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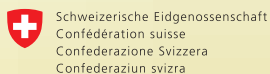
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Program

The conference will focus on organic production, domestic and export marketing as an integral part of Green Economy. It will broaden participants' understanding of quality and safety issues and aims at bridging obstacles from production throughout the value chain to consumers.

A special accent will be placed on standards and certification for ensuring traceability and safety of organic products.

The conference will take place on April 16–17, 2015 with plenary and parallel sessions.

Key speeches are invited by the organizers in plenary sessions.

The parallel sessions are open for contributions until March 12, 2015.

Topics

- Organic and Green Economy
- Legislation: EU and countries of the Region
- Standards and certification
- Domestic organic markets development
- International organic market development
- Safe production and safe products
- Strategies of the development, Action plans

Conference languages are Russian and English, with simultaneous translation

Excursions to organic producers and shops are organized on April 18, 2015

5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



KYIV - UKRAINE
16-17 april 2015

on the **organic sector** development

in **Central/Eastern European**
and **Central Asian** countries

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Organic Agriculture and Markets – Safe Production – Green Economy

KYIV, UKRAINE

<http://organic.com.ua/conference>

Organizers



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Why this conference?

It is already the 5th of a series of conferences focusing on organic sector development in Central/Eastern, Central Asian and neighboring countries. The conference is meant as a place to network, to meet new partners and trade contacts in a region not easy to access. It presents an excellent opportunity to learn about recent developments, to promote companies activities and to increase recognition.

It is an ideal meeting point for all important stakeholders active in the organic sector in the targeted region. It offers the opportunity to learn from each other by reaching out to the leading personalities of the organic sector internationally and in the region.

In the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus agriculture and the food industry play important role. Most of the inhabitants live in rural areas. Huge farms contrast with small scale subsistence farming. Some of the best soils worldwide are located in the region, but so too are areas of heavily degraded agricultural land. The countries have to cope with effects of intensive use of agrochemicals, soil salinity, desertification and water scarcity.

It is organic agriculture that offers the most sustainable solution for developing the agricultural sector and provides not only food security but also food safety with least negative impacts on the environment.

Organic farming offers solutions for sound rural development. It provides healthy food, maintains and creates jobs. High quality organic foods are market openers for both national and international markets. This is especially viable for rural areas disadvantaged by policy, technology and globalization.

Conference objectives

Organic movements as part of integral Green Economy continue to develop in countries of the Region. An organic sector, based on common understanding, modern standards, promotion campaigns, using old traditions with aims to satisfy consumers' demand with trusted safe products has strong potential to make life better, more prosperous and predictable not only for farmers, but for processors as well. Experiences and challenges in organic products safety and quality assurance along the product chain will be discussed from the point of view of producers, processors, and certifiers.

«Good organic growing provides safe and healthy produce for consumers, but even more important is the positive impact on the environment and the people who are working in the fields. Organic production and trade in the region will only have a future if consumers trust it and the sector manages to maintain and improve the integrity of organic, developing green economy as a whole».

Dr. Eugene Milovanov,
Organic Federation of Ukraine (Ukraine)
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«A paradigm shift towards a sustainable farming system is necessary for the survival of this planet. To date organic farming is – even if not perfect yet – the best system for achieving this goal, and it is proven in practice. It contributes to solutions for the big problems of our age: food security, biodiversity, climate change and the ethical crisis».

Gerald A. Herrmann,
Organic Services GmbH (Germany)
www.organic-services.com

«Organic Agriculture presents unique opportunities to combine climate and environmentally friendly farming with economic and social development, thereby being a main building block for the Green Economy».

Gunnar Rundgren,
Grolink (Sweden)
www.grolink.se

Registration and participation fees

The participation fee covers the entrance to the Conference, admission to all sessions, a two day conference bag including paper, pen and conference proceedings, refreshments during coffee breaks and two lunches.

Early registration: 85.00 €

After March 15, 2015: 140.00 €

Conference dinner and participation at excursions are charged for separately.
Registration is possible at the conference website.

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Accommodation

Blocks of rooms at special rates are set aside for conference participants at several hotels in Kyiv. Conference participants are asked to directly book the hotel mentioning «organic conference» to get the special price.

For the hotel list and further details, please check the conference website:

<http://organic.com.ua/conference>