

International Conference on BREEDING AND SEED SECTOR INNOVATIONS FOR ORGANIC FOOD SYSTEMS

by EUCARPIA

Section Organic and Low Input Agriculture jointly with
LIVESEED, BRESOV, ECOBREED, FLPP projects and ECO-PB

08-10 March 2021
Cēsis, Latvia

TOPICS:

- Exploring underutilized genetic resources
- Breeding for diversity
- Breeding for culinary and nutritional quality
- Living soil – plant interactions
- Organic production of high quality & healthy seed
- Multi-actor & participatory approaches
- Socio-economic analysis of seed systems
- Market & consumers aspects
- Regulatory & policy opportunities
- Sustainability assessment



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End of Registration

15 Feb 2021



Hotel Reservations Close

01 Feb 2021



Early Bird Registration

15 Dec 2020



Decision on Abstracts

01 Dec 2020



Abstract Submission

01 Oct 2020



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About the Conference

This is the 5th conference of the EUCARPIA Organic and Low Input Section since its establishment in 2007, which addresses issues relevant to plant breeding for organic and low-input agriculture.

The event also hosts the final scientific conference of the Horizon 2020-funded project LIVESEED “Boosting Organic Seed and Plant Breeding Across Europe” that runs from 2017 to 2021, together with relevant sister-projects BRESOV and ECOBREED, and two projects of the Latvian National Fundamental and Applied Research Program.

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Louise Lutikholt (IFOAM Organics International)

Dr. Nicolas Enjalbert (SeedLinked, USA)

Dr. Julie Dawson (Seed to Kitchen Collaborative, USA)

Micaela Colley (Organic Seed Alliance, USA)

Prof. Gabriela Berg (Graz University of Technology, Austria)



Abstract Submission Open — deadline: 01 October 2020

Link to fill in information about your abstracts:

<http://www.eucarpialiveseedconference2021.lv/call-for-abstracts/>

Abstract Template and instructions for oral and poster presentations:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Yr4sJftprjBSyKz5U8-9gFm5bdW1x3/view>



Papers

Selected papers are planned to be published in a special issue of SUSTAINABILITY.



Proceedings

At the start of conference **abstract booklet** will be available to all registered participants.



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Registration link:

<http://www.eucarpialiveseedconference2021.lv/registration/>



Registration fees

Before Dec 15 2020

Early bird	250 EUR
Early—EUCARPIA members	200 EUR
Early—students	150 EUR

Dec 15 2020- Feb 15 2021

Late	300 EUR
Late—EUCARPIA members	250 EUR
Late—students	180 EUR

Preliminary Schedule



8 March 2020

08.00—09.30 Registration

09.30—10.30 Conference Opening:
Keynote Speech by Louise Lutikholt
(IFOAM)

10.30—19.30 Lectures, Poster Session
EUCARPIA Section Members Meeting



9 March 2020

08.30—13.00 Lectures

14.00—19.00 Excursion

19.00—22.00 Conference Dinner



10 March 2020

08.30—18.00 Lectures

18.00—18.30 Closing

18.30—19.30 ECO-PB Meeting (Members
only)



11—12 March 2020

LIVESEED Annual meeting (Project Partners only)

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FIELD EXCURSIONS

At registration, you will be able to choose out of two options (organic family farms in the Vidzeme region):

-  **Tour 1. Discover the taste of gardens and meadows**
Visit to a family farm growing and processing **vegetables, herbs, fruits and herbal teas** and another farm with four breeds of **sheep**
-  **Tour 2. Honey and rye bread**
Visit to an organic cereal farm „**Ķelmēni**” and a **family farm** producing **organic seeds**, dealing with **beekeeping** and growing **nectar plants**

More information: <https://www.eucarpialiveseedconference2021.lv/program/excursion/>

Please get in touch with the hotel directly until
01 February 2021,
and use the code:
“EUCARPIA conference”
at reservation!

ACCOMMODATION

The Organizing Committee has pre-reserved accommodation at a special prices in a number of hotels:

<http://www.eucarpialiveseedconference2021.lv/travel-and-accommodation/accommodation/>

TRAVEL

Direct buses will be offered from the Riga airport to Cēsis and back after the end of the conference.

You will be asked at the registration if you are planning to use those buses.

The details will be specified at:

[http://
www.eucarpialiveseedconference2021.lv/
travel-and-accommodation/travel-](http://www.eucarpialiveseedconference2021.lv/travel-and-accommodation/travel-)



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