Dear Affiliates,

We are happy to share with you the Draft Minutes of the 2014 General Assembly, held last October in Istanbul.

We thank all of you who made the journey to the Organic World Congress and General Assembly or followed us via livestream at the G.A.! There were many insightful speakers and participants who eloquently brought home the messages of what is needed to make the world a more organic and sustainable place: The former Deputy American Minister of Agriculture, Kathleen Merrigan, pointed out the importance of building bridges saying, “the big bridge we have to build is to the next generation.”

The Director of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Yemi Akinbamijo, stressed that food security needs to be addressed urgently because “nobody can eat potential.” We closed the event by expressing the urgent need to enable access for people the world over to “healthy, nutritious, organic food.” And we carried over the discussions into the General Assembly.

The ‘IFOAM – Organics International’ General Assembly (G.A) convened on 16-17 October 2014. In addition to the many issues voted on, a new World Board was elected. A total of 17 candidates stood for election to the 10 places on the World Board for the tenure 2014 -2017. We welcome both the familiar and the new faces, and also express our gratitude to those who served in 2011-2014.

The issues voted on included renewable energies, GMOs, seeds, and farmer representation. Some of the motions passed will see us establish a network with like-minded organizations, examine closed cycles in organic production and campaign for greater soil awareness.

Ensuring that the organic voice is heard loud and clear is an obligation we take seriously. In order to boost our presence and broaden our reach, we established a network of Organic Ambassadors to assist us in bringing the multiple benefits of Organic Agriculture to a larger audience. You can read more about them here.

Brazil, China, Russia and India had all expressed an interest in hosting the next Organic World Congress. A paper ballot resulted in Brazil and India coming out as favorites. Through a show of hands the G.A. then decided that the 19th Organic World Congress should go to India! We look forward to bringing the organic movement to India - home to over 650,000 organic farmers!

We look forward to welcoming you all to India in 2017!

Markus Arbenz
‘IFOAM - Organics International’ Executive Director
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IFOAM General Assembly,
Istanbul, Turkey, October 16 - 17, 2014

1. Opening

Agenda Point 11: Opening Address by the IFOAM President 2011-14, Andre Leu

The president of IFOAM, Andre Leu, welcomed members to the GA. He acknowledged the presence the Mayor of Namyangju, who hosted the last OWC and GA; the province is now moving towards organic and slow food. Mr. Brian Lee from Korea was acknowledged for his role in helping Korean members understand the last G.A. Andre Leu also acknowledged the former Vice Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan Mr Iskenderbek Aidaraliev as a great advocate for organic.

Quorum established: A quorum of 27 % of the membership was established (9.00 hours, October 16) whereby these members were either present or represented by proxy.

At lunchtime the same day, the quorum of 50 % was reached (292 of 586 members).

Agenda Point 12: Election of the G.A. Chair

Motion: Katherine DiMatteo (USA), and Helmy Abouleish (Egypt) are elected as Chairs of this G.A.

✓ Motion accepted unanimously.

Other G.A. Officers appointed by the World Board:

- Parliamentarians: Leslie Zuck (USA); Dr. Shaikh Tanveer Hossain (Bangladesh)
- Minute Keepers: Louise Luttikholt (Netherlands); Gabor Figeczky & Niamh Holland-Essoh (Germany)
- Minute Referees: Rita Schwentesius (Mexico); Karen Hoberg (Spain)
- Ballot Counters: Volunteers from Bugday
Agenda Point 13: Approval of the Agenda

The chair explained that the agenda for the second day has changed. Also, there were changes in the officers appointed, as listed above.

Motion:

- The agenda as presented on pages 6 and 32, with the amendments of the chair, is approved by this G.A.

✓ Motion accepted unanimously.

Agenda Point 14: Approval of the Minutes of the 2011 G.A. in Namyangju City, Korea

Motion:

- The 2011 G.A. minutes as published in IFOAM in Action # 108, pages 7-17 are approved.

✓ Motion accepted unanimously.

