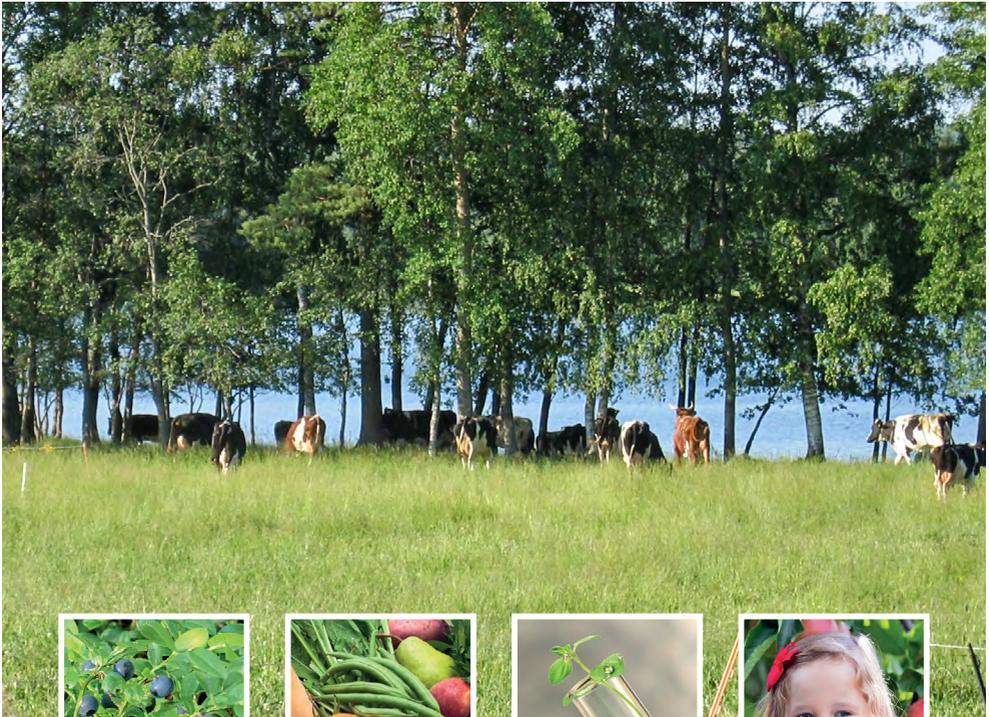


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June 19–21, 2017 Mikkeli, Finland
NJF 4th Organic Conference, NJF 487 seminar



Tuning up sustainable organic production
Organic food, human health and wellbeing
Organics in our societies
Organics – the next step

Paper submission 15.12.2016–28.2.2017 and registration 16.1.–30.4.2017 (early bird)

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AIM

The aim of the conference is to share and discuss recent research outcomes within organic food and farming and its societal interactions. Dialogue and cooperation between stakeholders are necessary for implementation of research.

TARGET GROUPS

All researchers, advisors, teachers and other stakeholders with an interest in organic farming, food and other innovative organic products are welcome to this conference.



CONTRIBUTIONS

The conference contributors are challenged to present the impact of their work and submit papers of the following tracks:

1. Tuning up sustainable organic production
2. Organic food, human health and wellbeing
3. Organics in our societies
4. Organics – the next step

It is important that papers do not simply present research and its results, but also put them into a broader context, showing the expected sustainability impacts of the work, and if relevant, importance for both organic and conventional systems.

DEADLINES

Paper submission begins on the 15th of December 2016 and ends on the 28th of February 2017. Feedback will be given before the 31st of March.

Registration to the conference begins on the 16th of January 2017.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor John P. Reganold

19th of June 2017 at 15.30-16.30

Professor, Dr John P. Reganold has shaped his career by his interest in agriculture and the environment. He joined Washington State University in 1983 and is currently Regents Professor of Soil Science and Agroecology. His research has measured the effects of organic, integrated, and conventional farming systems on productivity, financial performance, and environmental quality on four continents with 185 publications including Science, Nature and Scientific American.



Professor Lotta Rydhmer

19th of June 2017 at 16.30-17.30

Lotta Rydhmer, Dept of Animal breeding and genetics, SLU, is Professor in animal breeding. She conducts research on animal breeding and genetics, mainly breeding for sustainable production, performs studies of genotype-environment-interactions and breeding for organic production and traits in farm animals important for welfare and traits related to environmental impact.



Professor Carola Strassner

19th of June 2017 at 18.00-19.00

Carola Strassner is Professor of sustainable food systems and nutrition ecology at FH Münster University of Applied Sciences. She specialises in food systems sustainability, a whole systems approach to sustainability in the sphere of food and nutrition, especially the out-of-home (horeca) context.



Professor Gerold Rahmann

21st June 2017 at 10.30-11.30

Professor, Dr Gerold Rahmann did his Professorship in agricultural ecology at the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Science at the University of Kassel in Witzenhausen, Germany. In 2000 he became founding director of the German Federal Thuenen- Institute of Organic Farming.



ORGANIZERS

The conference is coordinated by Finnish Organic Research Institute, which is an expert network operating under the University of Helsinki and Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke).



Venue

The conference and dinner ceremonies will be held at the Concert and Conference Hall Mikaeli, Sointukatu 1 and at the premises of Mikkeli University Consortium, Lönnrotinkatu 5 and 7, Mikkeli.

The distance from Helsinki to Mikkeli is about 235km and travel time is approximately 3 hours by car.

Public transportations options on the web sites of Finnish Railways (vr.fi), Onnibus (onnibus.com) or Matkahuolto (matkahuolto.fi).

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