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Prof. Dr. M. Reza Ardakani



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Dr. M. Reza Ardakani brings to the ISOFAR over 17 years of international research/teaching experience in the area of organic agriculture. Reza is a Full Professor of Agroecology and Organic farming in the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Azad University, Karaj, Iran. In 2007, Reza joined to the Department of Organic Farming, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna, Austria where he worked as a Post Doctoral Fellow. Upon moving to Canada in 2012, he worked as a Research Fellow at the Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph and later on as a Research Associate at the Department of Environmental and Resource Studies, Trent University. Reza's areas of research interest are Cropping Systems, Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition in Sustainable Agroecosystems. He is well experienced in regulations, standards and certification processes of organic products and combinations of his scientific backbone and direct contacts with organic farmers, NGO's, government, private companies and traders in different continents such as Europe, Asia and North America brought him an extensive practical experiences and provided him a set of knowledge in organic farming at international level. Reza is a Board Member of Iran Organic Association, Member of Technology Innovation Platform of IFOAM, he founded the first accredited organic inspection body company in Iran, and the first certified organic research farm based on EU Regulation in Iran as well as IFOAM-IRAN which currently is its director.

Dr. Stefano Canali



Consiglio per la ricerca e la sperimentazione in agricoltura (CRA)

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Stefano Canali is senior scientist at the Consiglio per la Ricerca e la sperimentazione in Agricoltura (CRA), Italy. He has been involved in OFF research since the first '90 and his activities have been carried out in the framework of a number of research projects funded by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, the Italian Ministry of Research and the European Union (V, VI and VII FP). He is the scientific coordinator of the InterVeg "Enhancing multifunctional benefits of cover crops – vegetables intercropping" (Core Organic II) and SoilVeg "Improving soil conservation and resource use in organic cropping systems for vegetable production through introduction and management of Agro-ecological Service Crops (ASC)" (Core Organic Plus) research projects. He participates as expert in different working groups and initiatives aimed at providing technical advice and scientific support to the European and Italian Institutions devoted to strengthen the administrative and institutional capacity of the organic food and farming sector. He is vice president of the Italian Research Network for Organic Food and Farming Research (RIRAB) and member of the Scientific Board of the Italian Technological Platform for organic food and farming (PTBioIT).

Dr. Mahesh Chander



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Dr Mahesh Chander, is Principal Scientist with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), holds PhD in Extension Education from Indian Veterinary Research Institute and a certificate course (Organic Leadership Course-OLC) in Organic Agriculture from IFOAM Academy, Germany. He has been actively associated with Research & Development activities concerning organic agriculture since early 1990s. He has been associated with IFOAM and Sustainable Agriculture Network of Rainforest Alliance, USA as member of the International Standards Committee. He has published and presented papers on organic farming in several national and international conferences. Out of the 22 Masters and Doctoral students guided by him, 3 students completed theses on organic livestock farming topics. He is a Member of ISOFAR since 2004. He organized the National workshop on Organic Animal Husbandry Standards at Indian Veterinary Research Institute in 2002, and also organized ICAR sponsored short course on Organic animal husbandry standards: concepts, standards and practices in 2006. When 1st & 2nd IFOAM International Conference on animals in organic production were organized in 2006 & 2012, respectively at Minnesota & Hamburg, he was one of the Programme Committee members. The book entitled Organic Livestock Farming published by ICAR has been authored by him. He received Bharat Ratna Dr C Subramaniam Award for Outstanding Teachers-2010 from ICAR and Young Scientist award from Indian Society of Extension Education in 2005. Currently, he is Head, Division of Extension Education at Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, India.

Prof. Dr. Peter von Fragstein und Niemsdorff



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Peter von Fragstein und Niemsdorff is the leader of the Section Organic Vegetable Production at the the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences, University of Kassel. His experience in academic teaching and research on topics of organic agriculture and horticulture is dating back over 30 years. In 1981 he followed Hardy Vogtmann as Senior scientist from the University of Hohenheim to the new founded Department of Methods of Alternative Farming Methods at the University of Kassel.

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Hamm



University of Kassel

Department of Agricultural- and Food Marketing

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Ulrich Hamm studied agricultural economics at Hohenheim University, Stuttgart, Germany. After a Professorship for agricultural marketing in Neubrandenburg (1993 -2003) he became Professor for Agricultural and Food Marketing at Kassel University in the Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences, the first faculty in Europe dedicated solely to OA. U. Hamm has been involved in market research in OA for over 25 years.

Dr. Anne-Kristin Løes (Vice-President)



Bioforsk Organic Food and Farming Division

Senior researcher, Norway

Anne-Kristin Løes (born 1961) grew up on a traditional Norwegian farm, graduated in soil science (MSc) in 1986 and completed a Dr. Scientiarum degree in plant nutrition and soil fertility in 2003, both at the Agricultural University of Norway (now NMBU). Employed by Bioforsk, she has been working with organic farming systems since 1988 focussing on nutrient supply and uptake, manuring and soil fertility. Anne-Kristin Løes has worked with long-term farm level case studies and research administration. She has lead research projects about farmers' motivation for organic farming, and innovative ways to increase the consumption of organic food in public serving outlets for youth (iPOPY). Løes is an active member of the Nordic Association of Agricultural Scientists (NJF), and has organised several NJF seminars on organic farming systems. She is also the national editor of the digital archive Organic e-prints.

