



## Pre-Conference on Animal Husbandry at the 19th Organic World Congress in India

### Role of Livestock in Sustainable Agriculture

*Bringing together researchers, farmers, academics, advisors and development professionals to exchange information and experiences on managing livestock in an organic way.*

Linked to the 19th Organic World Congress (OWC), to be held in India from 9 to 11 November 2017 the Conference builds on previous conferences on Organic Animal Husbandry, organized by the IFOAM Animal Husbandry Alliance (IAHA).

**Venue:** National Centre of Organic Farming, Ghaziabad, India (close to New Delhi),  
Website: [www.ncof.dacnet.nic.in](http://www.ncof.dacnet.nic.in)

**Dates:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

6th November 2017 Workshop: A glimpse into the world of medicinal plants and Ayurveda in animal care





## About the conference

The Pre-Conference will highlight the role of livestock in sustainable agriculture, with an emphasis on organic livestock rearing globally. It will focus on the main challenges under different themes, taking into account the diversity of organic and sustainable animal husbandry systems.

The Pre-Conference will have keynote speakers & plenary sessions, technical & scientific sessions, exhibitions & displays as well as stalls for different products of livestock origin. There will be sessions for practitioners and farmers too.

Recommendations emerging from the different thematic sessions will be presented at the Organic World Congress (OWC 2017) in a workshop.

The Pre-Conference will offer field trips prior to the conference.

Different workshops are foreseen, some with practical activities:

**Workshop 1:** A Glimpse into the world of medicinal plants and Ayurveda in animal care (day before Pre-Conference);

**Workshop 2:** Sustainable grazing and the importance of animals for biodiversity, soil fertility and the climate (during Pre-Conference).

More information is available on the IAHA website:

<http://www.ifoam.bio/en/sector-platforms/iaha-animal-husbandry-alliance>  
and the OFAI website <http://ofai.org>



## Conference themes

- 1. Organic livestock rearing:** System approach, conversion issues, importance for the future, regulatory challenges.
- 2. Appropriate breeding:** Breeding strategies and techniques including the role of local breeds and knowledge and methods.
- 3. Animal health:** Therapeutic use of bioactive and medicinal plants, alternative therapeutics (homeopathy, ayurveda, acupuncture), importance of healthy soils and feed, alternatives to antibiotics and synthetic anti-parasitics, etc.
- 4. Animal welfare:** Strategies and experiences with animal-friendly grazing and stable systems, outcome-oriented animal welfare assurance systems, transport and slaughter, etc.
- 5. Feeding:** Developing sustainable and climate friendly systems for ruminants and non-ruminants. Developing diets for ruminants using locally sourced roughages and supplements.
- 6. Organic livestock products:** Enhancing product quality through improved feeding, careful processing and marketing strategies and consumer issues
- 7. Cross-cutting issues:** Research and development needs for organic livestock rearing, support mechanisms including policy initiatives, education and training support.







# Proposed Program

## Role of livestock in sustainable agriculture

	Morning I 9.00-10.30 h	Morning II 11.00-12.30 h	Afternoon I 14.00-15.30 h	Afternoon II 16.00-17.30 h	Evening 18.30 h onwards
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Exposure visits, Field trips. Details available below				
6 November 2017	Arrival and registration	Workshop 1; A Glimpse into the world of Medicinal Plants and Ayurveda in animal care			IAHA meeting
7 November 2017	Plenary session, Welcome and Key note address	Parallel Thematic sessions  Followed by a Poster session	Parallel Thematic sessions	Workshop 2: Sustainable grazing and the importance of animals for biodiversity, soil fertility and the climate.  Parallel thematic session	Farm tour trip and meal
8 November 2017	Plenary session : Key note address	Parallel thematic sessions	Group work to work on recommendations	Plenary session summing up with conclusions and recommendations for the OWC	Registration OWC 2017

Look out for more updates as the conference date approaches



## Papers and Posters

More than 40 contributions have been accepted either for oral presentation in the different sessions or for presentation as a poster. These will be compiled into a compendium.

## Registration & Registration fee

Registration is now open. Please click here  
[registrationservice.fibl.org/event/role-of-livestock](http://registrationservice.fibl.org/event/role-of-livestock)

Participation is free for those registered for the main conference, the Organic World Congress 2017. Registration details for OWC can be found on the OFAI website.  
[owc.ifoam.bio/2017](http://owc.ifoam.bio/2017)

A registration fee of 50 US Dollars or 3000 Indian Rupees will be charged on site for participants who attend only the Pre- Conference.

Additionally the cost for food and beverage at the conference is 40 US Dollars or 2500 Rupees.

Costs for the practical workshop on Medicinal Plants on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 : 20 US Dollars or 1250 Rupees.

### Accommodation :

Several options are available. Please select your option on the registration form. We will try to match your request.

For any queries contact the organization committee.

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## Important dates:

Full papers received and forwarded to reviewers	10th of May 2017
Final papers reviewed and confirmation	End of May 2017
Registration for Conference	July 2017
Information package for participants	End of September 2017
Registration for Workshops	October 2017
Excursions before the Pre-Conference	2-5 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Practical Workshop : A Glimpse into the world of Medicinal Plants and Ayurveda in animal care	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Conference	7-8 November 2017
Main IFOAM Organic World Congress 2017	9-11 November 2017





## Field Trips

As part of the Conference, trips are being organised to see different livestock production systems in India such as camel & buffalo production systems, centres of veterinary ayurveda & phytotherapy and organic farms.

### Option A : 4 day Field trip: Udaipur Ranakpur Kumbhalgarh

A trip to view some of the best of India. Wildlife , history, culture , crafts medicinal plants , camel herders, and more

Day		Sights to be seen
1 2nd Nov,2017	Leave Delhi by air for Udaipur	Medicinal plants / natural beauty
2 3rd Nov,2017	Ranakpur and Kumbhalgarh	Wildlife sanctuary
3 4th Nov,2017	Travel to Sadri	Camel production systems / Marwar Camel festival
4	Drive to Jodhpur	History and culture
5	Return to Delhi	Overnight train reaching 6 <sup>th</sup> early morning

Approximate costs: Rupees 35,000 /- around 575 USD

### Option B 2 day trip to The Himalayas

Day	Places	Sights to be seen
1	Leave Delhi early morning by train for Haradwar	Natural beauty , The Himalayas a glimpse of the River Ganga
2	Leave Haradwar for Delhi	A visit to the Rajaji National park early morning or river rapelling . late aftrenoon return to Delhi

Approximately Rs 12,000 or 250 USD



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