

Defending the group Certification concept: lobbying and advocacy strategies towards the US and the EU - IFOAM

Location: Facoltà di Giurisprudenza/ Faculty of Law - Aula II

Time: 14.30 - 18.00

Group Certification (ICS) session's program:

Session 1: Updates on IFOAM activities towards acceptance of Group Certification by Northern Regulations

Part A: Update on the situation of Group Certification acceptance by the USDA (Oral presentation)

Proposed speaker: Katherine Di Matteo (IFOAM WB member)

Time: 30 minutes + 15 minutes questions from the audience

Part B: Lessons learned from the European Pilot Project on Group Certification (Oral presentation)

Proposed speaker: Bo van Elzakker, Agro Eco

Time: 30 minutes + 15 minutes questions from the audience

Coffee break

Session 2: Roundtable: "Group certification: who should be eligible?" Proposed moderator: Diane Bowen (IFOAM staff)

Proposed panelists (not confirmed yet): Katerine Di Matteo (IFOAM WB member), Tracy Miedema (Farmer's Market, NOSB board), J. Friedman (Attorney of law, US), Roberto Ugas (Peru, former IOAS board member), Gunnar Rundgren (Grolink), Marty Mesh (Florida Organic Growers), Bo van Elzakker (Agro Eco).

Time: 1h panel discussion + 30 minutes questions from the audience to the panelists.