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**CerOrganic EUROPEAN
CONFERENCE** on
Organic Agriculture & Education
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DATE:

Tuesday 06.12.2011

VENUE:

Institute of Agricultural Sciences
Conference Hall
182 Kifisias avenue,
Athens 151 24, Greece

PARTICIPATION IS FREE OF CHARGE

REGISTRATION

Preregistration is required by
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Scope of the CerOrganic European Conference

The CerOrganic consortium organises the second European Conference “**Organic Agriculture & Education: *Challenges in Training Advisors of organic farmers***”, raising the awareness of the stakeholders in the agricultural sector about the design and implementation of competence-based curriculum for advisors’ and experts’ training in organic agriculture topics, the blended learning approach in professional training of organic farmers and the assessment process for the quality assurance vocational education and training in organic agriculture. The CerOrganic European Conference aims to provide an opportunity for meeting and discussion between scientists and experts from all over Europe, who deal with educational and training issues in the field of organic agriculture.

CerOrganic European Conference objectives

- To reflect the current experience of the vocational education and training in the area of Organic Agriculture
- To present success case studies in the design of training curriculum on organic agriculture
- To discuss the blended learning approaches in professional training of organic farmers
- To exhibit and discuss the role played by technology in the context of academic education & vocational training in the Organic Agriculture area.

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Final Conference Programme: Tuesday, December 6th, 2011

Time	Description
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome speech by hosting organisation of the Conference <i>(Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Greece)</i>
09:15 - 09:30	Introduction to the Conference <i>(Dr. Yiannis Livieratos, CerOrganic Coordinator, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Greece)</i>
09:30 - 10:00	Keynote Speech: An overview / experiences of OA advisors needs for training: The IFOAM perspective <i>(Costas Dritsas, Greek Representative of IFOAM EU Members)</i>
Session 1: Competence-based curriculum in Organic Agriculture training	
10:00 - 10:30	CerOrganic project: quality-certified trainings for Organic Agriculture advisors <i>(Dr. Carolyn Owen, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Greece)</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Invited Speech: <i>The Needs for Quality Management, Competence Modelling and Certification in Vocational Education and Training</i> <i>(Prof. (KR) Christian M. Stracke, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
Session 2: Blended learning Approach in professional training for the Organic Agriculture	
11:30 - 12:00	Invited Speech: Basic elements for the training of people involved in the production and distribution of organic products - The experience of "EcoJob-AP" and "Eco-Qualify III" <i>(Prof. Stergios Tzortzios, University of Thessaly, Greece)</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Pedagogic approach for training advisors <i>(Monika Moises, Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Austria)</i>
12:30 - 13:00	Invited Speech: Co-learning facilitation: new roles for OA extension <i>(Prof. A. Koutsouris, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece)</i>
13:00 - 13:30	Invited Speech: The advisor: the man in the middle <i>(Bas Timmers, International Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture Training, The Netherlands)</i>
13:30 - 14:30	Light Lunch

Session 3: Quality of vocational training on Organic Agriculture

14:30 - 14:50	A tutorial on how to use the CerOrganic QA Process (Nikolaos Marianos , Agro-Know Technologies, Greece)
14:50 - 15:10	Validation of an advisor training program through farmer seminars: The CerOrganic Case Study in Austria (Monika Moises , Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Austria)
15:10 – 15:25	Validation of an advisor training program through farmer seminars: The CerOrganic Case Study in Greece (Andreas Georgakakis , DIO Inspection and Certification Organization of Organic Products, Greece)
15:25 – 15:40	Validation of an advisor training program through farmer seminars: The CerOrganic Case Study in Cyprus (Nicoletta Michael , Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment. Department of Agriculture, Cyprus)
15:40 - 16:00	Coffee Break

Session 4: ICT tools for the vocational training on Organic Agriculture

16:00 - 16:20	A Portal for publishing certified training opportunities / programs (Axel Maroudas , Devplus & Charalampos Thanopoulos , Agro-Know, Greece)
16:20 - 16:40	ICT tools to support organic advisors: Presentation of a Course Management Platform (Andreas Katrakilis , DIO Inspection and Certification Organization of Organic Products & Dr. Vassilis Protonotarios , Agro-Know Technologies, Greece)
16:40 - 17:00	A social platform to connect the organic advisors / professionals: The IFOAM-GR case study (Dr. Anastasios Koutoumanos , Agro-Know Technologies, Greece & Costas Dritsas , IFOAM EU)
17:00 - 17:20	Finding online educational resources for organic Vocational Education & Training: The language barrier (Dr. Giannis Stoitsis & Alexios Dimitropoulos , Agro-Know Technologies)
17:20 - 17:30	Wrap up - End of the Conference