

Wednesday

Registration for the conference is also available on Wednesday from **2:00pm to 8:00pm** at the Civic Centre

Note

The speakers and chairs of plenary sessions, workshops and seminars are from the UK unless otherwise indicated

Thursday

8:30am | Registration | Civic Centre

A | 9:15am | Welcome and introduction | University

IMPROVING ORGANIC AND LOW-INPUT POTATO PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

Lucius Tamm | Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), Switzerland

Steve Wilcockson | University of Newcastle upon Tyne

B | 9:15am | Welcome and introduction | University

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT IN ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTION

Antonio Di-Giulio | European Commission; DG-Research

Kirsten Brandt | University of Newcastle upon Tyne

A | 9:30am | Potato production | University

Chaired by **Lucius Tamm** and **Steve Wilcockson**

BALANCING AGRONOMIC, RESISTANCE AND QUALITY TRAITS IN POTATO BREEDING

George Mackay | Scottish Crop Research Institute

DEVELOPING VARIETIES WITH IMPROVED BLIGHT RESISTANCE

John Bradshaw | Scottish Crop Research Institute

B | 9:30am | Quality assurance | University

Chaired by **Antonio Di-Giulio** and **Kirsten Brandt**

UNDERSTANDING CONSUMER QUALITY ASSURANCE DEMANDS

Hanne Torjusen Campoverde | National Institute for Consumer Research, Norway

Katherine O'Doherty Jensen | Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark

CRITICAL CONTROL POINTS ALONG THE ORGANIC FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

Clemens Oude Groeniger | Agronomist, Agro Eco, The Netherlands

Gabriela Wyss | Scientist, FiBL, Switzerland

11:00am | Coffee | Civic Centre

A | 11.45am | Technical seminars | University

1. POTATO BREEDING

Chaired by **Bernard Speiser** | FiBL, Switzerland

2. DIVERSIFICATION STRATEGIES

Chaired by **Didier Andrivon** | National Institute for Agronomic Research, France

3. GENETICS OF PHYTOPHTHORA INFESTANS

Chaired by **Wilbert Flier** | Wageningen University & Research Centres, The Netherlands

Two parallel programmes organised by the University of Newcastle upon Tyne

A or B?

A | Potato production

This will focus on potato cultivation and is organised as part of the **EU FP5 Blight MOP** research study. The study aims to help control blight in organic potato production and will cover a wide range of issues including crop husbandry, fertility management, variety development, seed production, irrigation and crop protection. It is aimed at producers, packers, processors and retailers of organic potatoes.

B | Quality assurance

This programme is organised as part of the **EU FP6 Organic HACCP** project (www.organichaccp.org) and will focus on translating consumer expectations with respect to the quality, safety and cost of organic foods into quality assurance procedures and supply chain management systems. It will receive additional input from several other EU and nationally funded projects focused on food quality and safety assurance. It is a programme which will have particular relevance to retailers, processors and those involved in the provision of services, training and development for food quality and safety assurance and HACCP systems.

B | 11.45am | Technical seminars | University

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE IN ORGANIC PRODUCTION

Chaired by **Richard Stanley** | Camden & Chorleywood Food Research Association

5. QUANTIFYING QUALITY IN ORGANIC FOODS

Chaired by **Eduardo Rosa** | University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, Portugal

1:15pm | Lunch | Civic Centre

A | 2:45pm | Potato production | University

IMPROVING AGRONOMIC STRATEGIES

Steve Wilcockson

DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED SYSTEMS APPROACH FOR BLIGHT CONTROL IN ORGANIC CROPS

Lucius Tamm

Bert Smith | Agricultural Economics Research Institute (LEI), The Netherlands

B | 2:45pm | Quality assurance | University

CONSUMER PARTICIPATION IN THE CHAIN OF ORGANIC PRODUCTION

Mary Brennan and **Liz Oughton** | University of Newcastle upon Tyne

THE ROLE OF STANDARDS, CERTIFICATION AND REGULATION

Bo van Elzakker | President, International Organic Accreditation Service, The Netherlands

Erik Steen Kristensen | Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Denmark

4:15pm | Tea | Civic Centre

A | 5:00pm | Technical seminars | University

6. IMPROVING CROP PROTECTION

Chaired by **Eckhard Koch** | Biologische Bundesanstalt (BBA), Germany

7. IMPROVING AGRONOMIC STRATEGIES

Chaired by **Maria Finckh** | University of Kassel, Germany

8. IMPROVING FERTILITY MANAGEMENT

Chaired by **Carlo Leifert** | University of Newcastle upon Tyne

B | 5:00pm | Technical seminars | University

9. IMPROVING STANDARDS AND REGULATION

Chaired by **Erik Steen Kristensen** | Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Denmark

10. IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND INTEGRITY OF SUPPLY CHAINS

Chaired by **Robert Duxbury** | True Food Values (formerly of Sainsbury's)

B | 6:45–8:00pm | Quality assurance | University

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chaired by **Kirsten Brandt**

