

Viable seed for Organic Agriculture

OWC module ½ day

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This module will integrate all components of the challenges with organic seed production; from the organization of the (participatory) research to seed legislation; challenges with on farm conservation and the spread and use of landraces, conservation varieties and amateur varieties.

This module can be understood as the complement of the planned [workshop on genetic engineering and genetically modified organisms](#). It is clear that the Organic sector does not accept GMO's, it is also clear that Organic Agriculture needs another way and other options. The result of this session will bring the Organic Movement further in how to reach the goal.

This module gives the opportunity to present results of research projects, seed saving projects, policy options and advocacy strategies to come to seed production and marketing for organic farmer related landraces, conservation varieties and amateur varieties.

Organizers of the event 'Planet Diversity', taking place during the meeting on the Convention on Biodiversity May 2008 in Bonn, will share experiences of this huge advocacy event.

Also, IFOAM gives some insight in the planned conference for 2009 'breeding for diversity'.

The Commission on the Future of Food and Agriculture presents its manifesto on the future of seeds.

The European Research project "Farm seed opportunities" (FSO - www.farmseed.net) which has the objective to develop a quality strategy of seed production and marketing for organic farmer related to landraces, conservation varieties and amateur varieties will be presented.

This call is open for all other experiences on organic seed. Deadline October 15th.

Note: it is expected that the Scientific Research Track covers the scientific aspects of breeding and that the modules are not overlapping in time.

This session will be combined with a biodiversity and seed fair