

VIABLE SEED FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

Friday June 20th (14.30 – 18.00)

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Location: Facolta' di Giurisprudenza/ Faculty of Law – Aula Magna

Language: English

2.30 – 2.40 pm Opening of the module by Moderator, prof Edith Lammerts van Bueren, making the link with the GMO workshop in the morning

2.40 – 2.55 pm Benedikt Haerlin, future foundation for agriculture:
Planet Diversity the event parallel to the Convention on Biodiversity, May 2008: report and manifesto

Experiences from the field:

2.55 – 3.10 Emilia Romagna Region, Borghi

Preservation of biodiversity in the Emilia-Romagna Region: sustainable development and social promotion.

3.10 – 3.25 India, Greenet, Ramprasad

Seed sovereignty and small farmers

3.25 – 3.40 Spain, Red de Semillas, Gonzalez

The use of local crop varieties in Organic Agriculture. Strengths and Weaknesses

3.40 – 3.55 Latvia and Costa Rica, Aistara

Seeds of Kin, Kin of Seeds: Organic Seed Production and Social Networks in Latvia and Costa Rica

Break 4.00 – 4.30 opportunity for posters to present

US situation

4.30 – 4.45 OMRI, Baker

Organic Seed in the United States: Challenges and Opportunities

European perspective

4.45 – 5.00 Farm Seed Opportunities project, Chable

“Farm Seed Opportunities”, a European program: what are the future prospects for organic varieties and seeds?

5.00 – 5.10 Tuscany seed law, Susanna Cenni

5.10 – 5.25 Big picture message:

Manifesto on the future of seeds, commission on the future of food and agriculture, Vandana Shiva

Discussion and closing

Posters belonging to this session (*generally, posters will come to hang at the general poster place. Those persons interested could take an additional posters and hang it in the meeting room, so that they can be presented in the break*):

- Ugas R., Lena M., Fujimoto A.: Underexploited Andean and commercial East Asian
- Vegetable amaranth cultivars (*Amaranthus* spp) contribute to a better human nutrition
- Bejo seed – Van de Crommert: 10 years organic vegetable seed production at Bejo Zaden
- Fleck M.: Biodynamic Vegetable Breeding by Kultursaat e.V. (Germany) Independent Plant Breeding for Organic Farming