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2017 – 2020 ISO FAR Board Report

1 Introduction

This report documents ISO FAR activities between 2017 and 2021 (June). Based on the ISO FAR Statutes, a General Assembly is to be held at least every three years, and one was planned for the end of the 2017-2020 term to take place on September 13, 2020, in conjunction with the Organic World Congress 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic ISO FAR members have elected to postpone the next General Assembly until September 2021 in Rennes, France (voting took place through a survey in June 2020). Despite the postponement of the General Assembly, the ISO FAR board committed to preparing a report for the standard three-year term (2017-2020) to share with ISO FAR members in 2020.

During the 2017-2021 term, the board met twice a year: once in person and once virtually. In-person meetings took place in Delhi, India (2017); Capri, Italy (2018); and Marrakesh, Morocco (2019). The board meeting minutes can be found on the website in the member area (<http://www.isofar.online/Member-area/Minutes-of-meetings/>).

The 2017-2020 report has been discussed with the members virtually in January 2021. The report has been extended for the period of 2021 January – June (e.g., finances).

2 Board Membership

At the last General Assembly on the 8th of November 2017, the following ISO FAR members were elected for the Board for the term 2017 – 2020 (2021):

1. Gerold Rahmann, Germany (president)
2. Reza Ardakani, Iran (vice president)
3. Anne-Kristin Løes, Norway(treasurer)
4. Daniel Neuhoff, Germany
5. Raffaele Zanoli, Italy
6. Victor Olowe, Nigeria

7. Jessica Shade, USA
8. Stefano Canali, Italy
9. Mahesh Chander, India
10. Khalid Azim, Morocco
11. Khaled Sassi, Tunisia
12. Jaako Nuutila, Finland (resigned in 2019)
13. Ewa Rembialkowska, Poland (co-opted)

The board has worked on behalf of the members and conform to the statutes of ISOFAR.

3 Board Activities

The volunteer working Board members have supported ISOFAR in

1. Organizing events, including acquiring financial support
2. Preparing newsletters for members
3. Developing our scientific, peer-reviewed journal, Organic Agriculture (published by Springer)
4. Representing ISOFAR in international and local events/meetings
5. Creating networks of scientists worldwide
6. Promoting Organic Agricultural research

3.1 Events

We have supported the following conferences and workshops. Click on the links below for additional details on the events:

- 2019: 1st EU-NACOA scientific conference in Marrakesh, Morocco
- 2019: Workshop on "LandLessFood" in Marrakesh, Morocco
- 2018: 4th African Organic Conference in Sally, Senegal
- 2018: GRAB-IT workshop on "Organic farming and agro-ecology as a response to global challenges" in Capri, Italy
- 2017: 5th ISOFAR Science Track at the Organic World Congress in Delhi, India

3.2 Newsletters

Historically, the ISOFAR Board has produced biannual electronic newsletters. In 2017, we moved toward posting ongoing news updates, which we publish continuously on our website. This enables us to provide more current information about organic issues and events. Twice a year we allocate these posts to a news-block, available as a downloadable pdf for those who find a newsletter format more helpful.

3.3 The Journal of Organic Agriculture

The scientific journal *Organic Agriculture* (<https://www.springer.com/journal/13165>) is one of the main ISO FAR products. We updated the journal aims and scope in 2017 to allow for the discussion of new concepts, expand the focus to other product chain research (farm-to-fork) and add new editors and reviewers. The journal has a good reputation, with an increased number of submissions, downloads and citation impact (>1 cite score). Additionally, in 2019 Springer applied for a Clarivate Analytics (former ISI) impact factor. We have created an ORGA board in ISO FAR to support the editor-in-chief in the communication with Springer publisher and the development of the Journal.

3.4 Other Activities

In addition to working collectively to achieve organizational goals, Board Members have individually contributed to multiple aspects of the organization.

