



28 July 2009

SOAR Seminar 24-25 September 2009

The seminar is part of the flex-course 'SOAR seminars', see <http://www.soar.dk/Seminars.aspx> (2 ECTS).

Venue: Niels Bugges Kro (Hald Ege) and DJF Foulum,

We will start at Niels Bugges Kro at 15:00.

<http://www.nielsbuggeskro.dk/cms/>
Ravnsbjergvej 69, Dollerup, 8800 Viborg

We count on all of you to stay overnight at the hotel, otherwise kindly inform Sofie.

24 Sept	Niels Bugge's Kro	
15-15:30	Check in Niels Bugge	
15:30-16	Presentations	Sofie Kobayashi
16 - 18	Sustainability exercise - see overleaf	Sofie Kobayashi
19 - 21	Dinner	
25 Sept	DJF Foulum	
7:00	Breakfast	
8:00	Transport to Foulum	
8:30	On the concept of sustainability	Niels Halberg
	Future generations	Mette Vaarst
	Exercise and discussion	
12-12:45	Lunch	
12:45-13:45	Guided tour at Foulum	
	Coffee break	
14-14:45	SOAR issues	
14:30-15	Evaluation, incl. next seminar	Sofie Kobayashi

Looking forward to a pleasant event as always!

Siri, Florence, Ravi, Ngoni, Mads and Sofie

Exercise – pyramid discussions on sustainability

Preparations:

Most scientists claim their research to be contributing to a sustainable development of the society, but it is not always easy to define in which way the research contributes. This is because sustainability is hard to define and addresses a complex set of issue. No single, 'true' definition of sustainability exists – what is implied depends on the proposer and on the assumptions, more or less, tacitly made.

In which ways does your own research project contribute to development of sustainable agriculture/food production system?

You should end up with five keywords describing what YOU find is important for your research to contribute to sustainability. You should be able to explain to other group members what each key word covers.

At the scene:

You will get cards to write your five keywords.

You match up with someone you think have 'similar' keywords. In pairs you discuss what your keywords cover, and you negotiate five keywords that you can agree on being most important from your common ten words. (15 minutes)

As pairs you match up with another pair with similar keywords. The four of you negotiate five keywords you can agree on being the most important from you common ten words. (15 minutes)

The group prepares a 5 minutes' presentation on what the five keywords cover and why they are important. (15 minutes)

Presentations:

Each group presents the outcomes of their discussions.
Other groups get the opportunity to ask questions.

Inspiration:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sustainability>

http://www.ifoam.org/about_ifoam/principles/index.html