

# Organic agriculture's interrelation with..



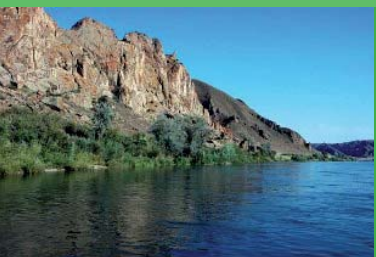
Biodiversity



Nature conservation



Rural development



Ecotourism

The 3rd International conference will focus on organic farming and the benefits it provides to the region of Central/Eastern European and Central Asian countries, and its interactions with rural development, nature conservation, ecotourism and biodiversity.

## Programme topics

- How can organic agriculture and nature conservation goals complement each other?
- How can biodiversity be used sustainably within organic systems?
- What does organic farming contribute to rural development?
- What means ecotourism and how does organic agriculture support it?

## Congress language

Russian and English

## Call for contributions

National and international speakers, public and private, are invited to present their perspectives and experiences.

**Abstracts may be submitted April - June 2010.**

## Conference duration

Two days of conference with plenary and parallel sessions followed by two days of excursion.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on the **organic sector** development  
in Central/Eastern European  
and Central Asian countries



September 2010  
in Kazakhstan



## Organizers

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## Why this conference?

In the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus agriculture plays an important role. Most of the inhabitants live in rural areas. Huge farms contrast with small scale subsistence farming. Some of the best soils worldwide are located in the region, but also areas of heavily degraded agricultural land. The countries have to cope with effects of intensive use of agrochemicals, soil salinity, desertification and water scarcity.

The aim of the conference series which started in Ukraine in 2008 with focus on organic policy and action plans, proceeded in Georgia in 2009 with emphasis on organic production and which will continue in Kazakhstan in 2010, is to further the development of the organic sector in the region.

It is organic agriculture that offers the most sustainable solution for developing the agricultural sector and provides food security with least negative impacts on the environment. Organic farming offers solutions for sound rural development. It provides healthy food, maintains and creates jobs. High quality organic foods are market openers for both national and international markets. This is especially viable for rural areas disadvantaged by policy, technology and globalisation.

The conference 2010 moves into a field in which organic is emerging as a solution. It will present practical and scientific knowledge and discuss interrelations between agro-ecosystems, biodiversity, food security and rural development in order to pave the ground for developing the organic sector further and to inspire decision makers, farmers and specialists with innovative ideas and solutions for sustainable agriculture.

## Statements of the organizers

*„Only by involving actors and offering a platform for discussion, we can create an enabling environment for the development of the organic sector in Kazakhstan and our neighbour countries.“*

Evgeny Klimov, Foundation for Integration of Ecological Culture (FIEC)

*„Learning from experiences and bringing together knowledge on organic agricultural practices is crucial to cope with environmental problems and secure essential natural habitats of Central Asia.“*

Peter Brul, Agro Eco - Louis Bolk Institute

*„Organic farmers are pioneers in offering practical solutions for the sustainable use of biodiversity. Let's take our responsibility in the **International Year of Biodiversity 2010** and strengthen organic agriculture in the region.“*

Gerald A. Herrmann, Organic Services GmbH

*„The organic and ecotourism market has a huge potential to contribute to economic development, thus improving the living conditions of our rural communities in the most sustainable way.“*

Eugene Milovanov, Organic Federation of Ukraine

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## Participants

**International stakeholders in particular from Central/Eastern European and Central Asian countries** like environmental and rural development NGOs, university members, regional and national government officials, farmers associations, consumer opinion makers, organic experts, farmers, processors, traders, media and more.

## Terms of participation

### Early registration until May 31, 2010:

2 days conference: 90 Euro (after May 31: 120 Euro)

Conference dinner: 50 Euro

Excursion: 65 Euro

## Further information

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**The conference website will be online by March 15, 2010:**

**[www.conference.organiccenter.kz](http://www.conference.organiccenter.kz)**