

# 19<sup>th</sup> ORGANIC WORLD CONGRESS 2017 CALL FOR PAPERS

The 19th edition of the [Organic World Congress](#) taking place from 09 -11 November 2017 in New Delhi, India, now opens its Call for Papers. The deadline for submission of papers is 30 September 2016.

The 19th Congress is structured in four conference tracks and the IFOAM webpage presents a detailed information about the [issues for the papers requested](#).

- *The Main Track*, composed of two parallel sessions, is a series of public discussions and debates by leaders from the organic movement on how we can best promote and implement the organic agenda. The overarching theme is *Global Adoption of Organic Principles for Truly Sustainable Agriculture*.
- *The Farmers' Track* provides a forum to highlight farmers' work in organic especially with regards to innovations used on their farms. Presentations will be on the topics of Seeds & Biodiversity, Soil Fertility & Health, Soil Life & Plant Health, and Ecological Farming Practices & Systems.
- *The Scientific Track* is a platform where research results are presented and discussed. Papers must link to scientific disciplines such as soil, plant, animal, or economics. All papers should give at least an outline of how the research presented contributes to organic development.
- *The Marketing Track* discusses innovative ideas for shortening value chains, for systems that build trust between actors, for promising marketing methods and for organic and fair trade alliance building. Papers are called for that deal with emerging trends in quality assurance, e.g. PGS (Participatory Guarantee Systems), CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), fair trade and other alternative and integrative systems.

Once every three years [IFOAM Organics International](#) organizes the Organic World Congress in a different country to achieve its vision as the global organic movement and also to provide a platform where organic stakeholders can share their knowledge and expertise and establish valuable partnerships. The Congress is considered the leading event for the development of the organic sector worldwide. It is held to promote and celebrate the turning of global agriculture to organic farming methods and to measure progress.

The last edition of the Congress was organized in Istanbul, Turkey in 2014. India won the bid to host the 19th IFOAM Organic World Congress seeing that organic food movement has grown by four times in the last three years in the country. The Congress is realized in collaboration with the [Organic Farming Association of India OFAI](#) and the organizers are confident that it will play an important role in supporting the Indian organic farming movement and tilting India's agriculture policy in the direction of organic. At the same time, it will enable solidarity



among organic farmers and organic farming associations across continents. For these reasons, the theme of the 19th OWC is 'An Organic World through an Organic India.'

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