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Welcome to the second OFSP newsletter in 2017!

We warmly welcome you to our season's greetings newsletter edition. This concludes a successful year for the OFSP: starting from becoming a Core initiative of the UN-10YFP Sustainable Food Systems Programme, up to the pre-conference Food Systems 3.0 at the 19th Organic World Congress in India. At the end of the year we are now 100 members from more than 30 countries and 50 signed partner agreements to support our deliverables for the UN Programme.

We take this opportunity to thank our members and supporters for all of your work contributing to the OFSP during 2017 and look forward to our further interactions and cooperation in the years to come.

Visit to 7 villages of BERAS India

From the 12th to the 27th of November 2017 Astrid Kjellefold Hertwig, Raymond Auerbach (in Ladakh) and Jostein Hertwig visited seven villages of BERAS India. "It was truly an honour to be with our colleagues in BERAS India. To learn more about their daily life, farming and food culture, sharing challenges and opportunities in an atmosphere of kindness and hospitality. The trip started in Ladakh in the Himalayas and the visit to Takmachik Eco Village supported by the team of Dr. Mohammed Deen. Then we continued to Tamil Nadu and Jezreel Farms and other initiatives in Ooty (Mahesh Melvin), Kudumbam in Trichy with farm visits etc. (Oswald Quintal, Suresh Kanna), Inba Seva Sangam and related projects in Sevapur/ Karur (Dr. Perumal), CIRHEP, Natural Resource Management in Nilakottai (Mr. Mohan and Ms. Chandra), Karmuhil farms and gardens in Pudupatti/ Madurai (Fr Clement Joseph and Mr. Anbusivan). We concluded our visit to BERAS villages in EcoPro and Annapurna farm in Auroville (Dr. Lucas Dengel and Mr. Krishnamoorthy). The core work of BERAS India is building Local Sustainable Food Societies (LSFS) involving all actors in the food system from farmers to consumers, local authorities, research, education initiatives and NGOs. It is based on the local context of environmental, societal, cultural, economic and legal framework. Following my visit, I am happy to say that the work of BERAS India in the 7 villages represents valuable examples of Organic food systems as models and living laboratories for transformation processes towards sustainable food systems." (Jostein Hertwig)



Meeting 10th November in Delhi with representatives from all 7 villages of BERAS India (from left): Johannes Kahl (OFSP), Mahesh Melvin, Fr Clement Joseph, Dr. Perumal, Dr. Muhammed Deen, Mrs. Pangayavalli, Sebastian Kretschmer (OFSP), Jostein Hertwig (OFSP), Ms. Chandra, Suresh Kanna, Mr. Krishnamoorthy, Mr. Mohan, Mr. Anbusivan, Rembert Biemond (OFSP)

**+++Newsflash+++****Upcoming events 2018****15th February 2018**

Workshop and 6th OFSP meeting @
Biofach in Nuremberg/ Germany

3rd-6th July 2018

Workshop @ 5th international ISEKI
Food Conference in Stuttgart-
Hohenheim/ Germany

Latest events 2017**8th November 2017**

At the 19th Organic World Congress, held this November in New Delhi/ India, we held a daylong pre-conference (Food Systems 3.0) where we continued extending our global reach.

20th October 2017

OFSP partners held a workshop on "Sustainable food systems and diets in South America with special focus on Brazil and taking organic as a model" in collaboration with members of the University of São Paulo, São Paulo/ Brazil.

19th October 2017

At the 21st IUNS International Congress of Nutrition in Buenos Aires/ Argentina OFSP partners gave a scientific symposium.

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Organic Food System Programme grows inclusively worldwide

At the 19th Organic World Congress, held this November in New Delhi, the Organic Food System Programme held a daylong pre-conference where this SFSP Core Initiative continued extending its global reach. Over 150 participants from 29 countries and all continents had lively and inspiring exchanges on the theory, development, and practical implementation of sustainable production and consumption systems based on organic principles and practices. A range of best practice examples were showcased, including government-led approaches from South Korea, France, and Sweden; private-sector collectives and producer-consumer networks from India, Italy, and Germany; developing food movements in Peru, Canada, and Kenya; education initiatives in India and Europe; globalized food system analysis spanning from China to Denmark; and scientific and social dietary impact studies from the Mediterranean and Nordic regions. OFSP continues its rapid growth with new partners joining all the time.

Picture left below: The OFSP pre - conference venue

Picture right below: From the Partner Agreement signing ceremony. Mayor Na, Young Chan from Goesan County, Chungbuk Province, South Korea receives flowers from Johannes Kahl. To the right Zhou Zejiang President of IFOAM Asia and left Choitresh Kumar Ganguly from Timbaktu Collective, Andrapradesh, India

**OFSP at 21st IUNS International Congress of Nutrition**

On October 19, 2017 OFSP partners Carola Strassner, Susanne Bügel, Emmanuelle Kesse-Guyot, Johannes Kahl and Pieter Dagnelie gave a scientific symposium on "Healthy consumption patterns and sustainable production: Exploring the links between agriculture, diet and lifestyle using organic as an example."



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