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ORGANIC DISTRICTS PARTICIPATION at the 21st Organic World Congress (OWC 2024) 30 Nov - 6 Dec 2024 Nanhua University - Chiayi County- Taiwan

Organic Districts Representatives participate in OWC 2024. In particular, they participate in the Organic Fair with a Booth on “Bio-Districts: From Cilento to Global Impact”, in the Opening Plenary “Cultivating Organic Solutions for True Sustainability” and in the Workshops. Details below.



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Mon 2 – Wen 4 Dec 2024, 09:00 am – 17:00 pm, Organic Fair

IN.N.E.R. Booth “Bio-Districts: From Cilento to Global Impact”

The International Network of Eco-Regions (IN.N.E.R.) is a global organisation advancing sustainable development through Bio-Districts (Eco-Regions). These innovative areas unite farmers, citizens, local stakeholders and municipalities to manage resources sustainably, preserve biodiversity and build resilient economies through organic agriculture. The journey began over 20 years ago in Cilento, Italy—the world’s first Bio-District—and has since expanded across the Mediterranean, Europe and the globe, offering a model for integrated rural development.

Cilento remains a shining example of this movement, with its smallholders and farmer’s cooperative producing premium organic olive oil and unique white fig products, embodying the principles of sustainability. Today, IN.N.E.R. supports over 200 Bio-Districts worldwide, empowering communities through knowledge exchange, capacity-building and global partnerships. By connecting grassroots actions with global sustainability goals, IN.N.E.R. demonstrates how local initiatives can drive ecological balance, economic resilience and cultural preservation, redefining the future of sustainable agriculture and regional economy.

Mon 2 Dec 2024, 11:00-12:30, Hall Z104

Opening Plenary Cultivating Organic Solutions for True Sustainability

The opening plenary sets the scene for Cultivating Organic Solutions for True Sustainability. Allies in the movement for food systems change will share learning and insights and hold a discussion about accelerating transformation through shared purpose, partnership and valuing diversity.

Moderator/Speakers: Karen Mapusua, Gretta Carney, Giacomo Packer, Monika Yator, Ramon (Chinchin) Uy Jr, Shamika Mone, Yu-Pin Lin, Amber Sciligo.

Mon 2 Dec 2024, 13:30-15:00, Room Z510, Fishbowl Bio-Districts, Building Community and Rural Vitality

Track 4: Policies for Scaling Up Organics and Agroecology

In the "Bio-Districts: Building Community and Rural Vitality" workshop we will explore how bio-districts can foster sustainable rural development. Participants will gain insights into Organic Agriculture Promotion Zones in Eastern Taiwan, successful municipal partnerships in Colombia, and the role of trust in alternative food networks in Cilento, Italy. We will also discuss how an organic lifestyle can enhance rural vitality, drawing on examples from Italy and Sweden. Together, we will discover ways to revitalize communities and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

Moderators/Presenters: David Gould, Chen Guanwei, Willam Dario Velasquez, Te-Chun Chen, Giacomo Packer.

Mon 2 Dec 2024, 17:00-18:30, Room Z401, Workshop Bio-Districts Worldwide Food Quality and Culture

Track 1: Organic Culture and Lifestyle

This interactive session focuses on the role of Bio-Districts in preserving regional agriculture, cultural heritage, and environmental sustainability. Representatives from two Bio-Districts will showcase unique organic products, such as olive oil from Cilento, Italy and organic soybeans from Taiwan's Organic Village, highlighting the connection between sustainable farming practices and local traditions. The workshop will feature tastings of organic products, allowing participants to compare their quality, nutritional value, and cultural significance with conventional alternatives. By the end of the session, attendees will gain a deeper appreciation for the benefits of organic agriculture and how supporting Bio-Districts contributes to both healthier food choices and sustainable regional development.

Moderators/Presenters: Te-Chun Chen, Giacomo Packer, Su-Hua Chang, Serena Cilento, Edmondo Soffritti, Nadia Ntaconayigiz.

Tue 3 Dec 2024, 15:15-16:45, Room Z502, Workshop Bio-Districts in the Mediterranean Regions - Social impacts

Track 1: Organic Culture and Lifestyle

This session explores the social impacts of Bio-Districts, focusing on how organic agriculture can drive community development and social well-being. Using real-world case studies from Mediterranean regions like the Cilento Bio-District (Italy) and Ecoterritorio Palma de Mallorca (Spain), the session will highlight how Bio-District initiatives promote rural vitality, gender empowerment, and cultural preservation. Participants will engage with both theoretical frameworks and practical examples, learning how to apply these insights to foster social cohesion, circular economies, and sustainable social change in their own communities. Through discussions and Q&A, attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of how Bio-Districts can contribute to vibrant, sustainable communities.

Moderators/Presenters: Giacomo Packer, Te-Chun Chen, Aina Calafat Rogers, Serena Cilento, Edmondo Soffritti.