



ICRPS Norway 2011

The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) and the Norwegian Agricultural Economics Research Institute (NILF) host the eighth annual International Comparative Rural Policy Studies (ICRPS) summer institute. The summer institute is designed for graduate and PhD students and professionals who wish to broaden their knowledge of rural policy.

International Comparative Rural Policy Studies (ICRPS) is a co-learning experience of international, multidisciplinary faculty, guest speakers, graduate students and professionals. Participants study the many facets of rural policy, from policy formulation to policy impacts, and explore similarities and differences between their countries and those of other participants.

The Summer Institute of 2011 will take place both in Ås 30 minutes outside of the Norwegian capital of Oslo, and in Sogndal, on the western coast of Norway – right next to Norway's longest fjord,

Sognefjorden. In both places there will be both lectures and field experiences. This allows for the participants to see the variety of nature, and rural possibilities and challenges – of modern Norway.

Look at our web site for updated information on the Summer School, and the latest version of the Summer School program.

How to apply:

Interested students or professionals can apply to their respective partner University or Institute in the ICRPS Consortium. See website for overview of participating universities and Institutes. In case the applicant is not attached to a partner University or Institute, please apply directly to John Bryden at NILF, Norway.

- An application is made to the ICRPS program through a Letter of Intent (LOI) outlining the applicant's reasons for joining the program, as well as their core rural policy interests. The LOI should also indicate whether a student plans to undertake only a summer

institute, or whether they are also interested in online courses and/or a research internship. The LOI should be accompanied by the applicant's resume and sent your respective University or Institute.

- Applications for the summer institute should be submitted by **April 2nd 2011**. Be aware that depending on home country one might need to apply for a visitor's visa to take part in the Summer Institute.

- Successful applicants will be informed of their acceptance to the ICRPS program through an official letter of acceptance.

Institute Fee:

The institute fee, \$2000 for Master and PhD students (\$4000 for participants from non-partner institutions) includes lodging at UMB and Sogndal Folk High School, most meals, field trip expenses and internal transportation by bus.

We are looking forward to welcome you in Norway next summer!



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