



## **Minutes of ECO-AB meeting:**

**August 31<sup>st</sup> 2012, 18.00-19.00 h during EAAP in Stavanger, NO**

### **Topics:**

1. Opening of meeting
2. Status report of Swedish project (Therese Ahlman)
3. Status report of position paper (Wytze Nauta)
4. Redistribution of tasks within the organisation

**In attendance:** Peter Løvendahl, Århus University, Denmark; Wytze Nauta (WN), Louis Bolk Instituut, Netherlands; ; Lotta Rydhmer, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden; Veronika Maurer, FiBL, Switzerland; Therese Ahlman (TA), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden; Britt Henriksen, Bioforsk, Norway (guest) and Kristin Sørheim, Bioforsk, Norway (guest).

**Apologies:** Joanne Conington, SAC, UK; Lise Grøva, bioforsk, Norway; Günter Postler, FIT, Germany; Joannie Leroyer, ITAB, France; Anet Spengler Neff, FiBL, Switzerland; Anna Wallenbeck, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden.

### **Topic 1. Opening of meeting**

WN opened the meeting and presented the attendance. The history and aim of ECO-AB was explained to the guests.

### **Topic 2. Status report of Swedish project**

TA gave a report of the development of a web-based questionnaire about organic and conventional pig and dairy producers' preferences regarding animal traits. The questionnaire is part of a project in which sustainable and realistic breeding strategies for organic production in Sweden will be developed. Different aspects of the questionnaire were discussed and the possibility to use the questionnaire in other European countries was mentioned.

### **Topic 3. Status report of position paper**

WN has worked with a position paper about breeding in organic production. The aim of this paper is to describe the state of the art and it should not be considered to be a final proposal. The paper should review different aspects of animal breeding in organic production and conflicting opinions should be shown. Hopefully, the position paper by ECO-AB will be useful for IFOAM in the work regarding future regulations.

#### **To do:**

WN will rewrite the position paper based on the comments that he has got already. Thereafter, he will send the new version to people involved in ECO-AB who should all give their opinion about it. The position paper should be finished by December 2011.

WN will invite somebody from IFOAM to an ECO-AB meeting in spring 2012.

### **Topic 4. Redistribution of tasks within the organisation**

Not discussed.

Minutes keeper: Therese Ahlman











