



4th European Organic Congress:

The Future for Regulating Organic Food and Farming in Europe

Congress program announced – register now to secure participation!

Brussels, 29/04/2010 – [The program](#) for the 4th European Organic Congress, which will take place in Rome on June 21 and 22, is now available online. The content-packed program features a number of high-level speakers from the EU institutions, representatives of national ministries as well as a broad representation of the European organic sector, who come together to evaluate the first year and a half of the new Organic Regulation and discuss new elements and future development of the regulation.

The opening sessions will see Italian MEP and Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, Paolo De Castro, and Head of the Organic Unit in the European Commission, Jean-François Hulot, discuss their take on organics in Europe and the new Organic Regulation, as well as Senior Officer at FAO, Nadia El-Hage Scialabba, who will give a worldwide perspective on "The new organic EU regulation and harmonisation".

The congress, which is a part of the Italian Ministry-financed INTERBIO project (2), is organised in cooperation between IFOAM EU Group (3) and the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (4). It has a maximum capacity of 200 participants hence early registration is recommended.

See the programme and register at: www.organic-congress-ifoameu.org

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NOTES:

(1) The European Organic Congress of the IFOAM EU Group is the fourth in a row, following the European Organic Congress in 2007 and 2009, providing a platform to discuss present developments that are of high concern for the organic sector. In 2010 the European Organic Congress will for the first time take place outside Brussels in two different locations: the 3rd Organic Congress in Spain (Madrid) on June 7th and the 4th Organic Congress in Italy (Rome) on June 21 and 22. More information to be found at: www.organic-congress-ifoameu.org.

(2) The INTERBIO Project promotes domestic and international demand for organic products, and is financed by the Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies and coordinated by IAMB. See more at www.interbio.it

(3) The IFOAM EU Group represents more than 300 member organisations of IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) in the EU-27, the EU accession countries and EFTA. Member organisations include: consumer, farmer and processor associations; research, education and advisory organisations; certification bodies and commercial organic companies. More at www.ifoam-eu.org

(4) IAMB – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari is one of the four institutes of the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Studies (CIHEAM). See more at: www.iamb.it/en

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