



## ***The 8th General Assembly of IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo, 19/10/17, Athens, Greece***

### **General Info**

**The 8th General Assembly (GA) of IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo ( IFOAM ABM) will be held on 19/10/2017 in Greece at 15.30, first call, and in case of not achieving quorum a second call of the GA will be at 16.00 a) through internet or b) through physical presence for people and organizations who want to participate physically.**

For your participation through internet, **it is needed to send us until the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, your willing to participate and your formal representation** (signed and scanned) from your organization. If you have proxy votes, it is important to send us, within the deadline of the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, the related signed and scanned documents. After that you will receive an email from IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo with the link that you have to visit and the needed login information (one code for each vote). Upon visiting the specific link, you will be asked to login in order to submit your vote. Then you should fill a user id and a voter key. This information will be included in the email that we mentioned above. The type of the ballot will be of multiple choice with the minimum and maximum selections that will have been preconfigured. By clicking the submit vote button they will no longer can submit another vote.

**If you have the possibility to travel in Greece and participate by physical presence**, please don't hesitate to contact us and be informed for the venue Excelixi [<http://www.excelixi.org/>], where the General Assembly will take place.

### **General Assembly**

During the General Assembly, the Regional Board will present and report IFOAM ABM's activities and initiatives for the period of 2014-2017 and the activities of Permanent Secretariat followed by election of the:

1. 8th Regional Board (RB), which will be comprised by seven persons, the three members of the Executive Board (the president and two vice-presidents) and four coordinators of the working groups (marketing, training, standards & certification and research & development) and
2. the IFOAM ABM Permanent Secretariat

During the GA, motions could be under discussion and potential adoption.

All IFOAM ABM's members with voting rights are entitled to participate or be represented by proxy votes to the ABM GA.

Regarding the elections of the 8th IFOAM ABM Regional Board, we kindly remind all members who are willing to candidate themselves or propose candidates for the period 2017-2020, to send their written candidatures including:

- For the Regional Board: (1) a brief CV, (2) a proposed action plan and (3) a letter of support from their organization or recommendation from an IFOAM ABM Board Member.
- For the four groups coordinators: (1) a brief CV, (2) a proposed action plan and (3) a letter of support from their organization or recommendation from an IFOAM ABM Board Member.
- Regarding the elections of the Permanent Secretariat (PS) all the IFOAM ABM's members could candidate their organization or proposes candidature of a trustful organization or synergy of organizations. The proposals for PS could include stating personnel, premises, equipment and funds allocated to the regular work of IFOAM ABM and the willing to cover the expenses of at least one ABM Board meeting yearly, as described to the Legal Status of ABM.
- Candidatures must be sent to [ifoam.agribiomediterraneo.2017@gmail.com](mailto:ifoam.agribiomediterraneo.2017@gmail.com) , **by mail and after the extension of the first deadline by the 10th October 2017** at the latest. The email must explicitly state for which category (regional board, coordinating group, permanent secretariat) the candidature is sent and include to the title/subject "Candidature for IFOAM ABM, 2017".
- Motions should be sent to [ifoam.agribiomediterraneo.2017@gmail.com](mailto:ifoam.agribiomediterraneo.2017@gmail.com) , by the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Important:** According to the IFOAM ABM Statutes, the GA is only valid if one third of all members are present. If your participation is not possible, you are kindly suggested to authorize another IFOAM ABM member to vote for you by proxy vote. Votes by written proxy are permitted and are restricted to a total of 5 votes per person. A specific communication by emails to the updated list of the IFOAM ABM's members will be followed for ensuring transparency and informing and giving access.