Prof. Dr. Victor Olowe



Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR), Federal University of Agriculture, Nigeria

Victor Olowe became a full Research Professor (Agronomy & Organic Agriculture) in October, 2008 and has actively participated as an agronomist in several international research projects such as soybean production and utilization project funded by IDRC & IITA (1992-1993), soybean production and utilization mapping funded by a DFID affiliate organization (February/March 2007), Work, Earn, Learn Project (WELP) on capacity building of young agricultural graduates in organic agriculture in collaboration with Coventry University, UK and funded by Department for Innovations, Universities and Skills (DIUS), UK/British Council (2008-2009) and a collaborative project involving six Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the West African sub-region funded by the European Union (EU) (2010 -2012). He is currently the Vice President of the national movement of organic agriculture in Nigeria called Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria (NOAN).

Prof. Dr. Gerold Rahmann (President)



**Institute of Organic Farming
Johann Heinrich von Thuenen Institute, Germany**

Prof Dr Gerold Rahmann is funding director (established in the year 2000) of the Institute of Organic Farming at the Johann Heinrich von Thuenen-Institute (vTI: www.vti.bund.de). The vTI is part of the research infrastructure of the German ministry of consumer protection, agriculture and nutrition (BMELV) and has the main subject to design sustainable resource use strategies in rural areas, forestry and fisheries to advise the ministry at an excellent scientific level. Prof. Rahmann is a socio-economist and specialized on New Farming Systems Research and Development (NFSR+D) and has worked many years in interdisciplinary teams in tropic and sub-tropic countries as well as in German and EC projects related to low input farming systems. His recent research group with 30 scientists focuses on the development of (a) organic animal husbandry, (b) organic crop production and (c) organic grassland management. He has 38 peer-reviewed scientific, >250 other papers, and 15 books published. The design of policy decision frameworks is an important part of his work.

Ilse Rasmussen (Treasurer)



ICROFS Foulum, Denmark

Ilse A. Rasmussen is working as Organic Eprints coordinator and scientific officer at the International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems (ICROFS) where her main responsibilities are coordination of the Danish research programme in Organic Agriculture, Organic RDD, and the open access archive on research in organic food systems [Organic Eprints](#). She has been active as a senior scientist at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Aarhus University, from 1989 to 2010. Her main task was research on weed biology, prevention and control, especially concerning non-chemical weed control and weed management in organic farming. She worked on the whole plant production system including crop rotation and nutrition, even though her focus was on arable cash crops such as cereals. Earlier Ilse was an advisor in organic farming and previously teacher in organic farming. She has been a member of ISOFAR since the start, has been active in the working group on Long-Term Experiments, published a paper in the first ISOFAR publication (Long Term Field Experiments in Organic Farming) and has been active as an editor for the ISOFAR conferences in 2008 and 2011, and served on the Board 2011-2014.

Prof. Dr. Ewa Rembialkowska



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Professor Ewa Rembialkowska is a Head of Department of Functional and Organic Food and Commodities at the Faculty of Human Nutrition and Consumer Sciences, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland. Received a professorship in food technology (specialty: ecology of nutrition) in the year 2012. Deals professionally with organic farming and organic food for many years, conducting research studies, teaching students, farmers and consumers in this topics. Prof. Rembialkowska has published 223 peer-reviewed book chapters and papers, in that 18 papers in the journals with Impact Factor, cited in the Journal Citation Report. The main scientific area is the quality and safety of the organic food and its impact on human and animal health. Prof. Rembialkowska took part in several EU projects connected with organic food & farming, e.g. in the 6th Framework project QualityLowInputFood. She has been leading 2 Leonardo da Vinci Partnership projects looking for the best practice models of the communication between science and practice in the organic sector. She is a leader of the new Erasmus Plus Strategic Partnerships Project 'Innovative Education towards the Needs of the Organic Sector' (EPOS). Prof. Rembialkowska is a Vice-chair of the research international Association Food Quality and Health (FQH), a Chairwoman of the European Network of the Organic Agriculture Teachers (ENOAT) and a President of the Polish Association Forum of Organic Agriculture named M. Górny since 2009. The Forum brings together 60 Polish researchers and practitioners involved in organic farming.

Prof. Dr. Wu Wenliang



**College of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
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Prof. Dr. Wu Wenliang is Dean of College of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences in China Agricultural University. Director of Beijing Key Laboratory of Biodiversity and Organic Farming. Director of Sino—US Center of Agricultural Ecology and Sustainability. He is the Vice Chairman of Chinese Ecology Society, Vice Chairman of the China Agricultural Ecology and Environment Protection Society, Vice Chairman of China Natural Resource Sciences Society. Vice Chairman of China Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning Society. His research and teaching mainly focus on organic farming , food safety and no-point source pollution control. He is especially good at Soil Ecosystem Quality Improvement in Organic farming.

Prof. Dr. Raffaele Zanoli



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Prof. Raffaele Zanoli (MA, PhD) is Full Professor of Agricultural Economics & Marketing at the Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy with more than 20 years experience primarily related to the economics and market analyses of the organic food sector. He participated to a dozen of international projects on organic farming, mostly EU-funded, and was the coordinator of the largest governmental-funded project on organic animal farming in Italy (www.equizoobio.it). He is currently the coordinator of the 7th FP project “OrganicDatane트워크”, started on January 2012. He has been expert and consultant on organic farming for the European Commission, the Swiss Federal Government, the Italian Government, and the FAO. He is founder and currently president of the Italian Research Association on Organic Farming (GRAB-IT) and Coordinator for socio-economic research in the RIRAB, the Italian Network for Organic Farming Research.

