S, Aavani Thottam

March 4
Field visit to P.S Palayam village (9am)
Discussion with farmers on organic farming and the promotion of subsistence crop

**Presentation of the POLLIN Project (Venue: IFP, 3pm)**
Discussion on bees and pollination
by Anupama K and Hélène Guétat-Bernard, IFP

March 5
Field visit to Odiyanpet village (9am)
Debate and discussion with youth on “My Food, My Home, My State,” coordinated by
Augustin Brutus, INDP

Grasshopper walk and Wild chai (Venue: Molasur village TDEF Forest, 3-6pm)
coordinated by Banushree C, Aavani Thottam
and Parvathi Nagarajan, Sri Siddha Forest Herbals, Auroville

March 6
(Venue: Bharathidasan thidal, Gingee sālai, Puducherry)
Farmer’s Market (9am)
Round table with farmers, consumers and researchers (11am)
on “Collective Action and Co-production of Local Food Systems.”

For more information and registration, contact:
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