



# 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Organic Agriculture Sciences „Bringing Innovations to Organic Farming“

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BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

ICOAS is an international scientific event for cutting-edge organic agriculture research conducted in Central and Eastern Europe. ICOAS provides an opportunity for researchers, students, non-governmental organizations, practitioners and policy makers around the globe to meet and discuss current challenges of organic agriculture sciences. It follows four excellent ICOAS conferences held in different amazing cities of Central and Eastern Europe.

## Call for papers

All scientific results related to most recent innovations in organic agriculture are welcome for presentation and discussion.

Papers are invited especially in the following topics:

- Innovations in organic crop and animal production
- Sustainability assessment
- Human nutrition, food quality and safety
- Socio-economic challenges

For more information visit  
[www.icoas2015.org](http://www.icoas2015.org)

## Organic Policy Summit 2015

Held under the auspices of the Slovak National Parliament

The Organic Policy Summit 2015, as the pre-event of ICOAS, will provide a platform for open discussion among policy makers at EU and Member State level, organic stakeholders, researchers, parliament members NGOs, and all others interested.

The aim of the summit is to link political priorities with organic stakeholders' realities for identification of future needs in research, consumer expectations and development of the organic sector.

The Organic Policy Summit will take place in the Slovak National Parliament.

The topic of the Organic Policy Summit 2015 is:

„Organic farming between sustainability policy, consumer expectations and niche market“.

## Save the dates!

Wednesday, 14 October:

Organic Policy Summit **Bratislava**  
Welcome reception

Thursday, Friday 15-16 October:

ICOAS Conference **Bratislava**  
Gala Dinner

Saturday, 17 October:

Excursions



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### Organisational information

#### Date and place of the conference:

14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Slovakia, Bratislava,  
Holiday Inn \* \* \* \*

#### Conference language: English

Registration can be made online from [www.icoas2015.org](http://www.icoas2015.org) or the filled registration form can be submitted as an e-mail attachment to: [icoas2015@agroinstitut.sk](mailto:icoas2015@agroinstitut.sk), you can fax it: +421 37 7910 132 or you can send it by priority or regular mail to the following address: Agroinštitút Nitra, š.p., Akademická 4, 949 01 Nitra, Slovakia.

#### Deadline for registration is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015

#### Registration fee\*:

Participant	€ 280
Student	€ 160
Accompanying person	€ 70

\* In order to receive the reduced fee, students must submit a letter of support from their academic supervisor, confirming their student status.

#### The registration fee for participants and students includes the following services:

- Unlimited access to all sessions and poster area
- Welcome reception
- Dinner buffet
- Coffee, tea and soft drinks during coffee breaks
- Lunches
- Printed copy of the final program
- Short communications on CD
- Conference bag and badge

#### The registration fee for accompanying persons includes the following services:

- Unlimited access to the commercial exhibition
- Welcome reception
- Dinner buffet
- Coffee, tea and soft drinks during coffee breaks
- Conference badge

#### Confirmation of Registration:

After we have received your registration form a pro-forma invoice will be issued. You are kindly requested to check the items on the document carefully. If necessary, make changes on the pro-forma invoice and fax it to +421 37 7910 132 or send by e-mail to [icoas2015@agroinstitut.sk](mailto:icoas2015@agroinstitut.sk).

The registration confirmation will be sent to you after your payment has been credited to the account of Agroinstitut Nitra. The official tax-invoice will be issued after the congress.

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### Payment:

Registration fee shall be paid by a bank transfer till 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

### Bank account holder:

Agroinstitút Nitra, state enterprise

### Address of the account holder:

Akademická 4, 949 01 Nitra, Slovakia

### Name of the bank:

Štátna pokladnica Bratislava

### Address of the bank:

Radlinského 32, 810 05 Bratislava 15, Slovakia

### IBAN Account number:

SK1681800000007000538099

### Swift Code: SPSRSKBA

### Important:

Please do not forget to indicate VS: 401215 and ICOAS2015 on your remittance. All prices are quoted in Euro and include VAT.

Payment must be remitted in Euro, all bank charges are to be paid by the sender. Refunds will be made after the Congress by bank transfer.

### Cancellation policy:

Cancellations requests should be sent to the Conference Secretariat in writing by the dates specified below:

Cancellations received until 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2015: will receive a 50% refund

Cancellations received after 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2015: no refund will be possible

### Accommodation:

Accommodation is not arranged by organiser, we suggest you to arrange accommodation by yourself.

### Our tips for accommodation reservation:

#### Hotel Holiday Inn Slovakia

Single bed from 72.33€ /night with breakfast. Address: Bajkalská 25/A, 825 03 Bratislava. Reservation of accommodations: + 421 2 482 45 425, e-mail: reservation@holidayinn.sk, www.holidayinn.sk.

#### Apollo Hotel \*\*\*\*

Single bed from: 145.33€/night with breakfast. Address: Dulo vo nám. 1, 821 01 Bratislava, Reservation of accommodations: + 421 5596 8922, e-mail: hotel@apollohotel.sk, www.apollohotel.sk

Transport information will be sent to you after registration.

### Important Terms:

Deadline for registration: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Deadline for short communication submission: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

Deadline for short communication notification: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Deadline for payment: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

Presented papers (oral presentations and posters) will be published in a Supplement to the scientific and peer-reviewed journal Acta fytotechnica et zootechnica (publisher: Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Faculty of Agrobiological and Food Resources - the CrossRef Member).

Information regarding submission of papers and posters will be provided after registration.

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