Invitation to the LIVESEED, ECO-PB & CPVO Workshop on Heterogeneous Material and Organic Varieties
directly after the annual Meeting of Examination Offices MEO
on the 6th December 2018 from 13:30 till 16:30
at Terra Botanica, Route D’Epinard at Angers, France

Objective
The European Project LIVESEED on boosting organic seed and plant breeding across Europe (www.liveseed.eu) and the European Consortium of Organic Plant Breeding (ECO-PB, www.eco-pb.org) aim to discuss opportunities and challenges of registration of heterogeneous material and organic varieties with the CPVO, the national examination offices (EO) and the observers (DG Sante, ESA, Plantum, EPO, UPOV, CIOPORA, BLW, Food Safety Authority). We will present the scientific concept of heterogeneous material, first results and experiences of the running “temporary experiment providing for certain derogations for the marketing of populations” and discuss possible tools to identify, describe and trace such material. Further, we would like to discuss consequences of the new organic regulation 848/2018 with respect to (i) the notification of “organic heterogenous material” and (ii) the foreseen “temporary experiment on organic varieties suitable for organic production in order to establish the criteria for the description of the characteristics of that material and to determine the production and marketing conditions”.

For whom: CPVO, Examination offices, DG Sante, ESA, Plantum, EPO, UPOV, CIOPORA, BLW, Food Safety Authority

Venue: Terra Botanica, Route D’Epinard at Angers, France http://affaire.terrabotanica.fr/infos-pratiques/acces

Organizers: on behalf of LIVESEED & ECO-PB:
- Ambrogio Costanzo & Charlotte Bickler (Organic Research Center, UK)
- Riccardo Bocci Rete Semi Rurali, (IT)
- Tove Pedersen (SEGES, DK)
- Gebhard Rossmanith (Bingenheimer Saatgut, DE)
- Monika Messmer (FiBL, CH)

on behalf of CPVO:
- Dirk Theobald

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Preliminary program of the LIVESEED, ECO-PB & CPVO Workshop on Heterogeneous Material and Organic Varieties

Thursday 6th December 2018

13:30 - 14:10 Part 1: Why genetically heterogeneous material?
- Welcome of participants 5 min
- Concepts of heterogeneous populations and organic varieties and their inclusion in the new organic regulation (Monika Messmer, FiBL) 25 min
- Q&A 10 min

14:10 – 15:15 Part 2: Experiences from the temporary experiments on heterogeneous material
- Challenges of commercialisation of heterogeneous material
  - Riccardo Bocci, Rete Semi Rurali, perspective of farmer organisation 10 min
  - Pier Giacomo Bianchi, CREA –DC, perspective of examination office 10 min
- LIVESEED toolbox for heterogeneous material description and identification (Charlotte Bickel, Organic Research Centre) 20 min
- Discussion on implementing notification of “organic heterogeneous material” as foreseen in the new organic regulation 25 min

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:30 Part 3: Upcoming temporary experiment on organic varieties suitable for organic production
- Results from LIVESEED survey on organic DUS, VCU and post-registration trials (Tove Mariegaard Pedersen, Seges) 15 min
- Concepts for adjusted DUS and VCU protocols for organic varieties (Gebhard Rossmanith, Bingenheimer Saatgut) 15 min
- Discussion on developing adjusted guidelines for upcoming temporary experiment on organic varieties 20 min
- Feedback & closing of workshop 10 min