



Information sheet on associated researchers

SINER-GI Associated researcher

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Area(s) of activity

Research	Rural development, geographical indications, environmental sociology, agriculture
Education	B.S., Agricultural and Biological Engineering (2000); M.S., Rural Sociology, 2004; Ph.D., Sociology (in progress)
Student	
Extension	
Other (precise)	

Background and current projects

Dissertation research—"Localizing Production: Geographical Indications and their Impact on Rural Development." In my dissertation, I compare three GI production systems (tequila in Mexico, Antigua coffee in Guatemala, and Comté cheese in France), in order to evaluate the effects of GI protection on rural development and outline the factors that contribute to more sustainable and equitable systems of GI protection. I employ a variety of methods, including in-depth interviews, economic case studies, and participant observation. I examine: (1) the distribution of economic, social, cultural, and ecological benefits that are associated with GI protection, (2) the regional power dynamics that are unfolding as a result of GI protection, and (3) the ways in which local, regional, and national actors influence, and are in turn influenced by, the creation of GI policy and standards.

Publications

Bowen, Sarah, and Peter Gerritsen. 2007 (forthcoming). "Reverse Leasing and Power Dynamics Among Blue Agave Farmers in Western Mexico." *Agriculture and Human Values*.
 Nowak, Pete, Sarah Bowen, and Perry Cabot. 2006. "Disproportionality as a Framework for Linking Social and Biophysical Systems." *Society and Natural Resources* 19(2): 153-173.
 Cabot, Perry, Sarah Bowen, and Pete Nowak. 2004. "Manure Management in Urbanizing Settings." *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* 59(6): 235-243.

Current focus topics

Theme	Distribution of benefits (economic, social, ecological) and local power dynamics
Discipline	Rural Sociology and Sociology
Product(s)	Tequila, Antigua coffee, Comté cheese
Geographical area	Mexico, Guatemala, France

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Recommended by (name of the SINER-GI team researcher(s))
Mention additionally the SINER-GI researcher who is responsible for the requested association

Bertil Sylvander, INRA—the research who invited me to work with SINER-GI
 Denis Sautier, CIRAD—another SINER-GI researcher that I am working with

Expected contribution to SINERGI (to be filled in by the SINER-GI team researcher(s))

Participation in the team which will work on Tequila case study

Expectations from collaboration with SINER-GI

Scientific information	
Scientific publication	I hope to publish several academic articles based on my research. I am very interested in collaborating with other SINER-GI researchers.
Market information	
Government regulations	
Master or Ph.D Thesis	I expect to complete my Ph.D. dissertation (a comparative study of GIs and rural development in three countries) in August 2008.
Other	

Type of collaboration desired

Fields	Yes	Comments
<i>Access to on-line information</i>		
Draft reports, internal forum	x	It would be very beneficial to me to see what kind of works in progress and conversations SINER-GI researchers are involved with.
Reference on www.origin-food.org	x	
<i>Other sources of information</i>		
Use of non published methodologies and guidelines	x	
Participation to project meetings	x	
<i>Financial issues and related projects</i>		
Access to "cost-sharing"	x	I would be interested in knowing what sort of opportunities are available, although I am seeking other sources of funding for my dissertation.
Use of reference to SINER-GI and SINER-GI Associated Researcher status for developing new projects, applying to financial means, etc.	x	
Publication(s) with SINER-GI researcher(s)	x	As opportunities of mutual interest arise
Other (precise)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Date of request for association	26 February 2007
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Date of acceptance of association	
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To be fulfilled by the SINER-GI researcher responsible for the AR



Associated researchers

Commitment to participation and confidentiality

As associated researcher to the European Project SINER-GI, which aims are to "build and share a coherent scientific basis world-wide, regarding economic, legal, institutional and socio-cultural conditions of success of Geographical Indications, in order to support their legitimacy in the framework of WTO negotiations", I am willing to participate in its scientific activities during its duration.

In this framework, I will be associated in a process of exchange. In this way, I will support the project, receive and provide information and analysis on accurate data about Geographical Indications and their economic and institutional field in the world, hereafter the Confidential Information.

In order to provide protection against inappropriate use or unauthorised disclosure to a third party of the Confidential Information, I commit myself to the following :

I commit myself to keep those data and analysis confidential until they have been published by the consortium. I will not myself publish part or totality of those data and analysis, without refereeing to the Steering Committee or unless the Steering Committee of the project requests my participation in such a publication.

I will not use this Confidential Information with the purpose of direct or indirect exploitation, without the prior, written authorisation of the owners of the Confidential Information.

I will take all reasonable measures to prevent the personnel of the Institution I belong to, from disclosing all or part of this Confidential Information to a third party without the prior, written authorisation of the owners of the Confidential Information and, only give this Confidential Information to personnel of my Institution who agree to accept the provisions of this agreement concerning confidentiality.

I agree that none of these provisions may be interpreted as granting a license and/or any right and/or title whatsoever for the use of this Confidential Information.

I agree that any use of this Confidential Information shall be subject to the prior signature of an agreement with the owner(s) of the Confidential Information (including myself). However, Information shall not be deemed as confidential if an associate researcher is able to prove:

- that it was already in the public domain at the time it was communicated or that it has subsequently come into the public domain other than as a result of a breach of the obligation of secrecy, or
- that he already had the information before it was communicated to him/her; or
- that he freely received it from a third party which was at liberty to disclose it, or
- that he is legally bound to communicate it.

This secrecy agreement will be valid from the date of signature and will last as long as the said information is not in the public domain. As this commitment is also signed by the other associate researchers of SINER-GI project, the confidential information I will provide in the framework of the project is also protected from disclosure.

Publications produced in the frame of such a cooperation :

- will mention the SINER-GI project,
- will concern topics defined in collaboration with the SINER-GI Steering Committee,
- will be co-authored by at least one member from the core SINER-GI team.

Signatures		
Associated Researcher (name)	Date	Signature
SINER-GI researcher responsible for the AR	Date	Signature
SINER-GI Co-ordinator	Date	Signature

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