2. Reports 2011-2014

Agenda Point 21: World Board and Office Activity Reports

Andre Leu gave an overview of the World Board and office staff activities during the term 2011 – 2014. These activities were also published in the World Board Term Report. The PPT presentation with more report details and graphs as presented at the GA are published HERE.

Agenda Point 22: IFOAM Financial Reports

Markus Arbenz gave an overview of the finances. Specifically he reported back how the motion on budget for regional activities, adopted in Korea, was implemented.

Agenda Point 23: Internal Audit Report and World Board Discharge

Steffen Reese shortly summarized the findings of the Internal Auditors as published in the WB Term Report.

Motion:

- The G.A. approves the financial report 2011-14 and discharges the WB from its responsibilities.

✓ Motion accepted unanimously.
Agenda Point 24: IFOAM Core Messages 2014

Gabor Figeczky presented the IFOAM Core Messages addressed at UN level.

Agenda Point 25: Reports from Committees & Self-organized IFOAM Structures (SoS)

Representatives from Self-organized Structures presented themselves to the GA. The chair recognized the individuals that took up responsibilities for IFOAM. In addition, she recognized the office staff, interns and volunteers.

A moment of inspiration: Mr. Sugeno, President of the Fukushima Organic Agriculture Network and organic farmer, Japan spoke to the GA on the events in Fukushima, after the Tsunami and the melt down of the nuclear power plant.

3. Elections

Agenda Point 31: Presentation of World Board Candidates

The World Board candidates presented themselves to the G.A. in a 2-minute speech. Ulrich Hoffmann presented himself in a video clip.

Agenda Point 32: World Board Elections 1st Round

The chair explained the voting procedure; voting ballots were distributed, filled in by the participants and collected.

In the first round of elections Andre Leu (261 votes), Mathew John (208 votes), Zhou Zejiang (206 votes), Frank Eyhorn (205 votes), Roberto Ugas (175 votes) and Gerold Rahmann (152 votes) got more than 50% of the votes (a total of 285 votes were cast; 50% 143 votes) and were directly elected to the new World Board.

Voting results for the remaining candidates:

Dr. Reza Ardakani – 107 votes; Marian Cioceanu – 24 votes; James Cole – 138 votes; Ulrich Hoffmann – 120 votes; Matthew Holmes – 131 votes; Peggy Miars – 132 votes; Liu Quingdong – 35 votes; Juan Pablo Sciurano – 66 votes; Manjo Smith – 130 votes; Gabriela Soto – 141 votes; Eva Torremocha – 124 votes. (Total: 2355 ticks on 285 ballot sheets).

Agenda Point 33: Appointment of Internal Auditors

Motion:

Steffen Reese, Executive Director of Naturland (Germany) and Prof. Uygun Aksoy, Ege University (Turkey) appointed as Internal Auditors for the term 2014 – 2017.

✓ Motion accepted unanimously.
Cultural Program: Bernward Geier shared a trailer of the film about his royal highness, Prince Charles: "The Farmer and his Prince".

Agenda Point 34: World Board Elections 2nd Round

In the second round of elections 4 more candidates were elected to the World Board: Manjo Smith (130 votes), Gabriela Soto (129 votes), Peggy Miars (116 votes) and Eva Torremocha (114 votes).

Voting results for the other candidates:
Dr. Reza Ardakani – 113 votes; Marian Cioceanu – 15 votes; James Cole – 104 votes; Ulrich Hoffmann – 94 votes; Matthew Holmes – 73 votes; Liu Quingdong – 43 votes; Juan Pablo Sciurano – 55 votes. (Total: 986 ticks on 279 ballot sheets).

4. Outlook 2014 - 17

Agenda Point 41: Outlook 2014-17
Roberto Ugas presented the objectives for the coming term. Markus Arbenz explained that the IFOAM five-pillar strategy as published in 2011 is still valid.

Agenda Point 42: Budget 2014-17
Markus Arbenz presented the financial outlook pointing at the growth of the projects as well as a loss in 2014.

