



## **Invitation to Vote to approve the Final Revision Draft of the IFOAM Basic Standards (IBS), Version: 20th May 2005**

All eligible members have received via e-mail, dated 24<sup>th</sup> of May, the invitation and information necessary to cast their vote to approve the Final Revision Draft of the IFOAM Basic standards (IBS), Version: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2005. That means those members will be able to vote by simply visiting a website.

Those who could not be reached via e-mail have been provided an invitation, dated 27<sup>th</sup> of May, including all necessary background and voting documents via regular postal service.

The Final Revision Draft of the IBS – Version 20th May 2005 is different from the previous revision draft in that it incorporates additional amendments resulting from the motions on the previous revision draft.

If the decision making process does not result in an approval of the Final Revision Draft, Version: 20th May 2005, the current IFOAM Basic Standards will remain in force. For further information regarding the decision making process please refer to IFOAM Policy 20 for Revision of the IBS.

This ballot replaces the former system of voting on the IBS at the IFOAM General Assembly. This is a unique opportunity for our membership to determine democratically what constitutes a worldwide organic guarantee.

Please help us to achieve a valid result by returning your ballot to the Final Draft of the IFOAM Basic Standards (IBS), Version: 20th May 2005.

**DEADLINE:** There is a 30-day period for voting starting on the 27th of May. The electronic ballot closes on the **25<sup>th</sup> of June, 24.00 hours GMT**. Paper ballots must be **postmarked by 25th of June** in order to be counted.

### **Voting instructions for electronic vote**

1. As basis for making an informed decision please download the following documents from this website:
  - The Final Revision Draft of the IBS, Version 20th May 2005
  - Overview of changes in The Final Revision Draft of the IBS, Version: 20th May 2005, resulting from the motions
2. Go
  - a) directly to the ballot (with automatic authorization - only possible for those invited via e-mail) by clicking the link as sent to you with the e-mail, dated 24<sup>th</sup> of May.
  - or**
  - b) go to the following website <http://www.campus-vote.com/elections/org/IFOAM/> and enter and submit your personal registration code for authorization.
3. Press the "Login to the on line ballot system" button (only when using automatic authorization as per a) above)
4. Click the link "IFOAM ballot on the Final Revision Draft of the IBS, Version: 20th May 2005"
5. Cast your vote by clicking the appropriate tick box.
6. Press the "Verify the ballot" button this will lead you to the final page.
7. On the next page confirm your vote or modify your vote by pressing the respective button.

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