

PRESS RELEASE

FederBio takes stock of the sector at SANA through conventions and detailed technical sessions

*Meetings, themed workshops and the **Organic Festival** are at the heart of the Italian Federation for Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture's involvement in the 31st edition of SANA, due to take place in Bologna from 6 to 9 September, preceded by the General Forum for the Organic Sector "From the green revolution to the organic revolution"*

Bologna, 3 September 2019 – FederBio consolidates its participation at SANA 2019. In addition to a dedicated exhibition area (pavilion 29, stand F34/G35), the Federation will organise educational sessions and in-depth technical events concerning the new challenges that characterise the agricultural and environmental model for which organic and biodynamic agriculture are the utmost expressions.

"The role of organic agriculture in the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post 2020" is the first event that will take place on Saturday 7 September, from 10am to 1.30 pm in the Sala Ronda at the Service Centre, organised by the Italian coalition #CambiamoAgricoltura (#let's change agriculture) composed of Aiab, the Association for Biodynamic Agriculture, Fondo Ambiente Italiano, FederBio, Isde Italia Medici per l'Ambiente, Lipu, Legambiente, ProNatura and WWF Italia. During the meeting attention will be paid to how the new CAP should be reoriented in order to encourage the development of organic agriculture also through national strategies that cover the entire production chain and create the structural conditions for the expansion of European production of organic products.

Food waste and climate change are themes at the centre of the **Organic Festival**, the SANA City event that will bring the Palazzo Re Enzo, in the centre of Bologna, to life on Saturday 7 September from 3.10pm. The event, which is open to everyone, aims to raise awareness and let visitors experience a genuine taste of the organic world through educational talks, chaired by Federico Quaranta, alternating with show cooking events, product tastings and organic recipes from the chef Riccardo Facchini from the TV show *La Prova del Cuoco*.

Monday 9 September, from 10.30 am to 1pm, the Sala Allegretto in the Service Centre at SANA will host the Convention entitled **"List of technical equipment for organic agriculture in compliance with FiBL standards"**, which will clarify the use of technical equipment permitted for defending against plant disease and parasites, the use of fertilisers through appropriate schemes for certification and the creation of a list of technical equipment managed by an authoritative institution such as FiBL (Swiss Federal Research Institute for Organic Agriculture, consultant of the EU) with which FederBio has signed an agreement for the definition of an Italian Input List.

Not to be missed on Monday 9 September, from 2pm to 4pm, is the appointment **“The application of innovation methods for the traceability of organic products.”** The event will focus on the project INNOVOBIO, coordinated by CREA in collaboration with FederBio and Fondazione Edmund Mach, which aims to provide an overview of the analysis system based on new “tracers” to distinguish whether certified organic products have been cultivated through the use of organic nitrate fertiliser (permitted according to the organic approach) or synthetic versions.

“The 2019 edition sees a reinforcement of the partnership between FederBio and SANA, the leading international event for the organic sector and one that highlights the constant growth of the sector and represents an important opportunity for meetings and discussions. This year we have decided to intensify our presence and convention activities, beginning with the General Forum for the Organic Sector and continuing through educational and technical workshops to the Organic Festival that is part of SANA City programme to catalyse the public’s interest through in-depth analysis of contemporary issues,” announced Grazia Mammuccini, President of FederBio.

FederBio (www.feder.bio) is a national federation established in 1992 based on an initiative organised by the organic and biodynamic agriculture sector, with the aim of safeguarding the sector and protecting its development. FederBio is associated with IFOAM and ACCREDIA, the Italian organisation for the accreditation of certification bodies, and is recognised as an institutional representative of the sector at national and regional forums. Through its associated organisations, FederBio brings together almost the entirety of representatives of the organic sector, including the leading Italian players in the sectors of production, distribution, certification, regulations and the safeguarding of the interests of industry operators and biotechnicians. The Federation is organised into five thematic and professional sections: Producers, Certification Bodies, Transformers and Distributors, Service Operators and Technicians and Cultural Associations. FederBio ensures that its rigorous Code of Ethics is upheld by associates and verifies the application of shared standards.

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