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## **DANUBIO 2015**



**Sustainable Rural Development: Organic Farming And Eco-Agritourism**

**International conference with the exhibition of organic products  
and presentation of achievements in the area of innovation and patents in  
organic farming and development opportunities of eco-agritourism**

**Novi Sad, AP Vojvodina, Serbia 19-22 October 2015**

**[www.danubio-2015.org](http://www.danubio-2015.org)**

Dear Madam, Sir,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the **DANUBIO 2015, 1<sup>st</sup> International conference with the exhibition of organic products and presentation of achievements in the area of innovation and patents in organic farming and development opportunities of eco agritourism** which will be held at Novi Sad, Serbia. All holding institution will make every effort to provide an excellent environment for a stimulating and enjoyable scientific symposium. The programme will provide valuable information and networking opportunities for participants to discuss on any research, education and applied aspects related to organic production in the Danube region and Mediterranean, organic animal production and beekeeping, food quality, sustainable rural development, organic R&D, organic marketing and policies for rural development and organic production

IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo (ABM) started in 1990 as a voluntary initiative and was converted into an official regional group of IFOAM in 1997. Today, the IFOAM ABM Regional Group brings together 144 members from 16 countries in 3 continents: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Palestine, Portugal, Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey. Its aim is to connect Organic Agriculture and sustainable development, as well as to promote, develop and disseminate information, knowledge and expertise related to Mediterranean Organic Agriculture and food production

Event has been supported Europe wide by numerous organisations and institutions, such as: IFOAM, IFOAM AGRIBIOMEDITERANEO, IFOAM EU, European Cluster Alpe Adria Pannonia, EKO Liburnija i Agri Bio Cert from Croatia and many others. President of IFOAM, members of world board and president, as well as, board members of IFOAM AGRIBIOMEDITERRANEO have all announced their presence at the event, and members of WIPO also.

Taking into consideration the aims and activities of the DANUBIO 2015 are contributing to sustainable rural development by promotion and improvement of business opportunities, provision of new insights by scientific research and fostering networking of rural enterprises and institutions we are hereby expressing our interest for cooperation with your organisation. We find the support for this Event by your organisation to be an asset to our joint efforts toward sustainable rural development and promotion of organic farming, as well as eco-agritourism possibilities within the Region.

We are willing to offer you a possibility to present your organisation at the Fair and within the programme of the Conference. We look forward to our future cooperation thus improving the conditions for sustainable rural development of Europe and its regions.

Sincerely,

Predsednik

Msc Jasna Čordaš

According to the International Federation for the promotion of organic farming - IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements), in 2010, the total area for the organic production covers near 40 million hectares. Organic products with a total value of almost 63 billion US dollars were sold globally in 2011 – an increase by four billion US dollars compared with 2010. A growth rate of nearly 10 percent was even recorded in the most advanced markets for organic products.

At the national level, support for the development of organic agriculture is provided by governmental and non-governmental organizations of countries that take care of the health of the population and the protection and preservation of natural resources.

Organic products are grown in Serbia on 2876 ha. Our goal is to achieve at least 600,000 ha. To continue attracting the various stakeholders to join the organic movement and in order to maintain sustainable growth of the sector, gathering the relevant information on market trends – to which this conference makes a major contribution – is essential, as are assessments of value added and of the costs and benefits of organic production.

Conference and the fair will contribute and increase interest for Republic of Serbia and Vojvodina Province as a tourist destination that can become one of the most important destinations in Europe in area of eco-agro tourism. The most interesting part of this kind of tourism is private farms, environmentally protected areas, special nature reserves, as well as a wealth of gastronomic delights, wine and traditional customs and traditional crafts.

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

- 1. Organic production in the Danube region and Mediterranean**
  - present situation, soil quality, plant production, plant protection, challenges of organic production, influence of climate changes, multifunctionality
- 2. Organic animal production and beekeeping**
  - development, present situation, problems & issues
- 3. Food quality**
- 4. Sustainable rural development**
  - protected areas, agro-ecotourism, gastronomy, cultural and natural heritage
- 5. Organic R & D (Research & Development)**
  - Environmental education, training, research, innovations
- 6. Organic marketing and policies for rural development and organic production**
  - Trade, local markets, short trade chains, fair trade, certification and locality, financial opportunities, entrepreneurship, European legal platform, financial support for organic sector, rural development,

**Workshops** – Information will be provided in the second circular

## IMPORTANT DATES

Preliminary registration (Title registration)	July 30, 2015
Registration (Abstracts submission)	August 30, 2015
Notification of acceptance	September 01, 2015
Fee payment deadline	September 15, 2015

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