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ORGANIC AGRICULTURE – CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEM
April 2 to 6, 2008
Dubrovnik, Croatia

Conference Programme

Wednesday April 2nd 2008
Hotel President, Conference Hall 1

8.00 – 8.30 **Opening addresses**

Andro Vlahušić, President of the Organizing Committee
Mateo Milković, Rector of Dubrovnik University
Dubravka Šuica, Dubrovnik Mayor
Mira Buconić, County Head
Božidar Pankretić, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development

8.30 – 10.30 **Plenary lectures**

Keynote speakers

Mae-Wan Ho
Food futures without fossil fuels Now

Thomas S. Cox
Ending the conflict between agriculture and nature

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee

11.00 – 13.00 **Plenary lectures**

Keynote speakers

Michael W. Fox
Agriculture, bioethics and biotechnology

Peter Saunders
Organic agriculture really can feed the world

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 17.00 **Session A**

**Current status and potential development of organic agriculture
in the Mediterranean regions**

Lušić D. and R. Tadić
Role of IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo organization in development of organic agriculture in
the Mediterranean

- Rogošić J.*
Ecological approach to management of Mediterranean natural resources
- Vitanović Elda, S.Kačić and M. Katalinić*
Contamination of Kaštela Bay wine-growing soils with heavy metals
- Radovanović G. and B. García Pérez*
Organic agriculture in Popovo Polje as alternative for integration of small producers in the process of economical reactivation
- Betti Daniela, F. Forlani, S. Omobono and T. Pencarelli*
Creation and Management of the “Adriatic” Brand: a common opportunity?

Thursday April 3rd 2008
Hotel President, Conference Hall 1

9.00 – 10.30 **Session B**

**Current status and potential development of organic agriculture
in the continental regions of Croatia**

Vrkljan B., I. Miličević, S. Radić, D. Kupčinovac, B. Stipešević, D. Šamota and D. Jug
Organic plant production trends in north-eastern Croatia

Radić S., I. Miličević, B. Vrkljan, D. Kupčinovac, B. Stipešević, D. Šamota and D. Jug
Organic animal keeping in Slavonia and Baranya

Kisić I., F. Bašić and M. Mesić
Potential for development of organic agriculture in Sisak-Moslavina County

Pelikan M. Nikolina and Z. Pelikan
Organic farming and ecotourism - How serious are Croatia's intentions?

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee

11.00 – 13.00 **Session C**

Biodiversity, genetic resources and plant breeding in organic agriculture

Matotan Z., Vesna Samobor and Renata Erhatić-Sukalić
Preserving biodiversity of cultivated vegetable species in Croatia

Lotti C., P. Resta, S. Pavan, C. F. Marzano, A. R. Marcotrigiano, V. Zonno and L. Ricciardi
Usefulness of genetic resources in organic farming: case studies relative to SIAB project

Štambuk S.
Potential for organic cultivation of forgotten fruits: pomegranate, zizyphus, sorb, carob

Bavec F., S. Grobelnik Mlakar, M. Turinek, Milojka Fekonja, M. Žuljan and Martina Bavec
Alternative field crops and organically produced niche products

Kreft I. and M. Germ
Organically grown buckwheat, a valuable source of natural antioxidants

Jošt M. and Vesna Samobor
Breeding Wheat for Organic Cropping System

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 17.30 Session D

Soil – crop –seed: management and protection

Lévai L., Szilvia Veres, Nóra Bákonyi and Éva Gajdos

Can wood ash and bio-fertilizer play role in organic agriculture?

Vukobratović Marija, Z. Lončarić, Ž. Vukobratović, Ružica Lončarić and H. Ćivić

Composting of wheat straw by using sheep manure and effective microorganisms

Stipešević B., D. Šamota, D. Jug, D. Kolar, B. Vrkljan and M. Birkas

Cover crop effects on maize yield and yield components in organic agriculture

Stipešević B., D. Jug, I. Jug, D. Šamota, D. Kolar and B. Vrkljan

Sustainability of cover crops implementation in organic maize production

Babić D., B. Stipešević, D. Jug, I. Jug, D. Šamota and S. Kratovalieva

Comparison of two soil tillage systems for winter barley - soybean production based only on residual nitrogen after soybean

Vesna Samobor, Dijana Horvat, B. Kesteli and M. Jost

Effect of stone powder on control of seed borne diseases in wheat

Kühne S.

Prospects and limits of botanical insecticides in organic farming

17.30 – 18.00 Coffee

18.00 – 18.30 Session E

Spiritual aspect of organic agriculture and general discussion

Maštrović Zora

Higher states of consciousness and supreme organic agriculture: Maharishi Vedic organic agriculture