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Dear Reader,

With pleasure we present to you the second FQH newsletter of 2010.

The aim of the FQH Newsletter is to make information on topics, relevant to FQH, visible and easy to find.

In this Newsletter you will find the announcement of two very important FQH events. We wish you pleasure and inspiration reading.

More information on Organic Food Quality and Health you can find on the FQH-website www.organicfqhresearch.org. We heartily thank the members who provide us with information.

Contributions to a next Newsletter, or to the Agenda about future events, can be sent to the present FQH-coordinator Dr. Johannes Kahl, email: kahl@uni-kassel.de.

FQH Workshop in Paris 2010

On 11. and 12. October a group of FQH Research members continued the work, started in Frick/CH and Warsaw/PL, on defining definitions about topics concerning the organic sector (we reported already). Based on the identified needs for organic food quality definitions, (see FQH paper in Food Technology, Kahl et al. 2010), the terms “organic integrity”, “vital qualities”, “true nature”, “natural substances” were finally defined in a way which allows a consistent relation between the conceptual framework and criteria for evaluation of these concepts. Concerning the conceptual framework, substantial features of a organic food quality concept were discussed and defined. As a next step, the findings will be summarized in a paper and will be discussed among FQH members in Spring 2011 before being published in a scientific Journal later that year.

FQH Workshop at Biofach 2011

The proposals for the definitions of the concepts, as formulated at the FQH workshops in Warsaw and Paris (2010) will be discussed with FQH members and interested stakeholders at Biofach 2011.

On February 18th, from 13.00 to 14.30h FQH will therefore organize a Workshop on this topic in room Riga at the Biofach.

You are very welcome to join the Workshop. We appreciate your announcement of participation. We will send you a detailed programme before the Biofach.

For questions please contact Johannes Kahl, kahl@uni-kassel.de.

FQH International Conference in Prague 2011

The organization of the Conference is going ahead. The conference programme design, the sessions and workshops, the scientific committee, the meeting venue, as well as the key-note speakers and the organization is ready now. The registration is open and abstracts for oral and poster contribution can be send through the web-side. We are happy to welcome Dr. Barbara Burlingame from FAO, Jean-Francois Hulot from the European Commission and other important speakers, who confirmed their contribution already. We announced the conference through several websites and starting the sponsoring just now. You are very welcome for contributions!The homepage is set

up: **www.fqh2011.org**

Register now at early bird rate, for the Conference, as well for hotel bookings!!

Research papers published in summer 2010:

Malene Søtoft, John Nielsen, Kristian Holst Laursen, Søren Husted, Ulrich Halekoh, Pia Knuthsen. Effects of Organic and Conventional Growth Systems on the Content of Flavonoids in Onions and Phenolic Acids in Carrots and Potatoes. *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, 2010; 58 (19): 10323 DOI: 10.1021/jf101091c

M. Szulc, J. Kahl, N. Busscher, G. Mergardt, P. Doesburg, A. Ploeger (2010): Discrimination between organically and conventionally grown winter wheat farm pair samples using the copper chloride crystallisation method in combination with computerised image analysis. *COMPAG*, 74, 218-222.

A. Zalecka, J. Kahl, P. Doesburg, B. Pyskow, M. Huber, K. Skjerbaek, A. Ploeger (2010): Standardization of the Capillary dynamolysis method. *BAH*, 27 (1), 41-57.

J. Kahl, N. Busscher, A. Ploeger (2010): Questions to the validation of holistic methods testing organic food quality. *BAH*, 27 (1), 81-94.

M. Huber, J.-O. Andersen, J. Kahl, N. Busscher, P. Doesburg, G. Mergardt, S. Kretschmer, A. Zalecka, A. Meelursarn, A. Ploeger, D. Nierop, L. van de Vijver, E. Baars (2010): Validation of the Visual Evaluation of Biocrystallizations. Development of a reliable and valid instrument for visual evaluation according to ISO-Norms for sensory analyses. *BAH*, 27 (1), 25-40.

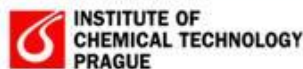
N. Busscher, J. Kahl, J.-O. Andersen, M. Huber, G. Mergardt, P. Doesburg, M. Paulsen, A. Ploeger (2010); Standardization of the biocrystallization method for carrot samples. *BAH*, 27 (1), 1-23.



First International Conference on Organic Food Quality and Health Research

18 - 20 May, 2011

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invite researchers in the field of organic food quality and health research, representatives of national and international agencies, control bodies and industries

to attend the **First International Conference on Organic Food Quality and Health Research.**

The Scientific Committee and the organizers of the conference aim to prepare a balanced program with many high grade presentations followed by stimulating discussions.

The Conference will focus on the State of the Art in Research on Organic Food Quality and Health in the following areas, reflecting topics of the **CONFERENCE SESSIONS:**

- Quality and safety of organic plant and animal products
- Impact of processing on organic quality and safety
- Standardization of novel methods
- Organic food authenticity
- Impact of organic food on animals
- Impact of organic food on humans
- Organic related health concepts

WORKSHOPS focused on following topics will be organised:

- Organic food quality concepts
- Quality challenges for organic food production chain in Africa, Asia and South-America
- In vitro (laboratory) tests on the health impact of organic food
- TPorganics – Food quality and health research
- Dairy products - quality and health implications

Conference is organised under auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic.



www.fqh2011.org

SPONSORSHIP:

A number of commercial opportunities are available to promote your organization to the delegates at the conference. More information either for number of sponsorship packages or a range of specific sponsorships are available from the conference website.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

December 31, 2010 Deadline to apply for sponsorship of the conference

January 23, 2011 Deadline to submit abstract for oral and poster contributions
Deadline for reduced registration fee

February 21, 2011 Information about acceptance of the contributions

May 5, 2011 Final program announcement

May 18 - 20, 2011 Conference sessions and workshops

May 18, 2011 Welcome Get Together Party

May 19, 2011 Conference dinner

June 30, 2011 Deadline to submit manuscript for special issue of the Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture

REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration received until January 23, 2011:

Regular registration – smart rate

Euro 350

Students*

Euro 250

Any registration received from January 24, 2011:

Euro 550

* The proof of student status confirmation will be required as an attachment of Registration form and confirmed by the organizers, otherwise the application for the student rate will be ignored.

**Members of the FQH will benefit from a reduction of € 50 of the registration fees.

We are looking forward to meeting you in beautiful Prague!

Dr. Johannes Kahl, conference chair (on behalf of conference organizers)

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