IFOAM - ORGANICS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS PROGRAM 2020

Wednesday February 12, 2020

11:00 - 11:45 Room Istanbul
The role of organic and taxation in the upcoming eu strategy on sustainable food (EN)
The European Commission aims to launch a strategy on sustainable food along the whole value chain – the so-called “farm to fork” strategy – that would contribute to the EU’s sustainability objectives as well as the SDGs. This session will give an update on the state of play regarding this strategy, as well as explore how taxation can help towards reaching an EU sustainable food policy.
PRESENTER: Silvia Schmidt, IFOAM EU
SPEAKERS: Inka Sachse, Soil & More Impacts B.V.  
Aiena Francesco, International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (iPES Food)

11:00 - 11:45 Room Riga
How much natural inputs does the organic sector need? (EN)
To ensure a sustainable growth of the organic sector, natural inputs used for plant protection, fertilisation and livestock production must be available in an apt quantity and quality. It is vital to review the inputs allowed and find opportunities and barriers for the development of the sector. We will discuss the minimization and/or replacement of some inputs currently used in organic farming.
PRESENTER: Isabella Lang, IFOAM EU

11:00 - 11:45 Room Prag
Trends and news of organic markets in China, India and South East Asia (EN)
The organic markets in China, India and South East Asia are at different stages of development. To get an insight of the characteristics of each market, the presenters give an overview of current market volumes, growth forecasts and trends. Join us on a journey through the flourishing Asian organic markets and start connecting with the market experts.
SPEAKERS: Zejiang Zhou, President IFOAM Asia  
Victoriano Ihong Tagupa, Executive Director of LOAMCP-Ph.

12:00 - 13:00 Room Riga
The digitalization of the organic food chain: friend or foe? (EN)
To The internet of things and blockchains could contribute to making the organic production chain more efficient and transparent. But the use of such technologies could also entail important socio-economic consequences and increased corporate control. Can digitalization happen in line with the principles of organic farming?
PRESENTER: Eduardo Cuoco, IFOAM EU

12:00 - 13:00 Room Istanbul
Biodiversity in standards and labels for the food sector, delivering on biodiversity (EN)
In combination with the agricultural sector, food producers and retailers have a significant impact on biodiversity. The session will discuss achievements of a project that screened criteria of 54 standards and procurement guidelines and look at what some of the organic companies do to improve the biodiversity performance of the food industry.
PRESENTER: Gábor Figeczky, IFOAM - Organics International
SPEAKERS: Tobias Ludes, Global Nature Fund  
Rik Kutsch Lojenga, Union for Ethical BioTrade  
Volkert Engelsman, EOSTA B.V. Organic Fruits & Vegetables  
Jan Plagge, Bioland e.V.

15:00 - 16:30 Hall St. Petersburg
Policies driving organic and sustainability (EN)
Organic agriculture and agroecology provide an effective pathway for achieving the SDGs. Worldwide, there is a growing number of good examples showcasing how local and national policies can contribute to change. The session highlights examples from a Community of Practice of policymakers dedicated to sustainable agriculture and food systems.
PRESENTER: Louise Luttikholt, IFOAM - Organics International
SPEAKERS: Mogens Jensen, Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Denmark  
Emma Siliprandi, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
Lee Cha Young, President of The Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture  
Dhanush Dinesh, CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security
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16:00 - 18:00  Room Kiew

Policy day: The new EU organic regulation (EN)

Updates and debate on the opportunities and the challenges of the new EU organic regulation which will enter into force in January 2021. The new rules will apply in the EU but worldwide as well, given the quantity and number of products imported. The panel will be composed of policymakers and representatives of the organic sector.

PRESENTER: Eduardo Cuoco, IFOAM EU
SPEAKERS: Jan Plagge, Bioland e.V.

17:00 - 18:00  Hall Shanghai

The world of organic agriculture (EN/DE)

The latest data on organic agriculture and organic markets worldwide will be presented. Furthermore, an update of the standards and regulations will be given.

PRESENTER: Louise Luttikholt, Executive Director, IFOAM - Organics International Head Office
SPEAKERS: Christian Robin, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO
          Dr. Helga Willer, FiBL - Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
          Joelle Katto-Andrighetto, IFOAM - Organics International
          Amarjit Sahota, Ecovia Intelligence

Thursday February 13, 2020

10:00 - 11:30  Hall St. Petersburg

Global organic market overview, 2019 data (EN)

The market develops dynamically. Organic 3.0 postulates further growth, inclusiveness and orientation towards a more differentiated sustainability products market. We deepen the market information from the IFOAM & OI/FiBL statistics book and reflect about trends and strategic market positioning. Expect a special look at growth forecasts and developments from a finance and banking perspective.

PRESENTER: Louise Luttikholt, IFOAM - Organics International
SPEAKERS: Dr. Helga Willer, FiBL - Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
          Dr. David M. Amudavi, Biovision Africa Trust
          Manoj Kumar Menon, International Competence Centre For Organic Agriculture (ICCOA)
          Laura Batcha, Organic Trade Association
          Zhang Tingtiing, Organic and Beyond³

10:00 - 11:30  Room Budapest

Will the new common agriculture policy (CAP) benefit organic producers? (EN)

The EU has engaged in a major CAP reform, which defines 40% of the budget and level of support for organic farmers. There are positives, but negotiations put at risk the ambition to align the CAP with consumers expectations on the environmental impact of food production. IFOAM EU defends a transition towards agroecology. Expect an update on the CAP reform and the policy support in member states.