Motion:

The G.A. approves the tentative budget outline for 2014-17 as presented on page 29 of IA #111.

✓ The motion was approved by a simple majority. Seven opposed and 48 abstained.

5: World Board motions

Motion 51: Advocacy for Soil Conservation - Soils Campaign
IFOAM positions Organic Agriculture in the debate on soil conservation and fertility by running a campaign on the importance of Organic Agriculture in building soil health and soil carbon storage, hence showing the multifunctional benefits of soil organic matter in the UN International Year of Soils in 2015.

Amendment: Change the title to “Advocacy for soil health and vitality”.

✓ Amendment approved by a simple majority (4 opposed).
✓ Motion approved unanimously.
Final motion reads:

**Advocacy for soil health and vitality**

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**Motion 52: Review of GE & GMO Position Paper**

IFOAM reviews its genetic engineering position paper, and promotes its updated position through its membership and action group at the appropriate levels and in relevant fora. That IFOAM reviews its GE position to ensure all new technology is evaluated and a consensus developed on its role or not in Organic Agriculture.

**Amendment:** Critical Analysis of IPR in seeds and correlation with GMOs (OFAI).

Voting on amendment: 69 in favor, 101 opposed, abstentions: Amendment failed.

**Amendment:** IFOAM further clarifies and strengthens its genetic … … and a consensus developed on its role

✔ Amendment approved.

**Amendment:** ‘On its role or not in organic food and farming’ (Soil Association), to be added to the end of the sentence.

Due to point of order, this was not being proceeded with (the ‘or not’) was already replaced by the former amendment and cannot be put back.

✔ Motion approved.

Final motion reads:

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Motion 53: 
Closing Cycles in Organic Agricultural Systems

IFOAM initiates a debate on closing cycles in organic agricultural production systems, taking into account potentially high-risk substances and publishes a position paper on this topic critical to organic farming.

✓ Motion approved unanimously.

Motion 54: Like-Minded Movements

IFOAM strengthens its ties with like-minded initiatives and movements working on environment conservation and food systems such as agro forestry, Community Supported Agriculture, and peasant organizations that share a common ground with the organic agriculture so that the movement increasingly represents the full diversity of approaches.

Amendment: Replace ‘the movement’ in the last sentence with ‘IFOAM’.

✓ Amendment approved.

Amendment: CSA, ecological organic agriculture, fair trade and peasant organizations that share a common ground with organic agriculture to strengthen the worldwide transformation for food sovereignty.

Amendment failed.

Amendment: ... such as but not limited to fair trade, agro …

Amendment failed: 107 opposed, 63 in favor, 5 abstain

✓ Amended motion approved.

Final motion reads:

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Motion 55: 

**Fair and Transparent Marketing Systems**

IFOAM leads the debate, empowered by the organic movement, on the concept of fair and transparent marketing systems, with the emphasis on farmer and consumer involvement with a view to improving the life, welfare and justice for farmers and farm workers. This could be done by establishing alliances with fair trade movements.

✓ The motion carried with a simple majority.

3. Elections

AP. 35. Announcement of the New President/Executive Board

Helmy Abouleish announces that Andre Leu will be the IFOAM President for the term 2014-2017. Greetings came via video message from Lee Si Jong Governor of Chungcheongbuk-do who congratulated the President on his election and praises the work of IFOAM.

Andre Leu announces that the Executive Board has been chosen and the new Vice Presidents are Manjo Smith and Frank Eyhorn.

6. Member Motions.

**Motion 61: Replacement of Cell Fusion Varieties**

The IFOAM G.A. urges the IFOAM World Board to:

- Develop a strategy for the replacement of varieties derived from cell fusion, including protoplast and/or cytoplast fusion from organic farming practices.
- Define guidelines for the socio-economic implementation of such strategies.
- Promote alternative breeding programs like organic plant breeding to foster the development of cell fusion free varieties. In order to achieve these goals by the next G.A. in 2017, a working group should be established.

The World Board recommends voting yes if the friendly amendment of money being available is approved.

