



Background

Organic agriculture has grown to a sector with profound impact on the societal and agricultural development. Hence, we want to utilize the upcoming seminar to reveal how organic research has contributed, or may contribute to change the many and serious challenges that we face to protect our environment and to ensure a satisfactory living for all.

Concurrently, the needs for improvement in practical farming systems, both to support the farmers and to further develop organic farming in a sustainable direction, must be emphasized.

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Venue

The conference will take place at Vingsted Hotel & Conference Centre Vingsted Skovvej 2, 7182 Bredsten, Denmark. The conference centre is located in the village of Bredsten, 12 km from Vejle and 20 km from Billund.

Flights to Copenhagen or Billund airport.
Trains from Copenhagen to Vejle (2,5 h).
Bus no 43 from Vejle or Billund to Bredsten.
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Organic farming systems as a driver for change

21-23 August 2013 Denmark. NJF Seminar 461



Tracks

1. Societal and economic viability
2. Transition to renewable resources
3. Nutrient sufficiency and management in farming systems
4. Productivity and sustainable production levels in animal and crop production

Call for papers
15 February,
2013





Keynote speakers

The keynote speakers at introductory plenary session will also act as track experts.

Track 1: Societal and economic viability

Dr. Susanne Padel,

Principal socio-economic researcher, The Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm, UK

Track 2: Transition to renewable resources

Dr. Tommy Dalgaard,

Head of Agro-Environmental Management MSc programme, Department of Agroecology, Aarhus University, Denmark

Track 3: Nutrient sufficiency and management in farming systems

Dr. Christine Watson,

Leader of the Soils Research Team, Scottish Agricultural Collage, UK

Track 4: Productivity and sustainable production levels in animal and crop production

Dr. Paolo Bàrberi,

Professor of Agronomy and Field Crops, Institute of Life Sciences, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Italy

Who?

The seminar is organized in collaboration with ICROFS - International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems and EPOK - Centre for Organic Food and Farming at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

Target Groups

All researchers, advisors, teachers and other stakeholders with an interest in organic food and farming systems are welcome to this seminar.



Aim

The objective of the seminar is to discuss relevant main challenges and how research and developmental work (R&D) can be more efficiently directed to solve problems in organic farming systems, based on the overview of the current R&D work presented during the seminar. The program will include field trips to relevant organic farms demonstrating some of the challenges handled within the four tracks. Full program available at www.njf.nu.



Contributions

All tracks will include contributions within different areas of agricultural production, i.e. both crop- and animal production, processing, marketing, environment and society.

Our ambition is that experts from different areas of organic farming will be able to adapt their research and development work to fit into one of these tracks.

We welcome all contributions relevant for organic farming and food systems. Within the four tracks, we offer the participants the possibility to present results, reflecting on how their work will contribute to solve relevant problems and not least, how their work functions as a part of the strong force that organic farming may be as a driver for change.

Deadlines:

Offered contributions should be submitted by **15 February 2013** via NJF web page.

The scientific committee will notify authors of acceptance (oral presentation/ poster) by **May 1st 2013**.

