BREEDING: THE KEY TO INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS





SECTION ORGANIC & LOW-INPUT AGRICULTURE

EUCARPIA General congress online from 23-26 August 2021

HOME PROGRAM REGISTRATION CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Section Organic and Low Input Agriculture, "Organic regulations opens door for breeding for diversity

16:30 – 16:35 Pedro Mendes Moreira, Welcome to the Section meeting

16:35 – 16:45 **Monika Messmer,** Boosting organic seed and plant breeding efforts across Europe – Main achievements of LIVESEED.

16:45 – 17:00 **Matteo Petitti,** From Cereal Populations to Organic Heterogeneous Material: success stories and lessons learned in Italy.

17:00 – 17:15 **Pedro Mendes-Moreira,** *Breeding for Crop Mixtures and Agroforestry in Organic and Low-Input.*

17.15 – 17:30 **Jérôme Enjalbert,** Assessing mixing ability from incomplete designs in binary or higher order variety mixtures and application to wheat.

17:30 – 17:45 **Linda Legzdiņa,** *Highlights on recent heterogeneous population research results.*

17:45 – 18.00 **Monika Messmer,** *Legal framework and temporary experiment on Organic Varieties.*

18.00 - 18.25 - General discussion

18.25 – 18:30 - Outlook of future activities of Section Organic and Low Input Agriculture.



Overview of Section activities so far:

2005 the section started as a **Working Group** and since 2007 it became a Section and attracted many members (more than 200) and had several interesting and successful meetings:

- 2007, Wageningen-NL: Plant breeding for organic and low-input agriculture: dealing with genotype environment interaction; abstract book is available on-line and a special issue was produced for Euphytica with peer-reviewed papers (Euphytica 163, Oct 2008).
- **2010**, Paris-F: **Breeding for Resilience**, proceedings online.
- 2013, Goettingen-D: Breeding for Nutrient Efficiency. abstract book is available on-line and a special issue was produced for Euphytica with peer-reviewed papers (Euphytica 199, 2014).
- 2015, Weihenstephan-D: Implementing Plant Microbe Interaction in Plant Breeding, proceedings are available online. A working group Plant-Microbe Interaction within the Section was formed, chaired by Monika Messmer (2018 taken over by Pierre Hohmann).
- **2018**, Witzenhausen-D: **Breeding for Diversification** 19-22 February.
- 2019, Tulin, AT: 2nd EUCARPIA Workshop on Implementing Plant-Microbe Interactions in Plant Breeding
- 2021, online-LV: BREEDING AND SEED SECTOR INNOVATIONS FOR ORGANIC FOOD SYSTEMS, 8-10 March



Section board

- Prof. Edith Lammerts van Bueren/ WUR, the Netherlands (founder and chair 2007-2018)
- Dr. Monika Messmer/FiBL, Switzerland
- Prof. Gunter Backes/Uni Kassel-Witzenhausen
- Dr. Pierre Hohmann / FiBL, Switzerland
- Dr. Linda Legzdina/ AREI, Latvia (chair Feb.2018-March.2021)
- Prof. Pedro Mendes Moreira/Instituto Politécnico de Coimbra, Portugal (chair from March 2021-...)
- New member invited



Closing remarks ONLINE International Conference on BREEDING AND SEED SECTOR INNOVATIONS FOR ORGANIC FOOD SYSTEMS 08-10 March 2021 by **EUCARPIA** online from Latvia Section Organic and Low Input Agriculture jointly with LIVESEED, BRESOV, ECOBREED, FLPP projects and ECO-PB

























Ten Sessions covering broad aspects of seed and breeding innovations

- Exploring underutilized genetic resources
- Breeding for diversity
- Breeding for culinary and nutritional quality
- Living soil plant interactions
- Organic production of high quality & healthy seed
- Multi-actor & participatory approaches
- Socio-economic analysis of seed systems
- Market & consumers aspects
- Regulatory & policy opportunities
- Sustainability

- 49 Presentations: 9 key note speakes
- 49 Posters with flash presentations
- 4 Breakout session
- 186 Participants of 30 countries
- 57 potential publications for special issue of «Sustainability»