

Workshop: Identification and Prioritization of Common Research Interests in Organic Farming and Food Systems (Brazil/Europe/International)

16 – 18 September 2009
Miguel Pereira, Brazil



Background

The project “Scientific and Technological Basis for the Development of Brazilian Organic Agriculture” aims to contribute for technological development of organic systems. It is formed by 27 Centers of Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa), with more than 300 researchers.

In September 2009, there will be a meeting of the participants of this project. Back-to-back with this meeting, an international workshop will be held in partnership with ICROFS and ISO FAR. This workshop will promote technical interchange and collaboration between Brazilian and European/international researchers, who work with organic agriculture and relevant fields of expertise.

Workshop Objective

- To exchange and develop ideas and pathways for future collaboration between Brazilian, European, and other international researchers and research institutions.
- To establish a significant number of linkages for further exchange of research results and experience for future joint project development

The detailed workshop programme is presented below



Programme:

16 September – Wednesday

- 08:00 - 08:50 : Presentation of the project MP1 ‘Scientific and Technological Basis for the Development of Brazilian Organic Agriculture’
- 08:50 - 09:40 : Presentation of research results in organic agriculture from International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems (ICROFS)
- 09:40 - 10:00 : *Coffee break*
- 10:00 - 11:30 : Presentation of other European/International projects in organic agriculture
- 11:30 - 13:00 : *Lunch*
- 13:00 - 15:00 : Presentations of research results related to specific themes of organic agriculture (these presentations may be selected from the previous experiences of the participants (Brazilian, European, and other international researchers)
1. Organic integrated production systems
 2. Natural resource management & environmental impact
 3. Organic food chains and markets
 4. Institutional environments for developing organic farming and food systems
- 15:00 - 15:20 : *Coffee break*
- 15:20 - 17:00 : Presentations of research results related to specific themes of organic agriculture - continued

17 September – Thursday

- 08:00- 10:00 : Identification of common research topics and activities –discussion in plenum to identify overall headings and group leaders for the group discussion the afternoon
- 10:00 - 10:20 : *Coffee break*
- 10:20 - 11:30 : Identification of common research topics and activities – continued and with prioritization of the identified common research topics and activities
- 11:30 - 13:00 : *Lunch*



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13:00 - 18:00 : Field Trip (incl. visit at the Experimental Field on Organic Agriculture of Embrapa Agrobiologia - to be planned and confirmed)

Evening : Informal discussions on potential project collaborations

18 September – Friday

Daytime : Day trip to organic farm

Practical information:

Accommodation

Hotel Fazenda Montanhês, Estrada Manoel Guilherme 1050, Pantanal - Miguel Pereira, RJ (120 km of Rio de Janeiro in the Mountain Region of the state - close to Seropédica).

Transport Rio de Janeiro – Miguel Pereira

There will be a bus to transport the participants from the airport to hotel.

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