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Join us at the IFOAM Conference on Organic Animal and Plant Breeding, August 25-28, 2009 in Santa Fe, NM, USA!

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Highlights at the Breeding Diversity Conference

Featured Speaker: Vandava Shiva

Dr. Vandana Shiva is a physicist, ecologist, activist, editor, author of books. She founded Navdanya (1991), a national movement to protect the diversity and integrity of living resources, promote organic farming and fair trade. In 2004 she started Bija Vidyapeeth, an international college for sustainable living in collaboration with Schumacher College, U.K.

Dr. Shiva has contributed in fundamental ways to changing the practice and paradigms of agriculture and food. Her books, "The Violence of the Green Revolution" and "Monocultures of the Mind" have become classic challenges to the dominant paradigm of non-sustainable, reductionist Green Revolution Agriculture. Vandava Shiva will speak at the public Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, August 25th

Program Speakers Confirmed

Leading scientists and activists, farmers and breeders will be coming together to share their latest findings and positions on Organic Breeding and Agro-Biodiversity conservation in order to find new ways to address future challenges.

"Breeding for organic farming or rescuing traditional plant or animal varieties is fundamental to develop the genetic base for a sovereign agriculture that will produce food for everyone in an era of climate change, peak oil and food crisis." says Miguel Altieri who will be talking about "Breeding for a sovereign and resilient agriculture" as one of the key note speakers. Click here to see the detailed program: [\[link\]](#)

Public consultation on the IFOAM Position Paper on Organic Seed

According to the instructions given by the General Assembly 2008 in Modena, IFOAM developed a position paper on the use of organic seed and propagation materials in organic agriculture to be publicly consulted for the first time at the conference. The consultation will be done in two rounds; on Wednesday 26th in an open session for public information and consultation, and on Thursday 27th in an IFOAM members-only session.

A seed position blog has been created at: <http://www.IFOAMblog.wordpress.com> to increase input ahead of the conference. To join the blog please contact Anna: a.wissmann@ifoam.org
The full paper is accessible on the IFOAM website: [\[link\]](#)

Additional Highlights of the conference:

The launch of the new biodiversity book, published by IFOAM, featuring case studies from around the world that illustrate the contribution organic agriculture makes to biodiversity.

Do not miss the cheerful atmosphere of the Conference Dinner on Thursday August 27 with music and delicious fresh local organic food!

Enjoy the city of Santa Fe, famous for its arts, crafts and vivid historic city center or take a pre-conference tour to the nearby Pueblos (Native American traditional towns)!

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