

CORE organic II

European research in the focus

On 29 November 2011 the first research seminar of CORE Organic took place in Paris.

In the course of the ERA-NETs CORE Organic and CORE Organic II three calls were published to give researchers the possibility to jointly cooperate in transnational research projects in the area of organic food and agriculture.



Eight projects were funded in the frame of the first call of 2006, which were concluded by the year 2010 and 2011. Another eleven projects were selected in the first CORE Organic II call (2010) dealing with the topics cropping systems, monogastric production and food quality.

The aim of the seminar was to bring together the coordinators of all the projects, their respective funding bodies and people interested in organic research to learn about the contents and results of the projects.

Hervé Guyomard, Scientific Director for Agriculture, INRA Paris (France) welcomed to the event by pointing out the importance of organic farming and the necessity to cooperate within Europe. Niels Halberg, coordinator of CORE Organic II followed up by illustrating the new CORE Organic II program, the expectations and challenges, which do occur due to transnational cooperation.





Project coordinators for ten of the eleven CORE Organic II projects

The scientific program contained both the presentations of the aims, the approaches and the challenges of the selected eleven projects running from 2011-2014 (Tilman-Org, Bio-Incrop, InterVeg, Softpest multitrap, Bicopol, Vineman.Org, HealthyHens, Icopp, ProPig, SafeOrganic, AuthenticFood) and the results of the 2007-2010/11 projects (COREPIG, ANIPLAN, PathOrganic, QACCP, AGTEC-Org, PhytoMilk, FCP, iPOPY).

The project coordinators of the “old” projects were requested to also respond to questions targeting the kind of dissemination to different groups, the existing knowledge gaps and the consequential research approaches.

The presentations can be found via [this link](#) to Organic Eprints.

After the presentations the „round-table“ discussion took place inviting the coordinators of the ended and the newly started projects to exchange their experiences and their knowledge. The discussion focused not only on the internal project coordination, but



Project coordinators of the eight CORE Organic I projects

also on the cooperation between the national funding bodies of CORE Organic and the applicants or project partners. Obstacles in the procedures or the cooperation were identified and suggestions for improvement identified. The latter were well accepted by both the project coordinators and the CORE Organic II consortium.



Jean Marc Meynard, the chairman of the Scientific Council for Organic Agriculture and Head of INRA-SAD (Sciences for Action and Development) of the research division, concluded the seminar by presenting in his speech the French research priorities in organic farming.

The event as a whole stressed the importance of joint European research and showed that common calls within the frame of ERA-NETs can be a successful concept to implement research activities on a transnational level.

Interested people can still apply until 16 January 2011 to the ongoing call referring to the topics plant breeding and organic markets. Detailed information can be found following the links at the homepage: www.coreorganic2.org.