

**The Committee on Organic and Sustainable Agriculture (COSA)  
host three events at the  
International Crops, Soils, and Agronomy meetings in Pittsburgh – Pennsylvania**

COSA is committed to bringing the emerging sustainable and organic agriculture issues to the forefront for discussion with a national and international perspective for researchers, educators, and policy-makers.

**Monday, November 2, 2009 - “Organic in New Zealand: A Model for Sustainability”**

Dr. Hugh Campbell, University of Otago, New Zealand, presents an overview of organic production in New Zealand, the breakdown of gender in organic agriculture, how certification is managed, and sustainability metrics related to organic agriculture in New Zealand.

*Break-out sessions to discuss how U.S. farms can adopt sustainability metrics to further organic agriculture in the U.S.*

**Tuesday, November 3, 2009 - Symposium on Human Ecology and Organic Farming Systems**

Symposium on the history, philosophy, and sociology of organic farming - featuring Dr. Hugh Campbell, Sociologist, University of Otago, New Zealand; Martin Renner, UC - Santa Cruz; Dr. Laura Sayre, Yale University Program in Agrarian Studies; Attorney David Gary Cox, Farm-To-Consumer-Legal-Defense Fund, and Dr. Paul Hepperly, Rodale Institute.

Dr. Charles Francis, University of Nebraska will introduce Ecology of Organic Farming, 2009: A New Book from American Society of Agronomy along with COSA committee members Dr. Kathleen Delate, Iowa State University and Dr. Joseph Heckman, Rutgers University. Examine the environmental impacts of agriculture and ecological interactions in farming and how knowledge of natural systems can help inform the design of agroecosystems.

**November 4, 2009 - Wednesday - COSA Poster Session on Organic Farming.**

For conference detail information go to <http://www.cosagroup.org/meetings/> or contact Joseph Heckman - heckman@aesop.rutgers.edu

To register for the conference: <https://www.acsmeetings.org/>