

**EkoSeedForum - European conference on organic seeds, organic plant
breeding, and crop biodiversity
20 – 22 March, Poznań, Poland**

Programme

| Thursday, 20th of March 2014 | |
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| 11:00 – 12:30 | Registration of participants, welcome coffee with organic snack |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Official opening of the EkoSeedForum Welcome addresses by the organizers and partners |
| <u>Section 1</u> | Organic plant breeding |
| 13:00 – 13:25 | Why is organic plant breeding needed? – Oliver Willing, Zukunftsstiftung Landwirtschaft / Saatgutfond, Germany |
| 13:25 – 13:50 | What is organic plant breeding? Policies, goals and ideals of organic plant breeding – Monika Messmer, EcoPB and FiBL, Switzerland |
| 13:50 – 14:05 | Organic seed and plant breeding: EU legal framework and legislative challenges – Antje Kölling, IFOAM EU Group, Belgium |
| 14:05 – 14:40 | Break |
| 2nd block 14:40 – 16:10 | <p>Organic plant breeding and development of new varieties in practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30 years of organic seeds and development of bio-dynamic varieties for organic vegetable production – status and outlook – Gebhard Rossmanith, Bingenheimer Saatgut AG, Germany - Fairbreeding – a partnership approach to promote organic plant breeding – Rene Groenen, Netherlands und Michael Fleck, Kultursaat e.V. Germany - Organic plant breeding in Hungary – Mária Megyeri, Agricultural Institute, Centre for Agricultural Research, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary - Situation of plant breeding in Poland – Zofia Banaszak, DANKO Hodowla Roślin Sp. z o.o. Poland |
| 16:10 – 16:40 | Break |
| 3rd block 16:40 – 18:30 | <p>Breeding practices in cereals and legumes Moderation: Oliver Willing, Zukunftsstiftung LW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cereal breeding for organic farming – Franziska Löschenberger, Seed breeding Donau, Austria - Methods, successes and challenges in organic breeding – Karl-Josef Müller, Cereal Breeding Research Darzau, Germany <p>Discussion: steps to strengthen the cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe, and between Eastern and Western Europe; Who does what and when?</p> |
| | <p>Breeding practices in vegetables Moderation: Bernhard Jansen, EkoConnect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Methods, successes and challenges in organic vegetable breeding – Michael Fleck, Kultursaat e. V. - Organic breeding in the Netherlands - Rene Groenen, Netherlands <p>Discussion: steps to strengthen the cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe, and between Eastern and Western Europe; Who does what and when?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>In English and Polish language</i></p> |
| 19:00 | Get Together – evening meeting with organic buffet |

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| Friday, 21st of March 2014 | | | |
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| 4th block 09:00 – 10:30 | Organic Breeding Networking Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of discussion: steps for further development of organic plant breeding - Introduction of breeding initiatives from all over Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ilze Skrabule, State Priekuli Plant Breeding Institute, Latvia - Jerzy Nawracała, Poznan University of Life Sciences, Poland - EkoSeedForum-Participants can stand up and introduce themselves in 2 min. | | |
| 10:30 -11:00 | Break | | |
| <u>Section 2</u> | Maintenance of crop diversity as cultural heritage and as a gene reserve Moderation: Marco Schlüter, IFOAM EU Group Brussels | | |
| 5th Block 11:00 – 11:25 | Maintenance through utilisation – how can organic agriculture and organic plant breeding reduce the loss of crop diversity – Bernd Horneburg, University of Göttingen | | |
| 11:25 – 12:25 | Most successful models and ideas to preserve crop biodiversity and to cooperate with organic agriculture? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dorota Nowosielska, Ministry for Agriculture and Rural Development, Warsaw, Poland - Klaus Rapf, Arche Noah, Austria - Mateja Koler, Seed Guardians, Slovenia | | |
| 12:25 – 12:45 | How the Vavilov Genebank could contribute to the development of an organic plant breeding sector and to on farm agro biodiversity initiatives – Margarita Vishnyakova, Vavilov Research Institute of Plant Industry, Russia | | |
| 12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch break and possibility to visit poster session and exhibition tables | | |
| <u>Section 3</u> | Seed production in and for organic farming | | |
| 6th Block 14:00 – 15:00 | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Extent and importance of seed multiplication in accordance with organic farming policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for organic seed and transparency, Klaus Peter Wilbois, organicxseeds.de - Why do organic traders, importers and processors want organic farmers to use organic seeds, Lance Sidio, Naturkost Elkershausen, Germany Discussion </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> Workshop What happens next in the EU seed law reform? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campaign "Freedom for the seed" - State of play EU legislation on seed - Development and exchange of actions and ideas Irmina Pelc, Zukunftsstiftung Landwirtschaft, Antje Kölling, IFOAM EU Group </td> </tr> </table> | Extent and importance of seed multiplication in accordance with organic farming policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for organic seed and transparency, Klaus Peter Wilbois, organicxseeds.de - Why do organic traders, importers and processors want organic farmers to use organic seeds, Lance Sidio, Naturkost Elkershausen, Germany Discussion | Workshop What happens next in the EU seed law reform? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campaign "Freedom for the seed" - State of play EU legislation on seed - Development and exchange of actions and ideas Irmina Pelc, Zukunftsstiftung Landwirtschaft, Antje Kölling, IFOAM EU Group |
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| 15:00 – 15:30 | Break | | |
| 7th Block 15:30 – 16:35 | How can organic seed-supply be increased? Statements of practitioners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gebhard Rossmann, Bingenheimer Saatgut AG, Germany - Seed trade, Estonia: Mikko Rahtola, Osaühing Tammevald, Estonia - Ilze Skrabule, State Priekuli Plant Breeding Institute, Latvia Discussion | | |
| 16:35 – 16:50 | Discussion: Enhanced cooperation in the organic seed sector - measures and steps | | |
| 16:50 – 17:00 | Closing Remarks and End of EkoSeedForum | | |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | Short visit to Poznań Branch of Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute | | |
| <u>22nd March</u> 9:00 – 15:00 | Excursion to the Institute of Plant Genetics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, to the Research Centre for Cultivar Testing and to an organic food shop (see separate program) | | |