

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first OFSP newsletter!

First of all this is a warm welcome to all of you to be part of the transformation process for a truly sustainable society. We are happy to present you the first issue of our newsletter. With the newsletter we will keep you informed about current projects, developments, achievements as well as upcoming dates and events. Also, tell us what you've been doing so that we can share it with the community.

OFSP applies as core initiative to FAO/UNEP-SFSP

OFSP recently applied to become one of the flagship projects of the FAO/UNEP Sustainable Food System Program taking organic as a model.

Brand-new publications available

Our OFSP partners took part at a workshop on sustainable value chains for sustainable food systems in June 2016 in Rome/ Italy. It was organised within the FAO/UNEP Programme on Sustainable Food Systems. Now the corresponding publications are available under <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6511e.pdf>. There are three contributions from our OFSP partners.

4th OFSP meeting in Helsinki

On the 3rd-5th October 2016 the fourth OFSP meeting took place in Helsinki. Partners from eight countries followed Jaakko Nuutila's invitation to get together and discuss the project proposals, time planning and other next steps. Currently 11 project proposals were agreed as central OFSP projects (for further information see: <https://organicfoodsystem.net/practise-projects/projects>). Two of them (project no. 1 "Conceptual framework for OFS" and project no. 7 "OFS in higher education") received funding and have just started. As part of the meeting partners started the work on the first essential document, framing the organic food system model. Some of the OFSP partners had a subsequent discussion about sustainable diets with researchers from the Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke). Mentioning Luke - many thanks again to Jaakko Nuutila who organised a wonderful meeting, excellent dinners and a lovely sightseeing tour.

**OFSP logo – we have one!**

We have an official logo for our organic food system programme. Thanks to all of our OFSP partners for your feedback and constructive criticism regarding the logo design during the process.

**+++Newsflash+++****Upcoming events 2017**

16th February 2017
OFSP meeting @Biofach in
Nuremberg/ Germany

15th-20th October 2017 Symposium
@International Congress of Nutrition in
Buenos Aires/ Argentina

8th November 2017
Pre-conference @Organic World
Congress in New Delhi/ India

Latest events 2016**24th-26th November 2016**

OFSP partner Prof. Victor Olowe from Nigeria presented OFSP during the conference "Changing Food Systems in Africa: Agro-ecology, Food Sovereignty and their Roles in Nutrition and Health" in Addis Ababa/ Ethiopia.

29th September-1st October 2016

OFSP partners actively took part and presented the organic food system programme at the first IFOAM Asia conference in Goesan/ Korea.

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