



## 3rd IFOAM Animal Husbandry Conference and Pre-Conference on Animal Husbandry at the 19th Organic World Congress India

Offering researchers, farmers, advisors and development professionals an opportunity to exchange information and experiences on managing organic livestock Linked to the 19th Organic World Congress (OWC), to be held in India from 9 to 11 November 2017 the Conference builds on previous IFOAM Conferences on Organic Animal Husbandry, such as the one in Minnesota,(USA,)2006, in Hamburg( Germany), 2012, as well as the Conference at the 18th Organic World Congress, Istanbul,(Turkey) 2014, organized by the IFOAM Animal Husbandry Alliance (IAHA).

Venue: National Centre of Organic Farming, Ghaziabad, India (close to New Delhi),  
Website: [www.ncof.dacnet.nic.in](http://www.ncof.dacnet.nic.in)  
Dates: 7th , 8th November 2017



## About the conference

The Conference will highlight the role of livestock in sustainable agriculture, with an emphasis on organic livestock rearing globally. It will focus on the main challenges under different themes, taking into account the diversity of organic and sustainable animal husbandry systems. The Conference will have keynote speakers & plenary sessions, technical & scientific sessions, workshops, exhibitions & displays as well as stalls for different products of livestock origin. There will be sessions for practitioners and farmers too. Recommendations emerging from the different thematic sessions will be presented at the main conference. The Conference will offer field trips to Indian farms prior to the conference.

It is also proposed to organise workshops with practical activities one day prior to the conference for interested participants on different subjects; i. Transition/conversion planning of a farm; ii. A glimpse into the world of medicinal plants used in veterinary Ayurveda ; iii. Fermentation techniques for animal feed; iv. Participatory guarantee systems for small holder livestock.

More information is available on the IAHA website:

<http://www.ifoam.bio/en/sector-platforms/iaha-animal-husbandry-alliance> and the OFAI website <http://ofai.org>



## Conference themes

1. **Organic livestock rearing:** System approach, conversion issues, importance for the future, regulatory challenges
2. **Appropriate breeding:** Breeding strategies and techniques including the role of local breeds and knowledge and methods
3. **Animal health:** Therapeutic use of bioactive and medicinal plants, alternative therapeutics (homeopathy, ayurveda, acupuncture), importance of healthy soils and feed, alternatives to antibiotics and synthetic anti-parasitics, etc.
4. **Animal welfare:** Strategies and experiences with animal-friendly grazing and stable systems, outcome-oriented animal welfare assurance systems, transport and slaughter, etc.
5. **Feeding:** Developing sustainable and climate friendly systems for ruminants and non-ruminants. Developing diets for ruminants using locally sourced roughages and supplements.
6. **Organic livestock products:** Enhancing product quality through improved feeding, careful processing and marketing strategies and consumer issues.
7. **Looking beyond the big 5** (cattle, sheep, goat, pig and poultry): Challenges and experiences with other important species of livestock, e.g. buffalo, horses and rabbits.
8. **Cross-cutting issues:** Research and development needs for organic livestock rearing, support mechanisms including policy initiatives, education and training support.





## Proposed Program

	Morning I 9.00-10.30 h	Morning II 11.00-12.30 h	Afternoon I 14.00-15.30 h	Afternoon II 16.00-17.30 h	Evening 18.30 h onwards
4th,5th November 2017	Exposure visits , Field trips on request				
6 November 2017	Workshops with practical activities for interested groups			Registration	IAHA meeting
7 November 2017	Plenary session	Parallel Thematic sessions	Parallel Thematic sessions	Farm tour trip with organic meal on farm	
8 November 2017	Plenary session	Parallel Thematic sessions	Plenary session Recommendation workshops		Registration OWC 2017

A more detailed program will be available in 2017, once the papers/presentations have been selected.



## Call for papers and abstract submission details

The organisers invite researchers, farmers, advisors and other interested individuals or groups to submit a short abstract (maximum 300 words), mentioning the number of the conference theme/s. The abstract should contain a title, author (s)names, purpose, methods, results /discussion,& conclusion(s).

**The abstract should be submitted by 25th Dec 2016 to**  
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Paper submission guidelines: A paper submission template will be available from the IAHA website at the appropriate time



## Important dates:

Deadlines for abstracts for papers for Conference	25 December 2016
Review of abstracts and feedback	End of January 2017
Full papers received and forwarded to reviewers	End of March 2017
Final papers reviewed and confirmation	End of May 2017
Deadline for final registration for Conference	End of June 2017
Information package for participants	End of September 2017
Practical Workshops on request	6 November 2017
Conference	7-8 November 2017
Main IFOAM Organic World Congress 2017	9-11 November 2017

## Registration & Registration fee

Registration details will be put up on the IAHA ,OWC and OFAI websites.

Participation is free for those registered for the main conference, i.e., Organic World Congress 2017.

A registration fee will be charged on site for participants who attend only the Conference. The Registration fee will be announced shortly.





## Field Trips

As part of the Conference trips are being organised to see different livestock production systems in India such as camel & buffalo production systems, centres of veterinary ayurveda & phytotherapy and organic farms. This will be prior to the conference and will be charged separately. Details will be circulated shortly.

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# Organisers

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Organic Farming Association of India (OFAI)



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