



Sektion für Landwirtschaft
Section for Agriculture
Section d'Agriculture
Seccion de Agricultura

1st International Conference on Biodynamic Research

Evolving Agriculture and Food Opening up Biodynamic Research

September 5th to 8th 2018 / Dornach, Switzerland

Goetheanum

In cooperation with its scientific partners the Section for Agriculture organises the first international conference on biodynamic research at the Goetheanum, which was founded by Rudolf Steiner, the initiator of biodynamic agriculture.

Biodynamic research is done in all agricultural fields in many places of the world. It makes use of a great diversity of methods and disciplines, getting in touch with many other research areas such as agroecology. Taking an inter- and transdisciplinary approach, we aim to bring together both academic research and farmer's expertise to explore and discuss burning issues in biodynamic food and farming systems. We want to look at these issues both from a classical scientific and an innovative methodological perspective.

During the 3-day conference, the parallel sessions and workshops offer the opportunity to listen to and discuss various contributions from scientists and researching farmers from around the world on following topics:

- New scientific methods in academic and on-farm research
- The farm organism and (new) perspectives in agroecology
- Beyond matter: Non-material influences on agriculture – quantum physics & co in agriculture
- Associative economy – an approach to sustainable food systems
- Living soil, soil life, and soil fertility
- Research on plants
- Food for live - food quality, nutrition and health
- Animal welfare

We also offer "experience the living" - exercises to learn about soil, plants, animals and some biodynamic practices such as the preparations. In a post-conference excursion we are going to visit a biodynamic farm.

A World Café session, coffee breaks and the conference dinner will give you many opportunities to meet colleagues and connect with them. In addition, we will invite you to work on a strategic agenda by exploring which questions are the most urgent and how we can make future research happen in a collaborative way.

The conference is aimed at researchers, farmer researchers, students and anyone interested in biodynamic research.

Jean-Michel Florin, Ueli Hurter and Verena Wahl

Programme committee: Christopher Brock (Forschungsring, Germany), Petra Derkzen (Demeter International, Netherlands), Jürgen Fritz (University of Kassel, Germany), Anet Spengler (FiBL, Switzerland)

Keynote Speakers

- **Véronique Chable**, INRA Centre Bretagne-Normandie, Le Rheu Cedex, France
- **Geraldo Deffune G. de Oliveira**, Applied Agroecology, Biodynamics and Biosafety, Federal University of Fronteira Sul, Brazil
- **Jürgen Heß**, Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences, University of Kassel, Witzenhausen, Germany
- **Ueli Hurter**, Section for Agriculture, Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland
- **Silvia Ivemeyer**, Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences, University of Kassel, Witzenhausen, Germany
- **Mechthild Knösel**, Farm Rengoldshausen, Überlingen, Germany
- **Anet Spengler**, Department of Livestock Sciences, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), Frick, Switzerland

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Programme outline

	Day 1 Wednesday, Sep. 5	Day 2 Thursday, Sep. 6	Day 3 Friday, Sep. 7	Day 4 Saturday, Sep. 8
08.30		Keynote Speeches <i>Geraldo Deffune</i> <i>Véronique Chable</i>	Keynote Speech <i>Silvia Ivemeyer</i> <i>Mechthild Knösel</i> <i>Anet Spengler</i>	Parallel Sessions IV
10.00	10.00 – 13.30 Registration	Refreshment break	Refreshment break	Refreshment break
10.45	Goetheanum Tour	Parallel Sessions II	Parallel Sessions III	Closing Ceremony
12.15		Lunch break	Lunch break	
	13.30 Welcome <i>Jean-Michel Florin</i> Inaugural Address <i>Ueli Hurter</i> Keynote Speech <i>Jürgen Heß</i>	14.00 Experience the Living - Exercises -	14.00 Experience the Living - Exercises -	Start 14.00 Excursion More information follows: www.sektion-landwirtschaft.org/en/
15.00	Refreshment break	Refreshment break	Refreshment break	
15.45	Parallel Sessions I	Workshops I	Workshops II	
17.30	World Café	Poster Sessions I	Poster Sessions II	
18.45	Evening Break	Evening Break	19.30	
20.00	Open get-together at the Speisehaus	Cultural Evening	Conference Dinner at the Speisehaus	

Programme: Subject to change

Keynote speeches

Ueli Hurter: Which research for biodynamic agriculture?

