

Expertise and interest of Sigitas LAZAUSKAS, Lithuania

Present position:

Senior researcher and Head of the Department of International Integration at the Lithuanian Institute of Agriculture. S. Lazauskas holds university diploma and doctor's degree in Agronomy from the Lithuanian University of Agriculture.

Professional experience encompasses scientific research and development in agrochemistry and arable crop production.

Research interests are in improvement of utilisation of soil resources, with a focus on diversification of arable crop production sector and set-aside field management. Today's interest is in introduction of EU rules related to non-food crop production in Lithuania.

Lithuanian Institute of Agriculture

The Lithuanian Institute of Agriculture is an independent state research institution under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Science. It consists of the head office in Dotnuva, two branches, six research stations, Plant Breeding and Agrochemical Research Centres.

The Institute's research and development activities cover soil and agrochemistry, arable crops and grass biology and production, breeding and seed production, agroecology and rural development.

Currently the Lithuanian Institute of Agriculture is engaged in several projects regarding the use of unfertile soils and agroecology. The evaluation and research on the development of the non-food crops sector (especially fibre and oils) is in the scope of the LIA at present.