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Dear reader,

It is a pleasure for me to announce the forth seminar for students and junior researchers within the EU integrated project "Quality Low Input Food".

The seminar will take place 13 - 15 February 2008 at the Louis Bolk Instituut, Driebergen, the Netherlands:

"Soil nitrogen: research and extension"

In low input and organic farming, nitrogen is a key factor. Although much is known, many questions still remain to be answered, and managing the real-time nitrogen dynamics of a farm needs a multi-target approach. In this 'winter school' some leading researchers will present their research, focussing on the research approach and techniques used to come further in the complex nitrogen dynamics of organic and low input farming.

The aim of the workshop is "to transfer both theoretical background knowledge and practical skills in the use of new techniques and experimental approaches". Participants will be Ph.D. students and junior scientists/post-doctoral researchers. There is a maximum of 40 participants.

The Louis Bolk Instituut is a research institute for organic agriculture, nutrition and health. Knowledge and skills, gained and developed in 30 years of research in organic agriculture will be brought into the seminar. Both lectures and skill training belong to the program. To the seminar team belong researchers from the Louis Bolk Institute, Wageningen University and Research Centre, Newcastle University, Bonn University, University of Aarhus Denmark, Giessen University, Bioforsk Økologisk Norway and SAC Scotland.

Within these three days, participants will be introduced to both background and actual knowledge, and both theory and practice of research approaches and techniques which are suited for the questions around soil nitrogen dynamics in low input and organic agriculture.

The preliminary program and other information can be found on the QLIF web-site: <http://www qlif.org/forum/training/train4/index.html> - please have a look there. The seminar fee is € 100,- to be paid cash at the beginning of the seminar; some bursaries are available.

We kindly request you to participate, and have a look around you for students and junior scientists who might be interested in attaining this workshop. Feel free to send this announcement forward to colleagues and to related organisations. Thanks for that.

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