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in Training Advisors  
of Organic Farmers

**2<sup>nd</sup> EUROPEAN  
CONFERENCE**

**Organic Agriculture & Education**

**6 December 2011  
Athens, Greece**

**2ND EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON**  
**Organic Agriculture & Education:**  
***Challenges in Training Advisors of Organic Farmers***

**DATE:**

Tuesday 06.12.2011

**VENUE:**

Institute of Agricultural Sciences  
Conference Hall  
182 Kifisias avenue,  
Athens 151 24, Greece

**PARTICIPATION IS FREE OF CHARGE**

**REGISTRATION**

Preregistration is required by  
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**Scope of the 2nd European Conference**

The CerOrganic consortium organises the second European Conference “**Organic Agriculture & Education: *Challenges in Training Advisors of organic farmers***”, raising the awareness of the stakeholders in the agricultural sector about the design and implementation of competence-based curriculum for advisors’ and experts’ training in organic agriculture topics, the blended learning approach in professional training of organic farmers and the assessment process for the quality assurance vocational education and training in organic agriculture. The European CerOrganic conference aims to provide an opportunity for meeting and discussion between scientists and experts from all over Europe, who deal with educational and training issues in the field of organic agriculture.

**2nd European Conference objectives**

- To reflect the current experience of the vocational education and training in the area of Organic Agriculture
- To present success case studies in the design of training curriculum on organic agriculture
- To discuss the blended learning approaches in professional training of organic farmers
- To exhibit and discuss the role played by technology in the context of academic education & vocational training in the Organic Agriculture area.

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***Provisional Conference Programme: Tuesday, December 6th, 2011***

Time	Description
08:30 - 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome speech by hosting organisation of the Conference (Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Greece)
09:15 - 09:30	Introduction to the Conference <b>by Dr. Yiannis Livieratos</b> (Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Greece)
09:30 - 10:00	<b>Keynote Speech:</b> An overview / experiences of OA advisors needs for training: The IFOAM perspective (IFOAM Greek Representative)
<b><i>Session 1: Competence-based curriculum in Organic Agriculture training</i></b>	
10:00 - 10:30	CerOrganic project: quality-certified trainings for Organic Agriculture advisors <b>by Dr. Carolyn Owen</b> (Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Greece)
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Invited Speech by Prof. (KR) Christian M. Stracke</b> <i>The Needs for Quality Management, Competence Modelling and Certification in Vocational Education and Training</i> (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b><i>Session 2: Blended learning Approach in professional training for the Organic Agriculture</i></b>	
11:30 - 12:00	<b>Invited Speech by Prof. Stergios Tzortzios</b> Basic elements for the training of people involved in the production and distribution of organic products (University of Thessaly, Greece)
12:00 - 12:30	<i>Pedagogic approach for training advisers</i> <b>by Monika Moises</b> (Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Austria)
12:30 - 13:00	<b>Invited Speech by Prof. A. Koutsouris</b> (Agricultural University of Athens, Greece)
13:00 - 13:30	<b>Invited Speech by Bas Timmers</b> <i>The advisor: the man in the middle</i> (International Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture Training, The Netherlands)
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Light Lunch</b>

### **Session 3: Quality of vocational training on Organic Agriculture**

14:30 - 14:50	<i>Validation of an advisor training program through farmer seminars: The CerOrganic Case Study in Austria by <b>Monika Moises</b> (Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Austria)</i>
14:50 - 15:10	<i>Validation of an advisor training program through farmer seminars: The CerOrganic Case Study in Greece by <b>Andreas Georgakakis</b> (DIO, Inspection and Certification Organization of Organic Products, Greece)</i>
15:10 - 15:30	<i>Validation of an advisor training program through farmer seminars: The CerOrganic Case Study in Cyprus by <b>Nicoletta Michael</b> (Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment. Department of Agriculture, Cyprus)</i>
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>

### **Session 4: ICT tools for the vocational training on Organic Agriculture**

16:00 - 16:20	<i>A Portal for publishing certified training opportunities / programs by <b>Charalampos Thanopoulos</b> (Agro-Know Technologies, Greece)</i>
16:20 - 16:40	<i>ICT tool to support organic advisors: Presentation of a Course Management Platform by <b>Dr. Vassilios Protonotarios</b> (Greek Research &amp; Technology Network, Greece)</i>
16:40 - 17:00	<i>A social platform to connect the organic advisors / professionals: The IFOAM-GR case study</i>
17:00 - 17:20	<i>Finding online educational resources for organic Vocational Education &amp; Training: The language barrier by <b>Alexios Dimitropoulos</b> (Agro-Know Technologies, Greece)</i>
17:20 - 17:30	<b>Wrap up - End of the Conference</b>