

COST Exploratory Workshop

Low Input/Organic Agriculture: The Farm of Tomorrow?

Monday 30 November 2009

Radisson Blu EU Hotel Brussels, Rue d'Idalie 35, B-1050 Brussels
Programme

08:30 *Registration and Coffee*

09:00 Opening

09:00 **Jose Pueyo** Chair, COST DC Food and Agriculture
Welcome and opening

09:10 **Mario Pirillo MEP** Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, European Parliament

09:20 Morning Session I - European Scenarios

Chaired by: **John Williams**, COST DC Food and Agriculture

09:20 **Albino Maggio** Science Officer for Food and Agriculture, COST Office, Brussels
Introduction and Opening Remarks

09:30 **Massimo Fagnano** University of Naples, Italy
Environmental Friendly Agriculture: New Challenges for the Farm of Tomorrow

09:50 **Janos Berenji** Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops, Serbia
Present Situation and Future Perspective of Low Input (Organic) Agriculture

10:10 **Jarek Stalenga** National Research Institute (IUNG-PIB), Poland
Organic and Low Input Farming Systems in Eastern Europe

10:30 *Coffee Break*

10:50 Morning Session II - Research and Technology Needs

Chaired by: **Peter Raspor**, COST DC Food and Agriculture

10:50 **Carlo Leifert** Newcastle University, United Kingdom
Improving the Sustainability of Crop Production in Europe: The Need to Focus on Organic Matter Recycling and Nutrient Use Efficiency

11:10 **Edith T. Lammerts van Bueren** Wageningen University, The Netherlands
Optimising Organic and Low-input Agriculture: Needs for Plant Breeding

11:30 **Arja Nykänen** MTT Agrifood Research, Finland
The Role of Legumes in Organic and Low Input Agriculture: Present and in the Future

11:50 Questions/ Discussion/ Wrap-up

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 Afternoon Session - Developing Networks

Chaired by: **Antonella Baldi**, COST DC Food and Agriculture

13:30 **Andreas Steinwider** Institute of Organic Farming and Farm Animal Biodiversity, Austria
Organic Animal Farming Strategies in Alpine Regions: Challenges for Farmers, Policy and Consumers

13:50 **César Fernandez-Quintanilla** Instituto de Ciencias Agrarias, CSIC, Spain
Searching for New Tools for Low Input Agriculture

14:10 **Niels Halberg** International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems, Denmark
The Experience with Transnational Coordination of Research in Organic Food and Farming and Ideas for a Future Research Agenda

14:30 **Urs Niggli** FiBL, Switzerland
TP Organics

14:50 **Ioanna Stavridou** Science Officer for Life Sciences, COST Office, Brussels
From an Exploratory Workshop to a COST Action

15:10 *Coffee Break*

15:30 Roundtable - Low Input Farming: Establishing a European Network

17:30 *Closing of the Workshop*

