



Registration

Registration for the congress is possible from the 1st of September 2006 at www.qlif.org/congress2007.

Registration for the QLIF Congress will also provide access to the 9th Scientific Conference on Organic Agriculture, entitled «Between tradition and globalisation» that is held in parallel with the QLIF congress.

Scientific Committee

- > Prof. Dr. Stefan Dabbert, University of Hohenheim
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- > Thomas Alfvödi, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL
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Congress Planning Dates at a Glance

- > July 15, 2006: Congress Information online at www.qlif.org/congress2007
- > September 1, 2006: Online registration
- > October 15, 2006: Deadline for the submission of papers
- > December 1, 2006: Notification of acceptance / necessary modifications
- > January 15, 2007: Submission of final paper
- > March 20 – 23, 2007: Congress «Improving Sustainability in Organic and Low Input Food Production Systems»

Congress Language

The congress language is English.

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First announcement and Call for papers

Improving Sustainability in Organic and Low Input Food Production Systems

3rd International Congress
 of the European Project
 Quality Low Input Food (QLIF)

University of Hohenheim,
 Stuttgart, Germany

March 20 – 23, 2007



Organized by the Research Institute of Organic
 Agriculture (FiBL)

In cooperation with the University of Hohenheim

Supported by the International Society of Organic
 Agriculture Research (ISOFA)

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Background

The Congress is the 3rd in a series organized as part of the EU funded Integrated Project (IP) Quality Low Input Food (QLIF). The IP aims to improve quality, ensure safety and reduce cost along the organic and «low input» food supply chains through research, dissemination and training activities.

Previous congresses have taken place in the UK (2005) and in Denmark (2006) (see IP website: www.qlif.org).

The congress will be organized in parallel with the 9th Scientific Conference on Organic Agriculture in the German speaking countries, entitled «Between tradition and globalisation», organized by the University of Hohenheim.

This conference will have sessions held in German and English. Detailed information is available at www.wissenschaftstagung.de.

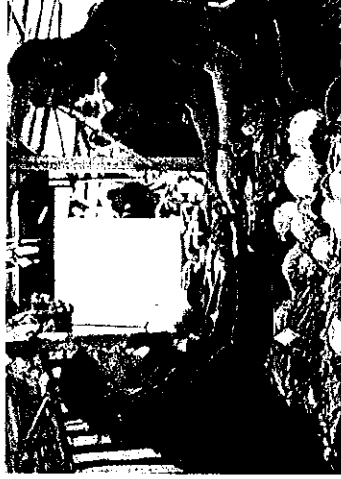
The 9th Scientific Conference will gather more than 600 scientists, advisors, farmers, processors, traders and officials from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and other countries. The dialogue between European research and regional actors is an important goal of the joint conference.



Thematic Scope

The 3rd QLIF congress «Improving Sustainability in Organic and Low Input Food Production Systems» will present key results from (a) the IP and (b) other ongoing R&D projects focussing on the following themes:

1. Consumer perceptions, expectations and attitudes about the quality, safety and sustainability of low input food supply chains
2. Improving soil management practices; effect on soil physical, chemical and biological characteristics and long-term soil fertility
3. Improving crop management practices; effect on nutritional, processing and sensory food qualities and environmental impact
4. Improving livestock management practices; effect on nutritional, processing and sensory food qualities and environmental impact
5. Improving food processing: effect on nutritional and sensory quality of organic and low input foods
6. Improving quality assurance and supply chain organisation; effect on supply chain integrity, consumer confidence and food quality and safety



Submission Procedure and Dates

Papers may be offered under all 6 themes. A 4-page paper consisting of an abstract, introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, conclusions, references should be submitted by the 15th of October 2006.

Submission of papers will be via the Organic Eprints archive and details on the submission process will be made available by the 31st of July 2006 at www.qlif.org/congress2007.

The offered papers will be reviewed and authors will be informed by the 1st of December on whether (a) papers have been accepted and/or (b) modifications are necessary.

Both oral and poster presentations are possible. Please indicate your preferences when submitting your paper. Please also note that the number of oral presentations is limited.

Congress Proceedings

The proceedings will include all papers accepted as either oral or poster presentation and will be available at the congress. Papers will also be made available in the Organic Eprints Archive (http://orgprints.org/view/projects/int_conf_qlif2007.html).