

Expert panel

At the end of the workshop, there was a panel discussion about research needs in the transition towards growing and eating more grain legumes: “which role(s) can academia play in facilitating agriculture’s capacity to meet consumers’ increasing demand for legume-based food?”

Some key issues that were raised during the discussion:

- Develop science-based information material for communication with society, e.g. knowledge about consumers’ preferences
- Make sure that research results are publicly available (publish in open access)
- Develop fora for questions to scientists, where e.g. farmers, advisors, policy makers and consumers can learn more about grain legume production and consumption
- Continue to perform research about sustainable grain legume production



The panel. From left to right: Judith Lichtenzveig (Curtin University, Australia), Gunnar Backman (OpenEye AB, Sweden), Fred Stoddard (Helsinki University, Finland). Photo: ES Jensen.