**Amendment:** Dependent on the financial means being available …

✓ Amendment approved.
✓ The motion carried.
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Motion 62: Guidelines for New Breeding Techniques

The IFOAM General Assembly urges the IFOAM World Board to define guidelines for the use of varieties derived from new breeding techniques. This implies evaluating the compliance of new plant breeding techniques using the principles of Organic Agriculture, promoting the legally bound declaration of breeding techniques that do not comply with the principles of Organic Agriculture, and developing a strategy to prevent varieties derived from such breeding techniques from entering the organic sector. In order to achieve these goals by the next G.A. in 2017, a working group should be established.

The World Board recommends voting yes based on the friendly amendment “dependent on the financial means being available”.

Amendment: “Dependent on the financial means being available.”

- Amendment approved.
- Motion approved.

Final Motion text:

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Motion 63: Advocate Anti-Nuclear and Pro-Renewable Energy

Nuclear power generation can cause disasters of unspeakable proportions. The incidents in Chernobyl and Fukushima are proof of this. It is neither technologically safe nor ethically sound.

Furthermore, nuclear power generation, as it stands today, is incompatible with organic agriculture, the principles of which guide us in our efforts to achieve greater sustainability based on recycling resources.

IFOAM must take immediate action to advocate antinuclear and nuclear phase-out efforts, and promote renewable energy.

The World Board recommends voting yes.

Point of Order from Anton Pinschof: He believes that it was forgotten to ask for seconders to the original motions.

Response from the Chair: IFOAM Executive Director points out that all motions printed in the GA edition of In Action were already seconded.

Amendment: to remove “take immediate action"

✔ Amendment approved.
✔ The motion carried unanimously.

Final Motion text:

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Furthermore, nuclear power generation, as it stands today, is incompatible with organic agriculture, the principles of which guide us in our efforts to achieve greater sustainability based on recycling resources.

IFOAM must advocate antinuclear and nuclear phase-out efforts, and promote renewable energy.
Motion 64: IFOAM Should Resume its Engagement with the ISEAL Alliance Community

The ISEAL Alliance is now the major platform for dialogue and cooperation between the many sustainability standards. IFOAM was one of four founding members of the ISEAL Alliance, but is no longer a member. It is time for IFOAM to re-engage with the ISEAL community and to represent the global organic movement in dialogues on sustainability and also further enhance IFOAM’s credibility. Organic is on the spectrum of sustainability standards, therefore the issues and codes of good practice which are debated and defined at ISEAL are organic issues.

Amendment from Antonio Compagnoni to change subscribe to full membership was not seconded and thus no longer on the table.

Friendly amendment from motion bazaar approved: The re-engagement shall be at the level of subscriber while exploring full membership in the coming three years.

Voting on the motion: In Favor: 94   Against: 72   Abstentions: 46

 ✓ Motion approved.

Final Motion text:

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Motion 65: GE Contamination of Organic Seeds

IFOAM Member, Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association (OSGATA), a membership trade organization in the United States, proposes that IFOAM adopt OSGATA’s Policy on Organic Seed Contaminated by Genetic Engineering (GE):
“GE contamination of organic seed constitutes irreparable harm to the organic seed industry and undermines the integrity of organic seed. Any detectable level is unacceptable.”

The chair notes that the motion has been changed and the motion maker says this is to reflect more of the content in the rationale.

This was seconded by ECO PB.

**Amendment:** including content of OSGATA’s motion in the larger GE review and with the Seed Working Group.

- Amendment approved.

**World Board Response:** The World Board will support this motion as amended.

**Amendment:** IFOAM recognizes this policy as the appropriate working model for organic seed: seed companies may voluntarily adopt this policy and communicate compliance to their market(s), thereby embracing transparency as a market solution and establishing clarity that organic seed lots should not be sold as organic if containing detectable GE content.

- Amendment approved.
- Motion approved.

**Final Motion text:**

**GE Contamination of Organic Seeds**

IFOAM shall include the content of OSGATA’s motion and Policy on Organic Seed Contaminated by Genetic Engineering (GE) in the larger GE review and with the Seed Working Group:

“GE contamination of organic seed constitutes irreparable harm to the organic seed industry and undermines the integrity of organic seed. Any detectable level is unacceptable.”

