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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Centre for Organic Food & Farming – EPOK

Research for sustainable organic farming

– *System perspectives, stakeholder
cooperation and communication*

Time: Wednesday December 9, 2015 kl. 9:30–16:00

Place: KSLA, Drottninggatan 95B, Stockholm

Fee: 170 SEK for lunch and coffee

Registration at the latest November 30 via www.slu.se/epok-151209

Arrangör: Centre for Organic Food & Farming – EPOK at SLU

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EPOK welcomes PhD students, researchers and other actors interested in research and development to a seminar on organic food and farming research and how research can contribute to more sustainable food systems in practice.

The interactive sessions will give opportunities to:

- Get briefed about ongoing research R&D projects and discuss criterias for sustainability as well as methods and procedures.
- Communicate and share experiences of collaborative projects.
- Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of conducting research together in diversified groups.
- Start a discussion between researchers and stakeholders on how newly acquired knowledge can be implemented and lead to innovations.
- Initiate the process of creating networks targeting project applications to funding bodies such as national research councils and foundations, ERA-net projects, EIP nationally and internationally and Horizon 2020.



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Programme

- 09.30-10.00** **Registration and coffee**
- 10.00** **Welcome address and presentation of on-going research projects and participants (ppt show)**
- 10.30** **Perspectives on research on sustainable food systems**
– *Resilient and 'healthy' food systems – an important criterion of sustainability*
Thomas Döring, ORC & Humboldt University, Berlin
– *Research needs from practitioners' perspectives – relevance and impact*
Maria Dirke, Ekologiska lantbrukarna (Swedish Organic Farmers' Association)
– *Research on sustainable production – system perspectives and sustainability principles*
Erik Steen Jensen, SLU,
Department of Biosystems and Technology
- 12.00** **Lunch, coffee and exhibition of participants' research projects – time for knowledge exchange and networking**
- 13.30** **Multi-actor research – strengths and weaknesses**
– *Danish organic research with stakeholder involvement*
Ilse Ankjær Ramussen, ICROFS – International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems
– *Development of organic apple production – cooperation between researchers and farmers*
Weronika Swiergiel, SLU,
Department of Crop Protection Biology
Short break
– *To be a PhD student in a multi-actor project – cooperation between researchers, advisors and farmers*
Victor Guamán, SLU, Department of Crop Production Ecology
– *Stakeholder involvement and impact focus in research programmes*
Johanna van Schaik Dernfalk,
The Swedish Research Council Formas
- 15.45–16.00** **Communication and knowledge exchange – in what ways can EPOK contribute?**
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