Jürgen Heß: Biodynamic agriculture and research - a view from outside

Geraldo Deffune G. de Oliveira: Systems Comparative Research Methods and Results in Biodynamic Agriculture

Véronique Chable: Multi-actor and transdisciplinary research for an agriculture based on living processes

Silvia Ivemeyer, Mechthild Knösel, Anet Spengler: Participatory approaches in researcher - farmer - collaboration

Registration
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from Wednesday, 05 to Saturday, 08 September 2018

Booking closes: Wednesday 22 August 2018

Please complete the booking form and send it by post, fax or e-mail to:

Goetheanum Empfang, Postfach, CH-4143 Dornach

Fax + 41 61 706 4446, Tel. + 41 61 706 4444 email tickets@goetheanum.org

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Name, first name _____

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The conference will be hold in English. Lecture in German will be translated in English.

Conference ticket

CHF 380 (with sponsorship¹) CHF 180 (regular price) CHF 120 (concessions²)

Meals (2 lunch, 2 evening meal) CHF 100

Conference Dinner (Friday 07.09.18) CHF 55

Parking at the Goetheanum Parking permit: CHF 21

Guided Tour on 05.09.18 free of charge

Insurance

Cancellation insurance (5% of the total costs, CHF 10 minimum)

See cancellation conditions in the General Information

Payment methods

on invoice (only Switzerland and Euro zone)

Credit card (all countries) Visa MasterCard

Card number: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ Expiry date: ____ / ____

Biannual events magazine (Pdf-Download): www.goetheanum.org/en/events/events-magazine

I agree to the terms of payment and cancellation.

Place, date, signature

¹ Should you be in a position to pay an additional amount, this would help to cover the costs of the conference and support the work of the section.

² Concessions apply for students, schoolchildren, OAPs, the unemployed, those in training, military or civil service and people with disabilities who receive benefits. Proof of status has to be submitted with your booking form.

³ When registering, your first choice is no longer open, is cancelled or will be cancelled, your second and third choice will be taken into account. If your first, second or third choice is full, we will try to contact you. Please look for updated information at the start of the conference.

Terms and Conditions will be sent on request or can be accessed online at www.goetheanum.org/6025.html.

General Information

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concessions ² :	CHF 120	with meals: CHF 220

Conference meals

Conference meals (vegetarian) include 2 lunch and 2 evening meal at CHF 100in total. The conference dinner on Friday 07.09.18 can be booked separately at CHF 55. The other meals cannot be booked separately. We regret that food intolerances cannot be catered for.

Parking permit

For the period of the conference: CHF 21 (not right next to the Goetheanum building).

If you have a disability, please display your disability badge in your car.

Methods of payment/confirmation

On receipt of a group application, the respective institution will receive the account for the group. Subsequent bookings can only be applied for and paid on an individual basis.

Credit cards (all countries): The full amount will be charged to your credit card as soon as your booking has been processed. You will receive postal or email confirmation of your booking and payment.

Invoice Switzerland: Confirmation of booking and an invoice will be sent to you once your booking has been processed. Please note that we only send out invoices up until 10 days before the beginning of an event. After that, payment is only possible by credit card or on arrival.

Invoice Eurozone: Confirmation of booking and an invoice will be sent to you once your booking has been processed (Euro account). Please note that we only send out invoices up until 14 days before the beginning of an event. After that, payment is only possible by credit card or on arrival.

Other countries: Once your booking has been processed you will receive a confirmation by post or email. The amount due will either be charged to your credit card or you can pay on arrival. Bank transfers are not possible.

Please note that the conference fee must be paid before the conference starts.

Conference tickets: Tickets can be collected at the Reception until half an hour before the conference starts, also if you pay on arrival. We accept cash (Euro and CHF), VISA, MasterCard, ec-direct and Postcard-Schweiz.

Cancellation: Bookings may be cancelled free of charge up to 14 days prior to the beginning of the conference (22.08.2018, date of posting). After that, 50% of the conference fee will be charged. Meals, conference dinner and parking permit may be cancelled free of charge up to 1 day prior to the begin of the conference (04.09.2018). Cancellation on the day when the conference begins or failure to attend are subject to a 100% invoice total. Substitutes will be accepted at no extra cost.

Cancellation insurance: Subject to a payment of 5% of total costs (CHF 10 minimum) full cancellation insurance can be taken out to cover illness (including dependent children and partner), job loss and force majeure. Please ask for our terms of insurance or visit www.goetheanum.org/6053.html.

Data processing: All data will be electronically recorded and filed and not passed on to any third party.

Goetheanum Guest Houses and Accommodation

Haus Friedwart	from CHF 75, about 5 min. walk to the Goetheanum phone +41 61 706 42 82, www.friedwart.ch
Begegnungszentrum	from CHF 30, about 10 min. walk to the Goetheanum phone +41 61 706 42 82, friedwart@goetheanum.ch
Accommodation bureau	rooms from CHF 55 kontakt@rooms-dornach.ch ; www.rooms-dornach.ch

Prices are per person per night. Prices for accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

You can find further accommodations on our website: www.goetheanum.org/4283.html