

## **International DFA Winter Conference 23 - 24 January 2025 in Vienna**



As previously announced, we have decided to postpone the planned summer conference and instead provide a Winter-conference in connection with our annual General Assembly in January. Due to the General Assembly and the destination, we have decided to stretch the program over two days starting midday on the 23 January, so participants can fly or drive in the morning and arrive in proper time to program start.

The location will be right in the heart of Europe at a conference center directly connected to the International Airport in Vienna. The purpose is to attract participants from the new generation of managers and employees from our member companies and to provide them with a news-injection and the opportunity to network with like-minded people. During late afternoon and evening on the first day will provide them with good opportunities to both make new contacts and to nurture the old ones.

### **About the program**

The program topics will to a greater extent than on previously DFA conferences include practical examples on how our member companies handle the actual challenges we are faced as agricultural companies, not least in relation to the green transition and the noticeable climate changes. The program will also include professional speakers who will present and debate the problems in the green transition.

We have already commitments from a number of managers and employees, who will present, how they handle some of the following topics and challenges:

1. Management principles, employee-safety, motivation
2. IT and AI as tools to increase efficiency and security
3. Climate impact, sustainability and animal welfare and how to improve via technical solutions
4. Strategy work in relation to achieve both growth and ESG
5. Conservation Agriculture in combination with large-scale livestock farming
6. The ASF threat and how to handle both the practical and psychological aspects of a outbreaks

7. Farming with Nature in relation to the strategy work, choice of KPI for implementation (including motivation of employees) and not least, about the work with the upcoming CSDR reporting requirement.

In addition, there will be several exciting presentations from the food industry about what they expect from us as producers, what trends we need to relate to and how they will reward investments towards a more sustainable and climate-friendly production.

Likewise, there will be contribution from one of the large agricultural banks about their sorting criteria and conditions when investing in agriculture.

We are working hard to find some exciting speakers, and in general to arrange an exciting conference, that can attract everyone who is interested in what is going on in the agriculture and food sector today, but still with a focus on the commercial green transition.

The program will include good long breaks between the presentations giving time to network with the many colleagues from our member companies, and there will of course be the opportunity to spend the night at a hotel near the airport.



### **Sign up**

Please do not hesitate to sign up now by sending a mail to DFA Secretariat: [tom@axelgaard.org](mailto:tom@axelgaard.org), so you can secure a place for this exciting and informative event.

The final program will follow as soon as possible, and the participation fee for the two days will be in the region of 270 EURO per participant.