

## About QLIF und the 4th QLIF Congress

QualityLowInputFood – short QLIF – is an Integrated Project under the European Commission's Sixth Framework Programme (FP6) that started in 2004 and brings together European research on a wide range of low-input and organic farming research, from consumer perceptions of quality to individual activities on the farm. QLIF aims to improve the quality and safety of organic and 'low-input' food, whilst reducing its cost to the consumer. The project consortium includes 34 partners from 15 countries. Details about QLIF can be found at [www.qlif.org](http://www.qlif.org).

Many results generated in the QLIF project will be presented within the 2nd ISOFAR Scientific Conference 'Cultivating the future based on Science'.

After four years of intense research work it is now time to review results and put the findings back into the context of organic and low-input farming and the current research landscape. For that purpose **five interdisciplinary workshops** are organised. These workshops will spark discussions across disciplines, emphasize how the results are linked together and join forces to distil ideas for future research.

In the workshops key results will be presented and workshop participants will discuss the new findings focused on a set of questions and aims that will be specific to each workshop.

The synthesis papers are available at [www.qlif.org](http://www.qlif.org) and [www.orgprints.org/view/projects/int-conf-2008-qlif4.html](http://www.orgprints.org/view/projects/int-conf-2008-qlif4.html)

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# Workshops of the 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Project QualityLowInputFood (QLIF)

June 19 and 20, 2008  
Modena, Italy

In the frame of the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the International Society  
of Organic Agriculture Research (ISOFAR)

and the  
16<sup>th</sup> Organic World Congress of  
the International Federation of Organic  
Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)

held in Modena, Italy, June 18-20, 2008



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## Programme

### Thursday, June 19, 2008

11.15–11.45

Baluardo della Cittadella

#### Opening Session

#### Introduction

Prof. Dr. Carlo Leifert, Newcastle University, UK

#### Place and role of organic and low-input research priorities in a knowledge-based bio-economy

Dr. Timothy Hall, Acting Director for Biotechnologies, Agriculture, Food, European Commission, DG Research

11.45–13.15, 14.30–16.00

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#### Workshop 1: Product quality in organic and low input farming systems

Chair: Dr. Lorna Lück, Newcastle University, UK

Moderator: Dr. Machteld Huber, Louis-Bolk-Institute, The Netherlands

Panel members

- › Dr. Liz Oughton, Newcastle University, UK
- › Dr. Philippa Nicholas, Aberystwyth University, UK
- › Prof. Dr. Carlo Leifert, Newcastle University, UK

16.30–18.00, 18.30–20.00

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#### Workshop 2: Safety of foods from organic and low input farming systems

Chair: Prof. Dr. Carlo Leifert, Newcastle University, UK

Moderator: Mary Brennan, Newcastle University, UK

Panel members

- › Dr. Lorna Lück, Newcastle University, UK
- › Dr. Philippa Nicholas, Aberystwyth University, UK
- › Dr. Vera Schulzova, Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, Czech Republic

### Friday, June 20, 2008

9.00–10.45, 11.15–13.00

Fondazione San Carlo, Teatro San Carlo

#### Workshop 3: Performance of organic and low input crop production systems

Chair: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Koepke, University of Bonn, Germany

Moderator: Dr. Lucius Tamm, FiBL, Frick, Switzerland

Panel members:

- › Dr. Julia Cooper, Newcastle University, UK
- › Dr. Paul Mäder, FiBL, Switzerland
- › Ir. Geert-Jan van der Burgt, Louis-Bolk-Institute, The Netherlands

09.00–10.45, 11.15–13.00

Fondazione San Carlo, Sala Conferenze

#### Workshop 4: Performance of organic and low input livestock systems: a matter of sound design?

Chair: Dr. Hans Spoolder, Wageningen University and Research Centre, The Netherlands

Moderator: Dr. Susanne Padel, Aberystwyth University, UK

Panel members

- › Maria Fladl, DG AGRI, European Commission
- › Prof. Dr. Albert Sundrum, University of Kassel, Germany

14.30–16.00, 16.30–17.45

Fondazione San Carlo, Teatro San Carlo

#### Workshop 5: Resource efficiency of organic and low input systems in comparison to intensive agriculture

Chair: Dr. Kristian Thorup-Kristensen, Aarhus University, Denmark

Moderator: Dr. Liz Oughton, Newcastle University, UK

Panel members:

- › Dr. Niels Halberg, International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems, Tjele, Denmark
- › Dr. Urs Niggli, FiBL, Switzerland

17.45–18.00

Fondazione San Carlo, Teatro San Carlo

#### Closing Remarks

Dr. Urs Niggli, FiBL, Switzerland