



ECO-PB Summer School Tuscany 2022

Young Breeder - Mentor workshop

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Welcome to the ECO-PB Summer School 2022



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21 years of ECO-PB – 2001 to 2022

- › **Officially founded by LBI, ITAB, FiBL, Elm Farm Research, Danish Research Center, AG Ökologischer Landbau and Vitalis on 12 April 2001 in Dierbergen aiming at:**
 - › initiate, establish, support and maintain organic plant breeding programmes,
 - › develop and investigate the concepts and scientific basis of organic plant breeding
 - › develop and promote appropriate standards and practises as well as an appropriate legal framework for organic plant breeding.
 - › provide for exchange of knowledge and thoughts among its members, for the information of the public, and for representation in parliamentary and administrative rule making.

- › **Already in 2002 Organic Breeding was put on the political agenda**
 - › ECO-PB position paper on conservation varieties → EU regulation
 - › ECO-PB with support of Louise Lutikholt promoted Definition of organic plant breeding to be added to IFOAM standard
 - › Letter to EU Commission to move organic seed not wait till end of derogation in 2004 (now 2036)
 - › ECO-PB and LBI organized a workshop on breeding techniques
 - › Symposium on Organic Seed Production and Plant Breeding – strategies, problems and perspectives



2001 - 2011



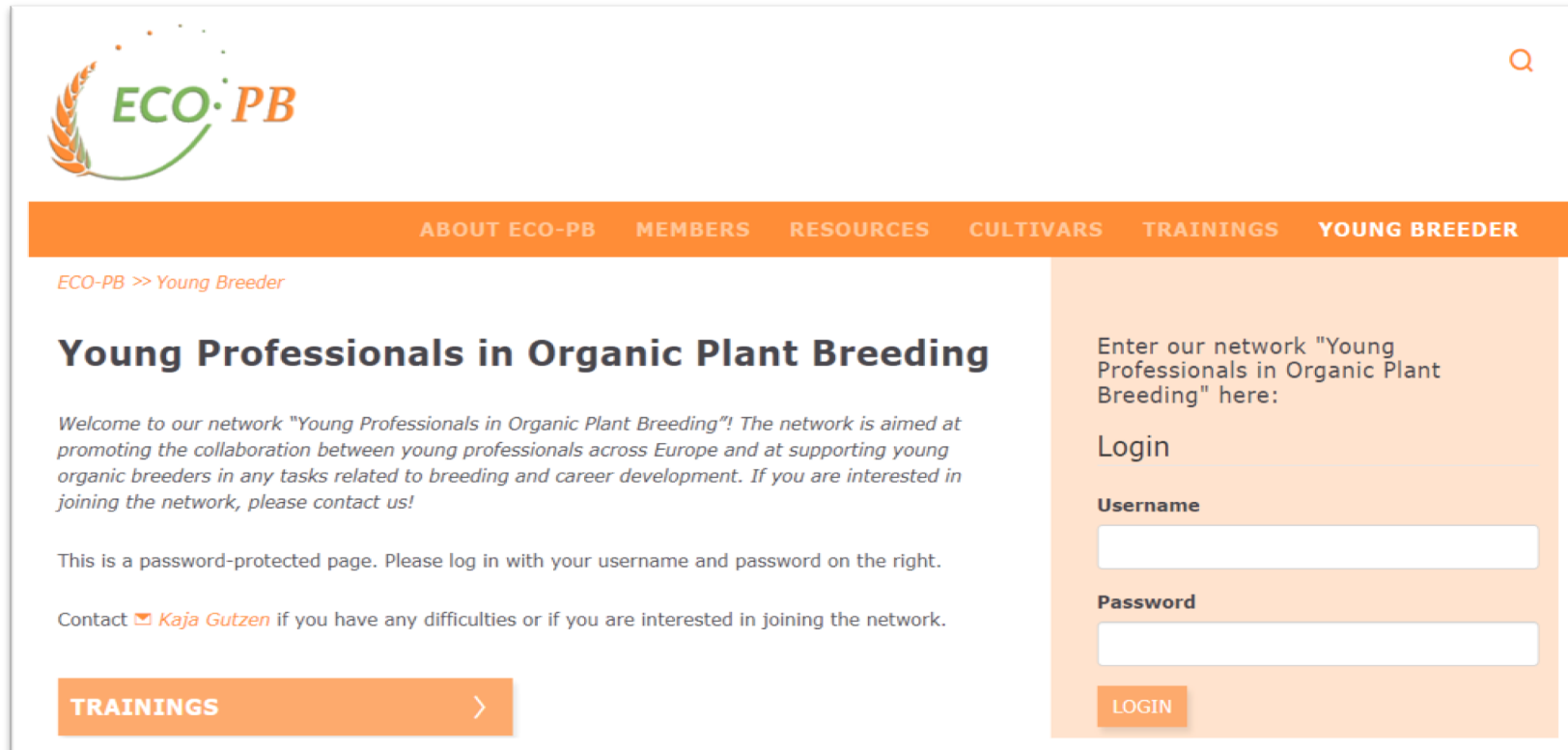


In 2017 FiBL DE interviewed 18 organic plant breeders

Beside other questions, we also focused on young breeders:

- What are the main challenges in their everyday work?
 - What would be needed to support young breeders?
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- Financing is a major challenge, but
 - Networking, mentoring, exchange on methods,
 - Increasing the visibility/reputation of the work of organic breeders
 - Knowledge exchange with Universities, finding new project partners

ECO-PB aims to support young organic breeders



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Young Professionals in Organic Plant Breeding

Welcome to our network "Young Professionals in Organic Plant Breeding"! The network is aimed at promoting the collaboration between young professionals across Europe and at supporting young organic breeders in any tasks related to breeding and career development. If you are interested in joining the network, please contact us!

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Contact [✉ Kaja Gutzen](mailto:kaja.gutzen@ecopb.eu) if you have any difficulties or if you are interested in joining the network.

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