

Call for Papers/ 2nd Announcement

Development of European Information Systems for Organic Markets - improving the availability, quality and comparability of statistical data

Berlin, Germany
26th/27th April 2004

Further information and registration details
are available at www.eisfom.org



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EISfOM

The European Information System for Organic Markets (EISfOM) is a concerted action funded by the European Union. The main objective is to develop a framework for collection and processing of reliable and comprehensive data on organic production.

The Seminar

The first EISfOM seminar 'Development of European information systems for organic markets' will focus on the development, harmonisation and quality assurance of data collection and processing systems (DCPS) in the field of organic agriculture.

The seminar will involve governmental and non-governmental experts and stakeholders from the 32 countries covered by EISfOM.

The seminar will include presentations on data collection and processing systems, together with offered papers from participants. Speakers from FAO and from Eurostat will present their experiences.

Working groups will debate issues relating to the development, harmonisation and quality assurance of organic DCPS.

Contributions

We wish to invite representatives of governmental and non-governmental agencies in all countries covered by the project as well as stakeholders from the organic sector to take part. The seminar will offer participants the opportunity to exchange experiences regarding statistical and market data collection for organic agriculture.

Position papers (a maximum of 10 minutes long) to be presented in the group sessions at the seminar are invited.

These should address:

- a) current problems and opportunities for development in organic data collection and processing (day 1) or
- b) issues in international data harmonisation and quality assurance in organic data collection and processing systems (day 2).

The data levels to be addressed in respect to either a) or b) should be:

1. Farm level data - production level
2. Farm level data - farm incomes
3. Wholesaler/processor level data
4. Retailer level data
5. Consumer level data
6. Trade/import/export data
7. Quantities – supply balances
8. Prices
9. Policy – relevant indicators

Abstracts and Full Papers

Authors wishing to submit a paper should send a brief *outline* (max. 300 words) by e-mail to the Seminar Programme Organiser, Guido Recke by 28 February 2004 (e-mail: grecke@wiz.uni-kassel.de).

Note that *papers will be selected* and authors will be informed by 8 March 2004.

Detailed *guidelines* for authors will be available at www.eisfom.org by 8 March 2004 and they will also be sent to the authors if their papers have been selected for presentation.

The *full papers* must be submitted by 5 April 2004. The papers will be made available prior to the seminar at the EISfOM homepage at www.eisfom.org.

The *proceedings* will be available in printed form in early summer 2004. They will include the papers presented at the seminar as well as the results of the discussions.

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Umweltforum Berlin Auferstehungskirche, Berlin, Germany;

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Costs

The seminar fee is 120 Euro. This will include lunch and refreshments in breaks on both days. There will be an additional fee for late registration after 31 March 2004.

An optional group dinner on the evening of 26 April will be available at an additional cost of 30 Euro.

There is limited funding available to assist some participants; those from Central and Eastern Europe and from NGOs / SMEs will be given priority.

Pre-Registration

Please complete the details below and send them to the EISfOM secretariat (address below) or register on line at <http://www.eisfom.org/seminar/index.html>

- I am interested in attending the first European EISfOM Seminar. Please send registration details.
- I wish to make a presentation on the following theme (please select from list)

and I will e-mail an outline by 28th February to the Programme Organiser (grecke@wiz.uni-kassel.de)

- I wish to apply for financial support to attend the seminar (priority to participants from CEE countries, NGOs and SMEs)
- I am interested in joining the dinner on 26th April (at an additional cost of 30 Euro)

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