

5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on the **organic sector** development
in **Central/Eastern European**
and **Central Asian** countries



Conference programme - March 4th, 2015

APRIL 16, 2015	
8:30-9:45 Conference registration	
09:45-10:30 Room Congress Hall, Opening and welcome	
Dr. Eugene Milovanov, President Organic Federation of Ukraine, local organizer, Ukraine Asad Naqvi, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), Switzerland André Leu, President, IFOAM Organics International, Australia Oleksiy Pavlenko, Minister, Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine Igor Shevchenko, Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine Gerald A. Herrmann, Director Organic Services and past President IFOAM, international organizer, Germany	
10:30-11:00 Coffee break	
11:00-12:00 Room Congress Hall, Keynote speeches	
Moderator: Dr. Eugene Milovanov, President Organic Federation of Ukraine Green economy and organic agriculture, Asad Naqvi, Acting Head Green Economy Advisory Services Unit, Economics and Trade Branch UNEP, Switzerland The multifunctional benefits of organic agriculture, André Leu, President IFOAM Organics International, Australia	
12:00-13:00 Room Congress Hall, Plenary session	
Moderator: Nune Darbinian, Ecoglobe Challenges and chances for a successful organic development in the region, Boudewijn van Elzakker, AgroEco, Netherlands <i>confirmation pending</i> What farmers can achieve if they work together - the story of Organic Valley, N.N., Organic Valley, USA <i>confirmation pending</i> Market assessment of the European market for the main organic export products from Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine, a study on behalf of UNEP's Economics and Trade Branch, Joern Berger, Organic Services, Germany	
13:00-14:30 Lunch	
14:30-16:00 Break out sessions	
Room	Room
Organic markets for grain and oilseeds	Organic agriculture and Green Economy
Moderator: Asad Naqvi, UNEP	Moderator: Boudewijn van Elzakker, AgroEco
Organic grain export from Romania, Ion Toncea, President Romanian Association for Sustainable Agriculture, Romania	The organic sector and market in Ukraine, and strategies for its development, Dr. Eugene Milovanov, President Organic Federation of Ukraine, Ukraine
The interest of a German organic farmers' organization to secure supply of grain reliably and in high quality, Amos Ramsauer, Director Bioland Markt, Germany	Organic Agriculture as a Greening Economy Tool in Armenia, Nune Darbinian, Director Ecoglobe, Armenia
The demand of the US market for high quality grain supply, Roland Grenzebach, President RG Trade Services International LLC, USA	Current state and development of the market in Moldova, Viorel Gherciu, President Proruralinvest, Moldova
Experiences in grain export from Ukraine, Oleksandr Yushchenko, President Galeks-Agro, Ukraine	State of organic development in Belarus, Svetlana Semenas, Chair Agro-Eco-Culture & Ecodom, Belarus
Grain from Kazakhstan, <i>confirmation pending</i>	
Discussion	Discussion
16:00-16:30 Coffee break	
16:30-18:00 Break out sessions	
Room	Room
Quality and integrity	Organic agriculture and Green Economy, continued
Moderator: Hanspeter Schmidt, Attorney at Law	Moderator: Boudewijn van Elzakker, AgroEco
Challenges and lessons learnt by the Ukrainian exporters during organic export to EU. Where are solutions? Ksenia Gladchenko, General Manager Ques, Ukraine	Organic agriculture movement of Azerbaijan as the main component of green economy strategy, Dr. Vugar Babayev, Chairman Ganja Agribusiness Association (GABA), Azerbaijan
Typical problems and failures in understanding and implementing organic regulations, Mustafa Akyuz, General Manager ETKO, Turkey	Organic farming in Georgia – Present State and Prospects for the Future, Tamaz Dundua, Program Manager and Irakli Javakhishvili, Business Planning & Marketing Consultant. Elkana, Georgia
Fighting fraud in organic markets - with examples from Bionext, Netherlands, FEDERBIO, Italy and Check Organic, Gerald A. Herrmann, Director Organic Services, Germany	Competent Authority for Organic Agriculture, Saudi Arabia, <i>confirmation pending</i>
Buyers want to know their supply chains - long years' experiences in trading with Eastern Europe, Lukas Kelterborn, Ralf Löhle, Banater Bio-Handel GmbH, Germany	
Discussion	Discussion
19:30-22:00 Conference dinner	

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9:00-09:45 Room Congress Hall, Plenary session

Moderator: Dr. Vugar Babayev, GABA

The contribution of organic farming to sustainability and economic development, Prof. Dr. agr. habil Gerold Rahmann, Director Thuenen-Institute of Organic Farming, President of ISO FAR, World Board IFOAM, Germany

A holistic and practical approach for assessing sustainability criteria in farming and along supply chains, Tobias Bandel, Director Soil and More, Netherlands

09:45-11:30 Break out sessions

Room	Room
Legislation: EU and countries of the Region	Local market development and products
<i>Moderator: Marco Schlueter, Director IFOAM EU</i>	<i>Moderator: Joern Berger, Organic Services</i>
More than two Decades of EU Organic Food Law. Lessons Learned and Open Questions. Further Development Step-by-Step (Amendments) or by Total Revision? Hanspeter Schmidt, Attorney at Law, Germany	A colorful journey through 10 years of organic market development in Ukraine, Natalie Prokopchuk, Project Manager, Swiss-Ukrainian Project Organic Market Development in Ukraine, FiBL, Ukraine
The implementation of the EU Organic Regulation in Poland, Michal Rzytki, Head of Organic Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland	Organic & Fairtrade Hazelnut production by small farmers in Georgia, Mariam Jorjadze, Director Elkana, Elene Shatberashvili, Head of Projects Unit, Georgia
Development of normative legal acts in the sphere of production, processing and marketing of organic products in Russia, Nikita Kaletkin, Director The National Union of producers and consumers of organic products, Russia	Developing markets for our wines, Andrian Davidescu, Commercial Director at Vinaria din Vale, Moldova confirmation pending
Local certification body as key element for reliable and transparent control, Sergiy Galashevskyy, General Manager, Organic Standard, Ukraine	Dried fruits, Uzbekistan, confirmation pending
Organic legislation development: International recommendations and tools, Joelle Katto-Andrighetto, Value Chain Manager, IFOAM Organics International, Germany	Dried fruits and honey from Kirgistan, confirmation pending Tajikistan, confirmation pending
Discussion	Discussion

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:00 Room Congress Hall, Panel Discussion

An assessment of the development of European Policies, Regulations and Action Plans for organic farming - what can be recommended for emerging organic markets

Moderator: Gerald A. Herrmann, Director Organic Services

Participants:

Marco Schlueter, Director IFOAM EU, Belgium

Michal Rzytki, Head of Organic Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland

Michel Reynaud, President of European Organic Certifiers Council, Vice-President Ecocert, France

Hanspeter Schmidt, Attorney at Law, Germany

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:15 Room Congress Hall, Keynote speech

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Gerold Rahmann, Thuenen Institute of Organic Farming

Reshaping the global food system, Gunnar Rundgren, writer, organic expert and past President IFOAM, Sweden

15:15 Room Congress Hall, Closing & Farewell

Dr. Eugene Milovanov, Gerald A. Herrmann