



# ICOAS '18

6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on  
Organic Agriculture Sciences

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Eisenstadt

## Call for abstracts and session proposals

The **submission period** for presentations at the next **International Conference on Organic Agriculture Sciences (ICOAS)** to be held 7 – 9 November 2018 in Esterházy Palace in Eisenstadt, Austria, is **now open**.

Please note that in addition to submit an abstract which will be attributed to a session, interested applicants also have the possibility to propose a full session.

ICOAS 2018 is jointly organised by [FiBL](#) and [Esterhazy Betriebe GmbH](#). ICOAS focuses on the dissemination of the latest research results in organic agriculture and the knowledge transfer between actors in East- and Central-Europe.

Contributions on one of the following topics related to the conference theme **“Dynamic developments in organic research – strengthening partnerships across Europe and beyond”** are welcome:

### Organic production

- Organic breeding and seed production
- Crop production
- Animal husbandry and welfare
- Sustainable bee keeping

### Socio-economic challenges

- Urban-rural relations – production, delivery and consumption
- Development of local organic markets – possibilities and limitations
- Complex value chains/ Sustainable food supply chains and organic trade
- Farm Diversification

### Consumers' perspectives and expectations

- Values across CEE countries influencing organic production and consumption
- Food quality, safety, health, nutrition and authenticity
- Community supported agriculture – Agriculture supported communities



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## Knowledge transfer and dissemination

- Effective capacity building and partnerships across the value chain
- Status quo of organic research across countries (basic research, applied research, participatory research)
- Better sharing of research results

## Analysis and assessment

- Sustainability assessment
- Ecosystem services
- Efficiency of demonstration-networks

## Innovations for the organic sector

- Increased productivity within organic methods
- New breeding techniques and organic principles – challenges and opportunities
- Agriculture technologies in organic agriculture

## Agricultural policy and law

- Fighting fraud and effective fraud prevention
- Bioeconomy
- New EU organic regulation – relevant aspects of future Implementing Acts for EU member states

Please visit the [conference homepage](#) for detailed information on the [submission guidelines](#) and the [online abstract submission](#).

## Important dates:

**15 June 2018** – Deadline for abstracts submission

**15 June 2018** – Deadline for session submission

**30 June 2018** – Deadline for early bird registration

ICOAS 2018 is kindly supported by a number of research institutes, governmental organisations and associations.



Further information: <http://icoas2018.org/>