

Day 1 November 10

Halls /time	GANGA	CAUVERY	NARMADA
10:00–11:30	<p>India Organic Congress Inauguration Ceremony 10:00–11:30 Welcome and official opening of the India Organic Congress 2006 with keynote speakers.</p> <p>Moderator & welcome address: Ramesh L. Harve, President of ICCOA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gerald A. Herrmann, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), Germany: <i>Emerging organic markets should act now!</i> Mr. Volkert Engelsman, EOSTA, The Netherlands: <i>International organic markets between discount and premium</i> Mr. Claude Alvares, The Organic Farming Association of India: <i>Better perspectives for farmers going organic!</i> Ms. Dr. Vandana Shiva, Navdanya, India: <i>The agrarian crisis: Need for a paradigm shift</i> 		
Break		11:30- 12:00	
12:00-13:30	<p>1.1 Organic sector development - political and regulatory framework 12:00-13:30 Governmental Policy is setting the political and regulatory framework for the development of the organic sector at national and international level. The session offers participants the opportunity to get updated about current strategies and objectives of authorities and organisations involved, and provide room for discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ashok Yadav, National Centre of Organic Farming (NCOF), India: <i>Organic farming in India</i> Dr. P.V.S.M. Gouri, APEDA, India: <i>APEDA, strategy and role with regard to organic agriculture</i> Dr. Tej Pratap, ICCOA, India: <i>Recommendation of organic stakeholders for the next five year plan</i> Dr. Prabha Mahale, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), India: <i>Contribution of IFOAM in developing the organic sector worldwide</i> 		
Break		13:30- 14:00	
14:00-15:30	<p>2.1 Organic systems 14:00- 15:30 Organic has a cycle and holistic approach being the foundation of a sound production system based on soil fertility and being less dependent on external input. This session comprises visions of Organic Farming in India, results of research and practical implementation in different sectors and products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tobias Eisenring, Research Institute for Organic Farming (FiBL), Switzerland: <i>The 30 year DOK trials – results and recommendations for India</i> M.G. Sathya Narayana, Magosan Exports, India: <i>Towards sustainable organic inputs and crop protection systems</i> Dr. I.B. Biradar, CCRI (Central Coffee Research Institute), India: <i>Organic farming in arabica coffee</i> R. K. Pathak, Krishi-Bhawan, India: <i>Jaivik Krishi – an approach harmonising traditional organic and biodynamic farming systems</i> Nayan Dave, Varshayan Greenway Pvt.Ltd., India: <i>The organic farm complex, and ecotourism</i> 	<p>3.2 Market access for small-scale producers 14:00- 15:30 Smallholders are disadvantaged in every respect. This session looks into solutions and presents examples on successful undertakings improving small scale structures, market access and economies of small farmers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sukhpal Singh, Centre for Management in Agriculture (CMA), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), India: <i>Contract Farming of Organic Basmati Rice in India: Issues of Participation and Governance</i> Gijs Spoor, AOFG (Agriculture & Organic Farming Group), India: <i>ZAMEEN organic: trust as grease for a smooth supply chain</i> Simon Holland, Kamyab Agri-Infotech Pvt Ltd, India: <i>Using ICT to improve organic growing & management practices & increase market linkages</i> 	<p>2.4 Plant protection 14:00- 15:30 Plant protection in Organic Farming, not being based on 'conventional' pesticides, requires specific techniques to be successful; the approach need to be system oriented. Successful techniques and applications are presented in this session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sances, Pacific Ag Research Corporation, USA: <i>Organic soil disinfection techniques for sustainable vegetable and small fruit production</i> Dr.C.Mohankumar, LPCB (Louis Pasteur Center for Biotechnology), India: <i>HUMAG - A powerful bioremediation for wilt disease of coconut palms</i> Mr. Bruce Johns on, Fivefold Path Mission, India: <i>HOMA ORGANIC FARMING - injects nutrients into the atmosphere to prevent disease and bring natural predators</i> Ms. Karin Heschl, Fivefold Path Mission, India: <i>Homa Therapy - to counteract harmful radiation coming from the bow els of the earth</i>
Break		15:30- 16:00	
16:00-17:30	<p>3.3 Marketing and value addition 16:00- 17:30 Agricultural raw products, but pre-processed products as well, are exchangeable on a national but even on an international scale as they do not differ from each other. Identification of specific attributes e.g. regional specifications, known names or brands, and ingredients is a means of adding value to a product or regional production.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rudolf Bühler, Ecoland Herbs & Spices, Germany: <i>Protection and marketing of geographical indications and values</i> B.K. Sikka, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology (G.B.P.U.A.&T.), Pantnagar, India: <i>Brand management for organic produce of Uttarakhand: Issues, challenges and strategies</i> Volkert Engelsman, Nature & More Foundation, The Netherlands: <i>The Nature & More trace & tell system, why commodifying your product if you have a story to tell</i> Tobias Eisenring, Research Institute for Organic Farming (FiBL), Switzerland: <i>Organic product with geographical indication: the perfect marriage?</i> 	<p>B 2 B Meeting 16:00- 17:30</p>	<p>2.6 Organic Food processing and quality 16:00- 17:30 Processing of organic products requires not only technical know how but compliance with (regulatory) quality norms on national and international level. Private food industry norms are adding to the already existing parameters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ramana Govin, Farmer-to-Farmer Programme / USAID, USA: <i>Organic Food Processing & HACCP</i> Udai Saxena, SGS, India: <i>ISO 22000 : 2005 and its application in food industries</i> Juli Carippa, Krac-a-Dawna farm, India: <i>Organic family farming and processing for value-addition.</i>