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International Conference

## “Agroecology for organic agriculture in the Mediterranean”

10-12 September 2015 Vignola Castle (Modena)

13 September 2015 SANA (Bologna)

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AgriBioMediterraneo (ABM) is the first Group of the International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movement (IFOAM). The history of IFOAM-ABM goes back to 1990 starting with the first meeting held in Vignola (Mo), Italy.

In 2015 IFOAM-ABM gathers 144 members from three continents (Africa, Asia, Europe) and 16 Mediterranean countries.

The aim of the International Conference is to improve interdisciplinary scientific dialogue, to implement information exchange and dissemination of knowledge and innovation strategies on organic agriculture for the Mediterranean climate.

ABM promotes a model of organic agriculture in order to achieve the excellence in food and agricultural products, based on authenticity, crop diversification, biodiversity and the multifunctionality of farms, in order to reduce supply chains and to become protagonists of a rural and sustainable development which includes social and economic benefits both for the farmers and for the people involved in agriculture-related sectors, such as processing and rural tourism.

Important international figures who deal with agroecology and organic agriculture will participate in the conference, including: **Miguel Altieri** (UC Berkeley), considered one of the main representative in agroecology, **Claude Aubert** (Terre Vivante F), one of the pioneers of organic Mediterranean agriculture, **Jan Dick Van Mansvelt** of Down2Earth in Netherlands and President of IFOAM in 1990, who already participated at the first edition of AgriBioMediterraneo, **Salvatore Ceccarelli**, an important geneticist and a former member of ICARDA, **Gunnar Rundgren**, author of “Global Eating Disorder”, **Helmy Abuleish** of SEKEM in Egypt, **Nadia Scialabba** FAO, **Marika de Peña** (President of Fairtrade International), **Pablo Tittone** of INTA in Argentina and other important representatives of scientific and productive world in the Mediterranean.

### Program

#### 10 September 09.30-18.30, Vignola Castle

##### Pre-conferences

- **Legality and Justice for Organic Agriculture in the Mediterranean** (ABC, Agricoltura Biologica in Calabria; GOEL, Consorzio Sociale; OP CarpeNaturam)
- **Organic Mediterranean diets** (ABC, Agricoltura Biologica in Calabria; GOEL, Consorzio Sociale; OP CarpeNaturam; BIOL Italia)
- **Organic Agriculture and Sustainable Tourism, Network for a socially and environmentally responsible development** (ICEA)

#### 10 September 19.00-20.30, Vignola

- Public event at the Castle square: Miguel Altieri presents the new book “**Agroecologia. Sovranità alimentare e resilienza dei sistemi produttivi**”, Edagricole with L.Tosi and a show by Koinè sustainable theater

#### 11 September 9.00-18.15, Vignola Castle

- 10:00 – 11:15 **Principle of Ecology**-Altieri, Tittone, Ceccarelli
- 11:45 – 13:00 **Principles of Care and Health**-Van Mansvelt, Aubert, Rundgren

14:30 – 15:15 **Principle of Fairness**-De Peña, Scialabba, Abuleish

##### 15:15 – 18:15 Parallel sessions

- A. “Ecological sustainability of OA” (plenary room)
- B. “Map the present and the future” (room A)
- C. “Plant and food health” (plenary room)
- D. “Action research and learning” (room A)
- E. “Semi locali” (room B) in Italian

#### 11 September 18.30-21.00, Casale della Mora Vignola

- Celebration for 25 years of ABM and its Heroes
- Market of Organic and Local Producers and organic aperitif
- Opening of Organic and Local products shop “Mazaraa”
- Koinè Sustainable Theater

#### 12 September 9.00-13.30, Vignola Castle

- 9:30 – 11:00 F. “Future challenges” (plenary room)
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lessons learnt from workshops and pre conferences

#### 12 September 15.00-19.00, Vignola and Bologna

- Laboratory with Nicolas Supiot “The art of bread” at Casale della Mora
- Guided visits to local organic farms and Vignola experimental organic farm (walking)
- Guided visit to Bologna organic CSA project Coop Arvaia (local train)
- Other organic tours on organic wine, parmesan and balsamico local producers (bus)

#### 13 September 10.00-13.30, SANA Bologna

ABM Conference conclusions and contributions to the international Action Network Expo Milano 2015 “Organic can Feed the Planet” at SANA Bologna, Sala Concerto – Service Centre, 1st floor block D. Participants registered at ABM Conference will have free access to SANA.

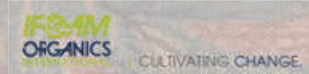
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