IFOAM recognizes this policy as the appropriate working model for organic seed: seed companies may voluntarily adopt this policy and communicate compliance to their market(s), thereby embracing transparency as a market solution and establishing clarity that organic seed lots should not be sold as organic if containing detectable GE content.
Motion 66: Establish a Beekeeping Group in IFOAM

The objectives of the Organic Beekeeping group are:

• To be a platform for discussion and exchange of ideas on how to improve the health and vitality of bees and the further development of organic beekeeping standards;

• To promote organic beekeeping through local or international events like conferences, workshops etc;

• To enhance the awareness of bees and their positive impact on the organic agriculture sector (e.g. pollination, income generation, etc.);

• To launch development strategies for the organic beekeeping sector (studies, research concepts etc.).

Currently, organic beekeeping standards focus merely on the quality aspect of beekeeping products (e.g. the quality of honey) and less on the needs of bees i.e. their health. Therefore, the establishment of an Organic Beekeeping Group is necessary to support the further development of the sector with research and analysis. Results will then be presented to the organic beekeeping sector showing potential for change and offering recommendations for the further development of the standards.

Amendment: Share results …with “all of IFOAM"

✓ Amendment accepted.

Amendment: Include all forms of beekeeping including indigenous wild and traditional in the title

✓ Amendment accepted.
✓ Motion approved.

Final Motion text:

Establish a Beekeeping Group in IFOAM

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• To launch development strategies for the organic beekeeping sector (studies, research concepts etc.).
To include all forms of beekeeping, including indigenous, wild and traditional apiculture practice systems.

Currently, organic beekeeping standards focus merely on the quality aspect of beekeeping products (e.g. the quality of honey) and less on the needs of bees i.e. their health. Therefore, the establishment of an Organic Beekeeping Group is necessary to support the further development of the sector with research and analysis. Results will then be presented to the organic beekeeping sector and all of IFOAM showing potential for change and offering recommendations for the further development of the standards.

**Motion 67: Farmer Representation**

IFOAM shall actively motivate and invite organic farming organizations worldwide to become full members of the Federation in order to make use of the potential of the farming community by empowering organic farmers’ organizations. The membership fee structure should be redefined to reflect this invitation, yet still generate the necessary additional income for the Federation. These new members shall be exempt from paying fees or pay symbolic fees in the first year or years, if proven necessary, and then pay affordable fees.

**Point of Order from Hannes van den Eeckhout:** There appears to be a friendly amendment that is not reflected in the text on the screen. (The amendment on voting.)

**Chair:** It was not seen as friendly by the motion maker.

**Amendment:** “… IFOAM WB shall consider proposals to be implemented before next GA to give OFO’s a symbolic increase in number of votes, in proportion to the number of farming families, …”

No second for representation amendment.

**Amendment:** to cut fee structure sentences.

- Amendment accepted.
- The motion was carried.

**Final Motion text:**

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Motion 68:

IFOAM Animal Husbandry Alliance (IAHA) Plan of Action

In order to strengthen the international collaboration in animal husbandry, the IFOAM Head Office will support the IFOAM Animal Husbandry Alliance (IAHA), for the period 2014-2017, in developing and promoting an action plan for organic animal husbandry and to better link the different stakeholders around the world. This could happen through newsletters, forum discussions, and the development of positions for IFOAM (e.g. for standards discussions or lobbying). Key areas of organic animal husbandry include breeding, animal welfare, animal health, alternative treatments, etc.

An effort should be made by the IFOAM Board and Head Office to approach governments and non-governmental organizations linked to Organic Agriculture to find technical and financial resources to support the ‘Action Plan for the Development of Organic Animal Husbandry’. This shall be drafted during the workshops organized by IAHA, at the 18th Organic World Congress (OWC), where experts from all continents are expected.

✓ The motion was carried.

