

BULGARIAN ORGANIC FARMING – CAN WE RESET THE SYSTEM?

International conference, Plovdiv, 20 February 2020
International exhibition AGRA 2020, Bulgaria Hall

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



Panel 1: IMPORTANT CHANGES AT ALL LEVELS

Moderator: **Stoilko Apostolov**, Bioselena

09.00 – 09.45 Registration

09.45 – 10.10 Official opening:

- Mr. **Tchavdar Marinov** – Deputy Minister MoAFF (tbc)
- H. E. **Bea ten Tusscher**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Bulgaria
- Prof. **Hristina Yancheva** - Rector of the Agricultural University, Plovdiv
- Mrs. **Albena Simeonova** – President, BOPA
- Mrs. **Svetla Gurbeshkova** – Executive Director AgroTV

10.10 – 10.30 Recent statistic data about organic agriculture in Bulgaria, structural and functional changes in the Ministry – **Slavi Kralev** - MoAFF

10.30 – 10.45 Recent changes in Ordinance №5: most important effects on control bodies and organic operators – **Slavi Kralev** – MoAFF

10.45 – 11.00 Measure 11 – application rules for 2020 campaign – **Yulia Lilyanova** and **Lidia Chakrakchieva** - MoAFF, **Hristo Valov** - SFA

11.00 – 11.15 What are the expectations of the business from the recent changes - **Vesselina Ralcheva** member of MB of BOPA

11.15 – 11.30 Success story of the most popular organic brand in Bulgaria – **Lubomir Nokov** – Bio Bulgaria Ltd.

11.30 - 11.40 Organic in the Netherlands – how the state and the business work together? – **Marian Blom** – Project Manager “Knowledge & Innovations” - BIONEXT, Netherlands

11.40 - 13.00 Discussions

13.00 – 14.00 Cocktail with ORGANIC FRAMER’S FOOD

Panel 2: ORGANIC AGRICULTURE AFTER 2020

Moderator: **Assoc. Prof. Anna Karova**, Agricultural University – Plovdiv

14.00–14.15 Looking forward: Is there room for organic farming in the next programming period? - Prof. **Vladislav Popov**, Agricultural University – Plovdiv

14.15 – 14.30 Production of organic vegetables seeds – **Tsvetanka Dintcheva**, MARITSA Vegetable Crops Research Institute, agr. **Petar Kirov**, Bioselena – **LIVESEED project**

14.30 – 14.45 New alternatives of copper-based PPP in organic farming: results of field tests of 4 new products on raspberries and Rosa damascena - agr. **Nikolai Tihov**, Bioselena - **RELACS project**

14.45 – 15.00 – Coffee brake

15.00 – 15.15 Opportunities for organic business to business development - **Nikolay Georgiev** - Sunopta Foods Bulgaria

15.15-15.30 Innovative German technology to help organic viticulture and fruit growers - **Rudi Schneider**, Schneider Verblasetechnik e. K. – Germany and **Bojidar Petkov** - „Balkan Bio Fruct“ Ltd. Bulgaria

15.30-15.45 CARPOVIRUSINE - good solution for control of codling moth and oriental fruit moth on apples, pears, quinces, peaches, nectarines, apricots and walnuts – **Eleonora Markova**, Country Manager, UPL

15.45-16.00 How store longer the agricultural production without chemical treatment? Eng. Nikolai Chalakov, INCH –FRIGO Ltd.

16.00 – 16.15 Discussion and closure of the Conference