HOW CAN WE SHAPE THE FUTURE OF RESEARCH IN FOOD AND HEALTH?

MOBILISING STIMULUS, IDEAS AND INITIATIVES

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Towards sustainable food research

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DETAILS OF THE CONFERENCE:

Open-Space-Conference fall 2013 (15th November) in Brussels at the Royal Flemish Academy of Science and the Arts (one full day)

70 people in the plenary hall

18 different countries, mostly Europe, but also from as far as the US, Chile, Israel and Egypt

Public authorities, Non Governmental Organizations, research institutions and Universities as well as industry participated.

CLOSE COOPERATION:

DIALOGIK ❧ Eufic Brussels ❧ Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação ❧ University Hohenheim

Gene Rowe as evaluator ❧ INPROFOOD partners

RESULTS:

Notes taken from the workshop hosts of each of the 18 workshops

"Book of proceedings" with "Future research demands" and "Recommendations for action"

Podcast for dissemination

Book publication "Selbstorganisation in Beteiligungsverfahren: Open-Space-Konferenz im EU Projekt INPROFOOD zum Thema Ernährung und Gesundheit" "stakeholder involvement and self organisation: Open-Space-Conference EU-funded project INPROFOOD on Food and Health"

Policy paper

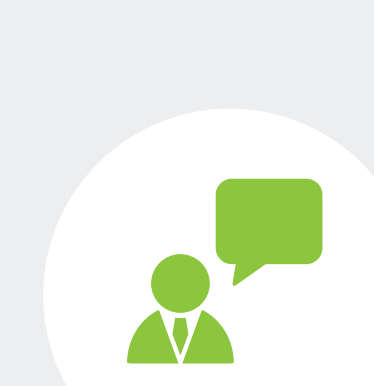**OPEN SPACE CONFERENCES OFFER AN ENVIRONMENT FOR INTENSIVE LEARNING.**

HARRISON OWEN FROM U.S.A. INVENTED THE TECHNIQUE IN THE MID 80TIES.

THE PARTICIPANTS GATHER IN A HUGE ROOM. THE CHAIRS ARE ARRANGED IN CIRCLES. NO TABLES ARE PROVIDED.
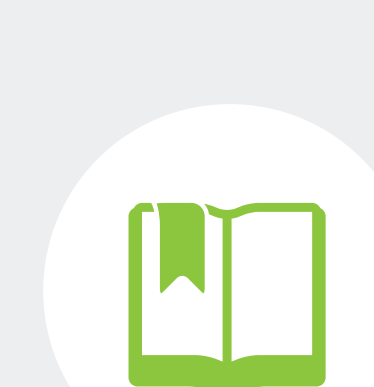
THE FACILITATOR INTRODUCED THE TOPIC WITH THE KEY WORDS "HEALTH AND FOOD" IN LINE WITH SOME BRIEF AIMS, AND NEGOTIATED SIMPLE BUT STRAIGHT FORWARD RULES ON HOW TO WORK DURING THE DAY.

NEXT IMPORTANT STEP: THE FACILITATOR ASKED THE GUESTS TO GET UP, TAKE THE MIC, AND ANNOUNCE A TOPIC. THIS PERSON PUT DOWN HIS NAME AND TOPIC, AND HOSTED THE WORKSHOP LATER.

THE REST IS JUST SIMPLE. THE GROUPS ORGANIZED THEIR WORKSHOPS THEMSELVES WITHOUT FORMAL FACILITATION.

DURING THIS CONFERENCE, THE HOSTS CONDUCTED IN TOTAL 18 WORKSHOPS (IN THREE DIFFERENT TIME SLOTS OF 1 TO 1,5 HOURS LENGTH) WITH VERY DIVERSE AND EXCITING RESULTS.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE GROUP GATHERED AGAIN FOR REFLECTION, SHARED VISIONS AND FEEDBACK.

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