

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF ECO-PB ACTIVITIES**

**DECEMBER 2008 - DECEMBER 2010**

### **Board meetings and General Assembly**

ECO-PB's 7th General Assembly (GA) was held after the ECO-PB-ITAB workshop in Paris on Protoplastfusion on 28 April 2009. During the GA the proposed board was re-elected, and the ECO-PB board now consists of:

Edith Lammerts van Bueren/Louis Bolk Institute (NL) – president  
Lawrence Woodward /The Organic Research Centre – Elm Farm (UK) – treasurer  
Klaus-Peter Wilbois/ Forschungsinstitut Biologische Landbau (D) – secretary  
Francois Lhopiteau/Institut Technique de l'Agriculture Biologique (F)  
Hanne Oestergaard/Risø National Laboratory (DK)  
Christine Arncken/Forschungsinstitut Biologische Landbau (CH).

As not all board members can attend the ECO-PB workshops during the year, so we organised telephone meetings to discuss organisational matters in 2009. This is an efficient and relatively cheap way to include all board members. In 2010 we only had individual contacts.

### **ECO-PB members by November 15<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Attached is an updated list of all full and associated members by November 2010.

We have two new full member on board: Bingenheimer Saatgut AG and ABDP (which was a former associate member). We lost one and the other associate member for different reasons (sb moved job, others did not pay).

### **ECO-PB in International meetings in 2009 and 2010**

ECO-PB has organised three meetings in 2009:

- Paris, France April 27-28 2009, ECO-PB/ITAB Strategies for a future without cell fusion techniques in varieties applied in organic farming, including proceedings see ECO-PB website: [http://www.ecopb.org/09/Proceedings\\_Paris\\_090427.pdf](http://www.ecopb.org/09/Proceedings_Paris_090427.pdf)
- Santa Fe, August 25-28 2009, workshop on “How to deal with a ban on protoplastfusion?” during the 1st IFOAM world conference on Organic Animal and Plant Breeding.
- Santa Fe, August 25-28 2009, workshop on “How to implement organic breeding standards?” during the 1st IFOAM world conference on Organic Animal and Plant Breeding. A discussion document was made available prior to the discussion.
- Due to the Eucarpia conference on Breeding for Resilience in Paris, 1-3 December 2010 we have not organised any meetings in 2010. A planned meeting on Organic Seed Regulation was originally planned in UK, but due to changes in staff at Elm Farm Organic Research Centre did not take place.

## ECO-PB newsletter

In 2009 four issues were published in March and in July 2010 until November and a third issue is due mid of December 2010.

There are about 700 subscribers registered in the mailing list, which is a stable number of interested individuals over the past years.

## Lobby actions in 2009 and 2010

- Draft standards document for the discussion workshop in Santa Fe, see above, August 2009.
- Comments on the IFOAM draft 2<sup>nd</sup> seed position paper, September 2010
- Contribution to integrate Plant breeding standards in the new IFOAM Organic Guarantee System, November 2010. IFOAM head office had drafted the future IFOAM Standard - an off-the-shelf certification standard, to be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the IFOAM Standard committee in 2010. After that, the draft standard will go for consultation to the IFOAM membership, probably early 2011.

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### Members of ECO-PB

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#### Full members

Institut Technik Agriculture Biologique (ITAB), France  
Forschungsinstitut für Biologischen Landbau (FiBL-CH), Switzerland  
Forschungsinstitut für Biologischen Landbau (FiBL-D), Germany  
Danisch Agricultural Center of Organic Farming, Denmark  
Tesco Research Centre, University Newcastle, United Kingdom  
Elm Farm Research Center, United Kingdom  
Stichting Zaadgoed, The Netherlands  
Vitalis Organic Seeds, The Netherlands  
Association Biologisch-Dynamischer Pflanzenzüchter, germany  
Bingenheimer Saatgut AG  
Louis Bolk Institute, The Netherlands

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#### Associate members

Reseau Semences Paysannes, France  
Beat Boller, Switzerland  
Dirk Reheul, Belgium  
Fred van de Crommert, Bejo, The Netherlands  
Franziska Löschenberger, Saatucht Donau GmbH & CoKG, Austria  
Maria Finckh, University of Kassel, Germany

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