

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 european 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.

Ajena 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 - 12:30

Room Copenhagen

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 Prag

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 Lutikholt**, 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 Lutikholt**, 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

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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 Lutikholt**, 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 Tingting, 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 Ndoe 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 Rossmann, 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 Produtores Global

15:00 - 16:30

Hall Seoul

Genome editing and the health concept in organic farming, co-existence or conflict? (EN)

The conceptual basis of organic agriculture's approach to food production is built on a concept of health. This panel session and Q&A will explore if, alongside issues of corporate control and risk, the health and integrity of the organism are effective guides to appropriate technologies in organic plant breeding and agriculture, and discuss how these might be applied in a rapidly changing world.

SPEAKERS: Lawrence Woodward, Beyond GM / A Bigger Conversation
Prof. Dr. Urs Niggli, FiBL - Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
Martin Sommer, IFOAM EU
Gebhard Rossmann, Bingenheimer Saatgut AG

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Hall 3C Stand 3C-061

17:00 - 18:00

Backing the certified organic sector in the EU (EN)

Market developments and policy support: A discussion and networking event for companies run by COSMOS, Natrue and IFOAM EU.

PRESENTER: Katrin Hochberg, COSMOS

SPEAKERS: Mark Smith, NATRUE aisbl
Eduardo Cuoco, IFOAM EU

Friday February 14, 2020

10:00 - 10:45

Room Kiev

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 Elzacker, Director Agro Eco Louis Bolk Institute
Lise Chantal Dusabe, Executive Director Rwanda Organic Agriculture Movement (ROAM)

Kate Kibarah, Shop Kate's Organic

10:00 - 12:30

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 Copenhagen

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

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12:00 - 12:45**Hall Shanghai****Bio, bald mit Gentechnik? (DE)**

Die Gentechnik-Industrie setzt die EU-Kommission unter Druck: Neue Gentechnikverfahren wie CRISPR-Cas & Co. sollen unreguliert auf den Markt gelassen werden. Das hätte riskante Folgen für Umwelt und alle Produzenten, die gentechnikfrei arbeiten. Diskutieren Sie mit: Wie sorgen wir dafür, dass Gentechnik als Gentechnik reguliert wird? Und wie stärken wir wirklich zukunftsfähige Alternativen?

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