Agenda Point 69: Recommendations

§ 9 Recommendations and Suggestions (G.A. Rules of Procedure)

“9.1 Recommendations shall be presented to the GA in written form. All recommendations are based on a consensus process the procedures for which shall be made clear to the membership at the beginning of the GA. A recommendation must get a majority vote to be accepted. The recommendations are included in the minutes. The World Board reports to the following General Assembly what actions or considerations it has made related to the recommendations.”

Recommendations from Motion Bazaar:

Recommendation 1:

Stefan Tomek, Integrated ART Holding, Germany:

We recommend that the Organic Movement and IFOAM give health a higher priority in their strategy and position building, and in their communications.
Voting on recommendation:
In favor: 68  Against: 75  Abstentions: 42

X  Recommendation not approved.

Recommendation 2:
INOFO: The OWC host should give facilities for simultaneous translations for plenary sessions only. By facilities we mean equipment. Translators/Interpreters should be recruited on a voluntary basis.

✓ Recommendation approved.

Recommendation 3:
Hannes van den Eeckhout, ANPE, Peru: Put smallholder food security central to the IFOAM agenda.

✓ Recommendation approved.

Recommendation from the floor (4):
Anton Pinschof: Cut short complicated procedures and avoid problems of premeditated things that become redundant. Improve things on the day.

Point of Order: Was not presented at the Motion Bazaar and should therefore not be allowed.

Consultation with Parliamentarians who quote rules of procedures that recommendations made at bazaar and this was published.

Chair: Procedure explained prior to G.A. and thus we are not taking recommendations from the floor.

7. Organic World Congress/ G.A. 2017 and Closure

Agenda Point 71: Proposals for Organic World Congress/ G.A. 2017
The chair invited bidders to present their bid. A few questions from the floor were welcomed. Voting procedure explained: Ballot to choose 2, followed by show of hands in the second round.

The Bidders were asked to address issues of visa assistance for attendees and their budget to sponsor participation of those from developing countries.

Bids presented by Brazil, China, India, Russia. Ballots distributed for voting.
Agenda Point 72: Ambassadors & Farewell

Gabor Figeczky presented the new concept for IFOAM Advocacy Ambassadors. The following people have agreed to become IFOAM Ambassadors:

Ashish Gupta, Bernward Geier, Elisabeth Atangana, Fred Kirschenmann, Helmy Abouleish, Humberto Rios Labrada, Katherine DiMatteo, Pat Mooney, Sue Edwards, Ulrich Hoffmann, Urs Niggli, Volkert Engelsman, Yemi Akinbamijo

Andre Leu thanked the following people who finished their term of service for IFOAM between Korea 2011 and Istanbul 2014:

**World Board:** James B. Cole, Volkert Engelsman, Matthew Holmes.

**Standards Committee:** Chayaporn Wattanasiri, Daniel Neuhoff, Tali Berner.

**Nominations Committee:** Katherine DiMatteo, Jennifer Chang, Julia Lernoud, Mahesh Chander, Sümer Hasimoglu, Willi Jennissen.

Agenda Point 71: Continued

Results of Ballot:

Brazil and India are the top two hosting countries after the first round.

- **Brazil:** 124 votes
- **China:** 123 votes
- **India:** 184 votes
- **Russia:** 31 votes

The chair asked the GA to think about the second round choice and thereafter for show of hands in the second round to decide if the 2017 OWC should be held in Brazil or India.

✔️ The G.A. decides by simple majority that the OWC 2017 should be hosted by India.

Agenda Point 73: IFOAM Recognitions

The following organic personalities have been selected by the IFOAM World Board to receive the IFOAM Recognition Award 2014 for their outstanding contribution to the development of the global organic movement and IFOAM:

- Willy Douma, The Netherlands
- Susan Edwards, Ethiopia
- Katsushige Murayama, Japan
- Anton Pinschof, France
- Gunnar Rundgren, Sweden
- Helga Willer, Switzerland

Agenda Point 74: Closure by the New IFOAM President

Closure by Andre Leu.