

## BIOFRUITNET 1<sup>st</sup> Online Seminar

Thursday, 3rd December 2020

# INNOVATING THE EUROPEAN ORGANIC FRUIT PRODUCTION

***The Biofruitnet invites you to come together for our first online seminar and to learn about how the three years EU funded project aims to innovate organic fruit production in Europe.***

Plant protection against pests and diseases is a big issue for organic fruit growers, as fruit is a very sensitive produce. Many organic farmers in Europe have adapted locally their own practices and techniques to successfully deal with the challenge of organic crop protection. However, this valuable practical knowledge often remains at the local level, instead of being shared with fruit growers in other regions facing the same problems. The **BIOFRUITNET** project aims to connect practitioners in the organic fruit sector throughout Europe and making these successful methods of crop protection available to all.

Registration is required: In order to register, please press the below button. You will get a link to log into the online conference before the meeting.

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**Date: 03.12.2020**

**Official Starting time : 10:00**

9:50 - 10:00	Welcome and starting to be ready	
<b>ABOUT BIOFRUITNET</b>		
10:00 – 10:15	BIOFRUITNET: Innovate European Organic fruit production	Marco Schlüter, Project Coordinator, Naturland
10:15 – 10:35	Organic Fruit growing networks in Europe: An analysis	Eligio Malusà, Research Institute Ogrodnictwa, Poland
<b>EXAMPLES OF INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS APPLIED IN ORGANIC FRUITS CROPS</b>		
10:45 – 11:15	Sooty mold: a challenge for organic apple growers and how can they manage it.	Markus Kelderer, Laimburg, Italy
11:15 – 11:45	Solutions to handle emerging pests in organic citrus production	Vincenzo Verrastro, IAMB
11:45 – 12:15	Different approaches to regulate the black cherry aphid ( <i>Myzus cerasi</i> ) in organic table cherry production.	Michael Friedli, FIBL, Switzerland
12:15-12:20	Summary and Closing remarks	Marco Schlüter, Project Coordinator, Naturland

**Speakers:**



**Marco Schlüter**

Marco is Naturland e.V.'s International Development Manager. He is responsible for the international strategic development of Naturland e.V.. Before joining Naturland e.V., he was the Director of the IFOAM EU Group (the European umbrella organization for organic agriculture) for more than twelve years. In this function he could acquire extensive experience in the management and development of a wide range of EU projects with members and co-organisers from various countries across the EU-27 (FP5- 7; H2020, CAP info measure, LIFE+ operating, Life+ action grant, Intelligent Energy Europe, Lifelong Learning Programme). Marco studied agriculture and completed a post-graduate degree and further courses in management (including financial management and management of organisations).



**Eligio Malusà**

Eligio is an associate professor and has a multidisciplinary research background in topics related to plant nutrition and plant - microorganisms relationship developed over the past 25 years. He conducted extensive basic and applied research related to organic and integrated production systems. He has long experience in coordination of several kinds of projects at national and EU level, also in collaboration with private organizations and different stakeholders (among them a project on development of products and technologies for organic farming). Currently he is leading a WP in the frame of a Core Organic project (project DOMINO) and the task dealing with Dissemination. Since 2005, he published about 40 ISI papers, 4 book chapters, was co-editor of about 20 guidelines, and is reviewer for several international scientific journals dealing with agricultural & environmental sciences.



**Dr. Markus Kelderer**

Head of the Division of Organic Farming at Laimburg Research Centre, and since 1997 he is also head of the Department of Fruit Growing. Member of the expert group for technical advice on organic production for the European Commission and member of the International Society of Organic Research (Isofar), Dr. Kelderer is author or co-author of over 200 scientific papers and applied articles. He has worked since 2001 as an academic collaborator and lecturer on the Free University of Bolzano, Faculty of Science and Technology in the subjects, general arboriculture, fruit science and organic farming, and last but not least since 1996 he is also an organic fruit and vine grower.



**Dr. Michael Friedli**

He received his Master in agricultural sciences with a major in crop science from ETH Zurich in 2011. He received his PhD from ETH Zurich in 2015 where he focused on the establishment and application of phenotyping methods to measure leaf and canopy growth in the laboratory and field. He is currently co-leading the group of fruit and berry cultivation technique in the crop science department at FiBL Switzerland with a focus on variety testing and cultivation technique.



**Dr. Vincenzo Verrastro**

Vincenzo is the scientific administrator at CIHEAM-Bari. Agriculture Engineer, PhD in Food quality; more than 20 years of experience in Organic Agriculture. Verrastro coordinates the activities of pest control and disease in organic farming and precision agriculture. Lecturer of several short-term training courses (including e-learning) in organic agriculture, Verrastro supervises since 2001 MSc and PhD students at CIHEAM-Bari. Actually, he is involved in research activities within Horizon-2020 RIA project “XF-Actors” and “RELACS” and coordinates the CIHEAM-Bari activities in two Horizon-2020 IA project “IoF2020” and MyPack. He has roles in CIHEAM – Bari international cooperation projects and national research project. He published more than 30 peer reviewed scientific papers in refereed journals, conference proceedings and books, taking also part in the scientific and organizing committees of several international conferences on organic agriculture. Verrastro is a member of Italian Compost Association; member of TPOrganics Platform, TAEIX expert.

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