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## SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

All submissions must be in English and adhere to the submission guidelines specified on the OWC website at [www.ifoam.org/kowc2011](http://www.ifoam.org/kowc2011) (refer to guidelines for paper submission). The submission format and selection process are different for the systems values' track and the research track.

For the systems values' track, authors are requested to submit an A4 paper from one to four pages for selection. Submissions for the systems values' will be reviewed by experts as to the quality of content, authenticity and interest of the topic for a wider audience. The template for submission is available for download on the OWC website. Shortlisted one-page submissions may be requested for a more elaborated paper as part of the final selection. All selected papers will be published on the conference CD and the IFOAM website. A well-prepared paper submission should enable the reviewers to ascertain the key content and intention of the author quickly and accurately, to determine its relevance and thus, decide whether to include it or not in the OWC program. The paper should succinctly state the principal objectives and scope of the contribution where these are not obvious from the title. More importantly, the paper should concisely summarize the activities or concepts to be presented, and the principal lessons learned.

For further information and guidance, please go to the OWC website at [www.ifoam.org/kowc2011](http://www.ifoam.org/kowc2011)

For artistic contributions, there is no specific format or criteria - however, please give us an indication why the contribution is relevant and where it would fit into the OWC program by making reference to aforementioned topics.

Submissions for the scientific research track will be processed through a peer review by the International Society of Organic Agricultural Research (ISOFAR) (see specific call on: [www.isofar.org/kowc2011/call](http://www.isofar.org/kowc2011/call)) supported by a scientific committee. Authors have to submit an A5 four-page paper using a mandatory template ([www.isofar.org/kowc2011/template](http://www.isofar.org/kowc2011/template)) that will be peer-reviewed by two experts (see quality requirements on [www.isofar.org/kowc2011](http://www.isofar.org/kowc2011)). Accepted scientific papers will be published in the printed conference proceedings available for free to all authors. Based on the assessment of the scientific committee, papers submitted to the research track may be recommended for presentation on the systems values' track. The final program will include joint sessions on topics with common interest between the two tracks, and the outline of the strategic Open Space event.

All papers have to be submitted to [www.ifoam.org/kowc2011](http://www.ifoam.org/kowc2011)

**Deadline for submission** 30th November 2010

Ongoing time table

Notification of acceptance 28th February 2011

Submission of revised papers 30th April 2011

Tentative program published 30th March 2011

Final Program Published 30th June 2011

## Conference Proceedings

A CD version of the full proceedings of all tracks will be distributed to all participants to the 17th IFOAM Organic World Congress free of charge. Accepted contributions to the scientific research track will also be printed in the conference proceedings edited by ISOFAR. Authors of papers published in the proceedings will receive a copy free of charge.

For more detailed and updated information about the program and OWC registration, visit: [www.ifoam.org/kowc2011](http://www.ifoam.org/kowc2011) and [www.isofar.org/kowc2011](http://www.isofar.org/kowc2011)

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# CALL FOR PAPERS





# ORGANIC is Life

## BACKGROUND



The 17<sup>th</sup> IFOAM Organic World Congress, the first in Asia, will be held in the Republic of Korea in 2011. The theme of the 17<sup>th</sup> IFOAM Organic World Congress, "Organic is Life", reiterates the philosophy of organic farmers in Korea which is based on the circulation of natural resources and the reverence for all living things, a concept that resonates throughout East Asian philosophy. Organic farmers believe, as did farmers forty centuries ago, in the interconnectedness of living things and practise agriculture with a holistic concept, emphasizing the circle of life, in harmony with Nature.

Modern organic agriculture in Korea started through the efforts of farmers and civil groups in the mid-1970s. The development of democracy in the country also led to a change in governmental agricultural policy and organic agriculture expanded with the enactment of the Environment-Friendly Agriculture Promotion Act in December 1997.

Direct sales of organic products from producers to consumers took root with the growth of organic consumer cooperatives. Government certification regulations were implemented in 2001. The serving of organic food in schools increased considerably in recent years and the Korean market for organic products is projected to grow at an annual rate of 30 percent over the coming years.

The venues of the 17<sup>th</sup> IFOAM Organic World Congress in 2011 will take place around the Paldang region in Gyeonggi Province, in the mid-western part of Korea. The Paldang region is regarded as a point of origin for organic agriculture in Korea. Organic agriculture in the Paldang region grew with the birth of Jongnonghoe (正農會, the Right Farming Association) in 1976. The Paldang region, blessed with

clean waters and natural beauty, is the source of drinking water for 25 million people in Seoul and the surrounding metropolitan areas. It is a protected watershed area under special governmental supervision for the preservation of water quality. Farmers in the region initiated organic agriculture to preserve water quality and the environment. They have formed a farmers' organization to help promote, practise and educate on organic agriculture. Strong relationships were formed with consumer groups and at present, about 330 organic farms provide fresh agricultural produce to over 6,000 consumers in nearby cities.

## PROGRAM

The Organic World Congress (OWC) is the space where the organic movement comes to meet, to exchange experiences and develop ideas and strategies for the development and growth of organic agriculture everywhere. The OWC consists of the main congress, held in the Paldang Region, Gyeonggi Province from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 and various thematic pre-conferences, held in different locations around the Republic of Korea from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The Organic World Congress (OWC) will be organized in partnership with the International Society of Organic Agriculture Research (ISOFAR). To facilitate this forward-looking work and make the most of our time together, the congress will incorporate a new strategic track in addition to the systems values' and the academic research tracks at previous Organic World Congresses. The strategic track, using the method of an Open Space - is an innovation to facilitate creative dialogue to inspire and initiate concrete action. Another innovation is the joint sessions, where systems values' and scientific presentations will converge in topics of common interest.

## Pre-conferences

Proposed pre-conferences will cover the following topics :

Aquaculture, Cosmetics, Ginseng, Tea, Textiles, Urban Agriculture, Wine

## Main conference

The majority of farmers in the world are small-holders. The organizers of the 17<sup>th</sup> IFOAM Organic World Congress (OWC) are particularly interested to feature development, innovation and business models that enhance the contribution and livelihoods of small-holders. Also important are organic agriculture and water conservation, short supply chains, and collaboration between organic movements and local governments.

The following are suggestions to inspire your contribution to the OWC. Submissions may come in the form of a paper or poster, or in any other formats you consider interesting such as films or stories :

## Suggested topics

- Organic is Life
- Topics around the Principles of Organic Agriculture: Health, Fairness, Care, Ecology
- Smallholder farmers
- Food Security
- Climate Change (Methods of Mitigation & Adaptation)
- Biodiversity (including wild and agro-biodiversity)
- Water Conservation (water quality & efficient use)
- Soil Improvement
- Short Chain Market Systems (CSA, teikei, farmers markets, etc)
- Rice Production
- Sector Development and Trade
- Quality Assurance
- Best Practices (e.g. highly productive low-input systems)

## Topics for Paper Submissions are Open

Submissions need not be limited to the topics mentioned. We will consider all contributions relevant to the development of the organic sector and innovations based on the Principles of Organic Agriculture provided that the contribution fulfils the quality requirements. Everyone engaged in the research and the practice of organic agriculture is warmly welcomed to contribute to the Organic World Congress program in the format of his/her choice.