

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

ONLINE
08-10 March 2021

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

28 Feb 2021



Decision on Abstracts

31 Jan 2021



Abstract Submission

10 Dec 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. Gabriele Berg (Graz University of Technology, Austria)



Abstract Submission Email — scientific.eucarpia@arei.lv

[Link to fill in information about your abstracts](#)

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Files should be named: “EUCARPIA2021_Name.Surname”. Abstracts should be sent to the e-mail address above, specifying conference topic covered by the abstract.



Papers

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

Please indicate in the registration form if you will be willing to submit your paper by September 2021.



Proceedings

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



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Registration link:

<http://www.eucarpialiveseedconference2021.lv/registration-1/>



Registration fees

Before 28 February 2021

Regular fee	45 EUR
EUCARPIA members	25 EUR
Students	15 EUR

Payment options: bank transfer and card

For pre-invoices please contact:
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Registration fee covers:

- ♦ online access to scientific sessions
- ♦ abstract e-booklet
- ♦ online access to discussion rooms
- ♦ poster presentations
- ♦ video excursion

Preliminary Schedule

8 March 2020

11.00— 12.00 EUCARPIA section board meeting

12.00 —14.00 EUCARPIA section members meeting

14.00 —14.30 **Conference Opening:** Keynote Speech by Louise Luttkholt
(IFOAM Organics International)

14.30—18.00 Lectures, Poster Session

9 March 2020

11.00 — 13.00 Breakout sessions/discussion groups

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18.00—18.15 Summary, closing



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FIELD EXCURSIONS

You will be able to visit four organic family farms in Latvia.



Tour 1. Discover the taste of gardens and meadows

At first, you will be lead to a small family farm, which is growing and processing **vegetables, herbs, fruits and herbal teas**. The farm offers high quality canned food, herbal teas, aromatic spices and other products.

The excursion will continue with visiting another farm, which rises four breeds of **sheep** and produces the wool, as well as rises **poultry**. The farm grows both traditional and non-traditional **vegetables**, such as asparagus and corncobs, and **berries** – goji berries, shadberries and sea buckthorn. The family itself farms, experi-



Tour 2 . Honey and rye bread

You will visit the organic **farm „Kelmēni”**, which grows **cereals**, mainly rye, and has its own **organic bakery**, where mainly **rye bread** is baked, that is so traditional and popular in Latvia.

Organic seed production farm, dealing also with **beekeeping** and growing of **nectar plants** will be included as well. The family conducts research in agronomy, beekeeping and organic farming, as well engage in rural tourism activities and in training other farmers in environmentally friendly farming.

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