ORGANIC PRODUCTION IS BASED ON AGROECOLOGY, A SCIENCE APPLYING ECLOGICAL FARMING SYSTEMS AND HAVING THREE DIMENSIONS: TRANSDISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE, INTERDISCIPLINARY AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES, AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS. THEIR INTEGRATION PROVIDES A WAY OF GENERATING COLLECTIVE ACTION ALTERNATIVES TO THE DOMINANT FOOD SYSTEM.

Since the mid-twentieth century, the European civil society and the farmers’ and organic farmers’ movements have reflected and debated in discussion forums on the future of the agriculture, demanding favorable changes for agroecological systems, inspired by experiences linked to food sovereignty, socio-political principles (autonomy, “active” participation of operators) and the enhancement of local knowledge. In the context of EU policies highlighted by innovation, Agroecology is emerging as an innovative practice to integrate and improve knowledge of farmers and strengthen the profitability and sustainability of agricultural systems to offer more jobs, attach greater importance to the role of women and, in turn, to facilitate the incorporation of young people to ensure generational change.

The Spanish Society of Organic Agriculture (SEAE) organizes since 1994, every two years its scientific-technical Congress where knowledge and proposals are shared and discussed among stakeholders (researchers, advisors, farmers, processors, etc.), and the results of research and recent innovations that support the development of the organic sector are presented and discussed. This forms a singular space dialogue where organic production chain agents can get inspired to generate new ideas. Twelve years ago this forum was extended to Ibero-American countries. Since the previous edition (2012) SEAE combines this congress with its General Assembly and the Awards to the generation and management of agro-ecological knowledge (Ecolabores).

As host of the XI Congress has chosen the city of Vitoria-Gasteiz, capital of the Basque Country which was nominated European Capital of Green in 2012. In Vitoria-Gasteiz there is a major citizens movement in favor of local and organic food via short marketing chains. In 2012, the Alava province organic production is increasing, driven largely by urban demand for Vitoria-Gasteiz. The Alava and Basque agricultural is in particular organic farming is practiced by families, keeping people and culture. The International Year of Family Farming, declared by UNO and implemented by FAO, reinforces this way of producing and keeping alive the rural world.

**Objetives:**
- To facilitate the exchange of technical-scientific, experience, training materials and projects that promote education and innovation in the sector of organic production knowledge.
- To analyze the aspects that influence the development of the sector and the need for greater innovation and knowledge to find appropriate solutions.
- To raise recommendations and improvement actions that contribute to a more sustainable development of the sector and therefore the rural areas.

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PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Wednesday, October 1

09h00 Participants registration
09h45 Welcome & Opening Ceremony
10h00 C1 Organic family farming, N. Scalabba (FAQI)
10h45 C2 Agroecology and family farming: J van Mark (ABA-SOCIA)
11h30 Pause
12h00 WS (Parallel Session Information)
12h00 SP1 Animal Production diversification & integration
14h00 Lunch
15h30 WS (Opening Poster Session)
16h00 C3 Peasants Family farming: L. Lorenzo (FRN)
16h45 WS (Parallel Session Information)
16h45 SP New ways of marketing & consumption for OF
18h30 Break
18h45 RT1 Policies & measures to promote AE
20h30 Welcome by the Vitoria-Gasteiz City Council

Thursday, October 2

09h00 C4 Gender and agroecology, E Siliprandi (UNICAMP)
09h45 WS (parallel communication sessions)
09h45 SP3 Agroecology and sustainability: evidence at European level
11h15 Break
12h00 SP4 Innovation, climatic & EIP-AGRI measures for OF
12h00 WS (parallel communication sessions)
14h00 Lunch
15h45 C5 Organic production & sustainability, D Gould (IFOAM)
16h30 RT2 New regulation of EC in the EU
18h15 Break
18h30 SP5 Organic Farming in Basquenland: Agents and Project (open entrance)
18h30 SEAE General Assembly
21h00 SEAE Dinner/Eco-elabora Awards 2nd Edition

Friday, October 3

09h00 C7 New Regulation for the organic production in the EU
09h45 SP6 Access to land, new facilities and OF
09h45 WS (parallel communication sessions)
11h45 Break
12h00 RT3 Organic consumption and short chains
13h15 C8 Final agroecological Remarks: VD Raigón (UPV)
14h00 Lunch
16h00 SP7 Family Farming, Gender and OF
16h00 Iberoamerican Meeting on Agroecology
18h00 Closing

Saturday, October 4

09h00-14h00 Bionekaraba Fair (local organic producers)
09h00-14h00 Field visits (tbc)

SP = Seminar-Panel; C = Conference; RT = Round Table; T = Workshop; WS = Work Session;
tbc = to be confirmed

PRICES OF ORGANIC FOODS:

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- Organic meals will be offered.
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PAPERS & POSTERS

- Oral or poster papers can be presented, related to agroecology and organic farming, which are original & which clearly contribute to the development of the sector, not published or currently under review for any journal or publisher (see topics below).
- Abstracts should be forwarded to SEAE via website, e-mail [congreso@agroecologia.net] or organic prints.
- Accepted posters will be exposed during congressional hearings spaces.
- All accepted papers will be included in the Conference Proceedings, to be published in CD. Furthermore, the best papers will be published in the SEAE journal Agroecologia (in Spanish Journal in indexing process).
- «Alvaro Altes» Prize will be given to the best poster. Ecoelabora Awards will be given in five categories to the generation & management of agroecological knowledge.
- Official language is Castilian, but papers are accepted in all the official languages of Spain. English is also accepted.

Deadlines:
- November of acceptance of abstracts to authors: August 15
- Delivery of final version full papers: September 5
- Review / corrected of full paper: September 10
- Correction of accepted communication: September 20

Topic/Thematic sessions scheduled:

1. Agricultural policy, climate change & sustainable rural development
2. Biodiversity, ethnobiodiversity & peasant culture
3. Soil fertility and plant nutrition
4. Plant health
5. Vegetable Production and crop cultural practices
6. Livestock, animal welfare and beekeeping
7. Processing, marketing and consumption
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(29th & 30th September, more info in SEAE web)

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5. Organic Husbandry; 6. Organic farming research results in NEIKER;
7. Urban Food strategies; 8. Value & price of the organic product;
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