3.4.1 Gerold Rahmann, Germany (ISO FAR Board President)

- a. Dr. Rahmann represented ISO FAR at multiple events and a broad array of networks worldwide including Fiji, Indonesia, Turkmenistan, USA, Namibia, and the EU, among others. This build mutual trust and laid the groundwork for future collaborations between ISO FAR and other organizations.
- b. Dr. Rahmann also acted as a liaison for Organic Agricultural Research, incorporating it into the global Organic Movement as board member of IFOAM – Organic International. Collaboratively, ISO FAR and IFOAM will help develop the next Organic Expo in South Korea, 2022. ISO FAR will be responsible for the scientific component.
- c. Dr. Rahmann helped to initiate the “Knowledge Centres of Organic Agriculture” in Africa (German funding was 20 million Euro from 2019-2025), and has advised the German ministry of International cooperation in this project since 2017. Five hubs have been/will be implemented in Uganda (East), Senegal, Zambia, Egypt, and Cameroon. This will significantly improve organic agricultural research in Africa in the next decade.
- d. As the editor-in-chief of the journal *Organic Agriculture*, Dr. Rahmann carries much of the weight for the development and success of the journal.

3.4.2 Reza Ardakani, Iran (ISO FAR Board Vice President)

- a. Dr. Ardakani’s primary responsibilities include attending and participating in ISO FAR Board meetings, staying informed about the ISO FAR’s mission, services, policies, and programs, reviewing agendas and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings, soliciting and preparing news updates and biannual newsletters (including collecting, editing, and adjusting news submissions), and coordinating the website.
- b. He participated in ISO FAR Board meeting as well as contribution in the 2nd International GRAB-IT workshop “Organic farming and agroecology as a response to global challenges”, June 27-29, 2018, Capri- Italy.
- c. Dr. Ardakani also represented ISO FAR at multiple events, including as an invited speaker at the following events:
 - *Capacity Building: Science, Academia & Society*. The 2nd Organic Asia Congress. May 19- 21, 2017, Xichong County, Nanchong City, Sichuan Province - China.
 - The 3rd ALGOA Summit, August 31st – September 2nd, 2017, Goesan County - South Korea.
 - “10th Tehran Organic Week Festival”, December 13- 22, 2017, Tehran- Iran.
 - Workshop on Organic Poultry, September 11, 2018, Tehran- Iran.

- Panel of “ Agroecology and Education Program”. The 30th International Horticultural Congress, 12-17 August 2018, Istanbul-Turkey.
- “Application of Smart Organic Agriculture Models and Traceability Systems for Agricultural Products”, October 7 – 11 ,2019, Hanoi- Vietnam.
- d. Dr. Ardakani was the executive manager for the workshop on “Organic Apiculture”, July 4-5. 2017, Tehran-Iran; and the workshop on Organic Aquaculture, May 8-9, 2018, Tehran- Iran. Dr. Ardakani is an Editorial Board Member & Associate Editor & Reviewer for the ISOFAR journal Organic Agriculture.
- e. Dr. Ardakani is a member of the Scientific Committee & Editorial Team for the Proceeding Book “Innovative Research for Organic 3.0”. The 5th ISOFAR Science Track, 19th Organic World Congress, NOV. 9-11, 2017, Delhi- India, and a member of the Scientific Committee: International Conference on Organic Agriculture in the Tropics: State-of-the-Art, Challenges and Opportunities, August 20-24, 2017, Yogyakarta- Indonesia.
- f. He is also an International Advisory Board Member: Organic-PLUS; Pathway to phase-out contentious inputs from organic agriculture in Europe/ Organic – Plus, European Union Horizon 2020 project (2018-2022) comprising 25 partner organizations (universities, NGOs and other research institutions) from 9 EU and 3 non-EU countries, 14-16 June, 2018, University of Padova- Italy.
- g. Finally, Dr. Ardakani is a member of the Scientific Committee: 20th Organic World Congress- ISOFAR Science Track, 2021, Rennes - France.

3.4.3 Anne-Kristin Løes, Norway (treasurer)

1. Dr. Løes participated in several executive board meetings together with the president and vice-president, to prepare meetings for the whole board and discuss urgent issues such as development of the ISOFAR website and how to tackle the postponement of the OWC2020 to 2021.
2. She has been active as Associated editor of Organic Agriculture, reviewed several papers and published several papers in this journal.
3. She participated in the scientific board of the 1st EU-NACOA scientific conference in Marrakesh, Morocco (2019).
4. Dr. Løes has used her network to motivate new candidates to apply for positions in the next world board, with a focus on encouraging women’s engagement, due to a gender disparity in the current board.
5. As the treasurer, she has kept an eye on ISOFAR finances, in collaboration with staff at the Thünen-Institute.
6. The infrastructure for arranging scientific conferences has had a negative development in the Nordic European countries over the last years. Hence, the “NJF-seminars” on organic farming research, which used to be arranged each 4th year and where ISOFAR was co-organizer, have not been maintained. Dr. Løes is committed to identifying opportunities to strengthen the organic agriculture research network in the Northern European countries.