PRESENTER: Eric Gall, IFOAM EU
SPEAKERS: Lena Brisset, IFOAM EU
          Dr. Nicolas Lampkin, Thünen Institute
          Dr. Matthias Stolze, FiBL - Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
          Nathalie Sauze-Vandevyver, European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development
          Jan Plagge, Bioland e.V.

12:00 - 13:30  Room Kiew

Organic delivers! What and how do we communicate across media channels? (EN)

How is the organic sector communicating the benefits of organic? In this session, experts share their insight on what they do to effectively engage audiences and why this matters! Presentations will address digital and print media, focusing on conveying positive messages. Audience members can engage with speakers in a fishbowl discussion to share their own campaigns and strategies.

PRESENTER: Denise Godinho, IFOAM - Organics International
SPEAKERS: Kristin Karlsson, Freelancer
          Oriol Urrutia, BIO ECO ACTUAL
          Venancia Ndoo Wambua, Biovision Africa
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**14:00 - 14:45**

**Room Prag**

**Organic seed and organic heterogeneous material in the new EU organic regulation (EN)**

The session will provide insights into issues relating to organic seed in Europe, based on facts and the perspectives of farmers and seed companies collected through surveys within LIVESEED project. The session will also provide an update on recent developments on the implementation of the new Organic Regulation regarding Organic Heterogeneous Material and Organic varieties.

**PRESENTER:** Eric Gall, IFOAM EU

**SPEAKERS:**
- Dr. Stefano Orsini, Organic Research Centre
- Freya Schäfer, FiBL - Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
- Gebhard Rossmanith, Bingenheimer Saatgut AG
- Martin Sommer, IFOAM EU

**15:00 - 16:30**

**Room Istanbul**

**Group certification: New organic regulation 2021, regulatory changes for the certification of groups of operators (EN)**

With the new EU organic regulation entering application in 2021, new rules will apply to group of operators worldwide and, for the first time, in the EU as well. Updates and debate with policymakers and representatives of the EU and worldwide organic sector.

**PRESENTER:** Emanuele Busacca, IFOAM EU

**SPEAKERS:**
- Joelle Katto-Andrighetto, IFOAM - Organics International
- Patrizia Pugliese, CIHEAM Bari/MOAN
- Jerónimo Prujin, Simbolo de Pequenos Productores Global

**Friday February 14, 2020**

**10:00 - 10:45**

**Room Kiew**

**The future of organic agriculture in Africa (EN)**

African organic production has a lot to offer, yet companies are underrepresented in international markets. What are the realities on the ground? What is the potential of African organic products, and how can we harness it? The audience will get a broad perspective from African companies and projects trying to increase organic production and exports from Africa.

**PRESENTER:** Barbara Zilly, IFOAM - Organics International

**SPEAKER:**
- Bert-Jan Ottens, ProFound
- David Amudavi, World Board IFOAM - OI and CEO Biovision Africa Trust
- Bo von Elzakker, Director Agro Eco Louis Bolk Institute
- Lise Chantal Dusabe, Executive Director Rwanda Organic Agriculture Movement (ROAM)
- Kate Kibarah, Shop Kate's Organic

**10:00 - 10:45**

**Room Budapest**

**Science day: Horizon Europe? Innovation opportunities for organic companies (EN)**

Horizon Europe is the EU's new research and innovation programme for 2021-2027. It is expected that EUR 10 billion will be available for food, agriculture and environment. A representative from the European Commission will introduce Horizon Europe. A discussion will be held on Horizon Europe can help solving challenges of organic companies related to food safety and food and packaging waste.

**PRESENTER:** Bram Moeskops, IFOAM EU

**11:00 - 11:45**

**Room Kopenhagen**

**Use of bioplastic in the organic industry (EN)**

The consumption of plastics in agriculture amounts yearly to 6.5MIL Tons. Food and beverage packaging are major contributors to plastic pollution. Proliferation of plastics in the environment is creating health and ecological problems. The organic sector recognizes the need to act. Expect an overview of innovative solutions used in the organic farming, processing & retailing industry.

**PRESENTER:** Eduardo Cuoco, IFOAM EU

**Sessions subject to change**
Friday February 14, 2020

12:00 - 12:45  Hall Shanghai

Bio, bald mit Gentechnik? (DE)


PRESENTER: Dr. Friedhelm Von Mering, Bund Ökologische Lebensmittelwirtschaft e.V.

SPEAKERS: Dr. Martin Häusling, DIE GRÜNEN/EFA im Europäischen Parlament
          Antje Kölling, Demeter e.V.
          Daniela Wannemacher, Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland e.V. (BUND) – Friends of the Earth Germany
          Martin Sommer, IFOAM EU

14:00 - 14:45  Room Kiew

Congress Digest: Organic delivers! (EN)

Congress Digest with a wrap up of congress presentations focusing on the main congress theme “Organic delivers!”. The presentation is public and open to all visitors.

PRESENTER: Louise Luttikholt, Executive Director, IFOAM - Organics International Head Office

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