

**UK organic seeds completely on [www.organicxseeds.com](http://www.organicxseeds.com)**

For two years the seed suppliers of the United Kingdom were administrated for the seed database [organicXseeds.com](http://www.organicxseeds.com) by the british Soil Association. SA entered all the seed data to [www.organicxseeds.com](http://www.organicxseeds.com) (oXs) for UK companies.

Last autumn SA decided to change to the usual oXs-system. Every company was asked to sign the oXs-contract and got an own username and password. With the username the companies are able to register their seed range directly online. By use of the password the suppliers can change the availability status of their products.

SA made a lot of effort to get every company to update their existing data on oXs and to register new seed entries. Alasdair Smithson, who led registration says now: "we've got 90% of the UK organic seed offer" online.

Mid January SA will publish as well a printed organic seed list for farmers who haven't access to the internet. The compilation of this list will be much easier than before, since the actuality of the seed range is now up to the suppliers.

The next step will be to establish an inspection tool for the control of the organic seed regime in UK. First negotiations between SA and oXs are planned for February. We hope that other countries follow this example and use oXs as official tool for organic seed registration!

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**Book on seed production and English website on biodiversity**

The association Kokopelli is a non-profit organization devoted:

- to the protection of vegetable and grain biodiversity,
- to the production of organic seeds of heirloom vegetables and grains (planetary collection of 2 500 varieties)
- and to the support of farmers in Third World countries (we gave 150 000 seed packets during the past 2 years in Africa, Asia and South-America) in the development of sustainable organic agriculture.

We are happy to announce the opening of the English version of our web site (<http://www.kokopelli.asso.fr/en/>) and the publication of our book "The Seeds of Kokopelli".

This book "The Seeds of Kokopelli" is hard-cover, large size with 440 pages (88 pages in colour). It is a very precise manual of production of seeds for home gardening and small farming as well as a very detailed presentation of our planetary collection.

You may consult a few extracts of it in the "News" page of the web-site. ([http://www.kokopelli.asso.fr/actu/actu\\_menu.cgi?lang=ang](http://www.kokopelli.asso.fr/actu/actu_menu.cgi?lang=ang))

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### **Working with Cereal Growing, Seed Saving and Plant Breeding Workshop**

A workshop on "Cereal growing, Seed Saving and Plant Breeding" will be held at the Peredur Centre for the Arts in East Grinstead, West Sussex from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2003.

Contributions will be given by a scientific biodynamic plant breeder from North Germany, a number of practicing farmers a nutritionist and a miller and baker working with biodynamic and organic grain.

This workshop will be of interest to cereal growers who wish to save and maintain their own cereal varieties for regional adaptation and have questions concerning plant breeding and food quality at a time when our biodiversity needs to be strengthened.

Cost: £65 (includes meals & VAT). Deadline for booking Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 2003

Please find attached a full programme, booking form and travel directions. These are also available from: Biodynamic Agricultural Association, Painswick Inn Project, Gloucester Street, Stroud, Glos, GL5 1QG, Tel / Fax: 0845 345 8474, Email: [office@biodynamic.org.uk](mailto:office@biodynamic.org.uk) or on our website [www.biodynamic.org.uk](http://www.biodynamic.org.uk)

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### **Annual report of ECO-PB now available on ECO-PB web site**

The annual report of 2002 presented at the ECO-PB general assembly, held on November 21<sup>st</sup> is now available on the ECO-PB web site and can be look up under (<http://www.eco-pb.org/09/2002annualreport.pdf>).