3.4.4 Daniel Neuhoff, Germany

- a. Since January 2019, Dr. Neuhoff has been member of the Scientific Committee for the Organic World Congress Science Forum to be held in Lille in September 2021. Dr.

Neuhoff organized the drafting of the reviewer list and participated in the selection of papers and the development of the tentative programme for the conference. He participated in the physical meetings in Nurembourg (February 2019) and Lille (January 2020) as well as various virtual meetings.

- b. Dr. Neuhoff also participated in the ISOFAR workshop on Landless Food and the ISOFAR Board Meeting, both carried out in Marrakesh in November 2019.
- c. Dr. Neuhoff is also an Associate Editor of the ISOFAR Journal ‘Organic Agriculture’.

3.4.5 Raffaele Zanoli, Italy

- a. Prof Zanoli, as co-founder and President of the oldest Italian network of organic agriculture scientists (GRAB-IT), acted as a liaison between the Italian organic research community and ISOFAR. He has organised the 2nd International GRAB-IT workshop “Organic farming and agroecology as a response to global challenges” (June 27-29, 2018, Capri- Italy) and hosted the ISOFAR in-person board meeting as pre-conference event.
- b. Prof Zanoli is highly involved in the EU organic research strategy setting, as Member of TP Organics’ Advisory Board. TP Organics is the European Technology Platform (ETP) for organic food & farming, uniting large companies, small & medium enterprises, researchers, farmers, consumers and civil society organisations active in the organic value chain from production, input & supply, to food processing, marketing and consumption (www.tporganics.eu) It has been promoted by IFOAM EU group to boost organic research and related funding in Europe.
- c. As Member of the Advisory Board of TP Organics, he has been co-author of the latest Organics’ Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda, the research needs of the organic food system are identified.
- d. He has been facilitator and presenter at TP Organics’ Science Day at Biofach, World’s Leading Trade Fair for Organic Food, on many occasions. In the latest edition (2020), he has presented the newly launched TP Organics’ new Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda for Organics and Agroecology.
- e. He has participated in many Organic Innovations Days, organised annually in December by IFOAM-EU and TP Organics in Brussels.
- f. As member of the Editorial Board for the journal *Organic Agriculture*, Prof. Zanoli assists Dr. Rahmann in the development and success of the journal. Prof. Zanoli has planned and facilitated the ISOFAR workshop “ORGA - Journal of Organic Agriculture: Which editorial strategy for the future”, held in Delhi, where the new Aims and Scope of the journal were laid down. Together with Dr. Rahmann, Prof Zanoli has actively worked with Springer for the Clarivate Analytics Impact Factor application.
- g. Prof Zanoli has participated, with accepted oral presentations, in all OWC Science Track conferences since ISOFAR was founded. He has also participated in many ISOFAR international events such as the Goesan Food Expo and ISOFAR Workshop, held in South Korea in 2015, and in the International Scientific Conference on Research and Innovation in Organic Agriculture, held in Isfahan (Iran) in 2016

3.4.6 Victor Olowe, Nigeria

- a. Dr. Olowe was a member of the Scientific Committee of the 5th ISOFAR Science Track at the Organic World Congress in Delhi, India, 2017.
- b. He also coordinated the production of the Scientific Proceedings of the 4th African Organic Conference, held in Senegal on Nov. 5 – 8, 2018. The Book of Proceedings was sponsored by ISOFAR.

- c. Dr. Olowe contributed the following items to the ISOFAR Newsletter:
 - Issue 24 No. 1, 2017 – Mapping emerging challenges in organic agriculture in Nigeria.
 - Issue 25 No. 2, 2017 – Highlights of 13th Annual Conference of OAPTIN in Nigeria held on Nov. 20-23, 2017.
 - Issue 25 No. 2, 2017 – 4th West African Organic Conference (WAOC) on Ecological and Biological Agriculture held in Bamako, Mali on Dec. 5-6, 2017.
 - Issue 29 No. 4, 2018 – 14th Annual Conference of OAPTIN in Nigeria held on Nov. 25-28, 2018.
 - Issue 29 No. 4, 2018 – 4th African Organic Conference (AOC) held in Senegal on Nov. 5-8, 2018.
 - Issue 30 No. 1, 2019 – Contributed Chapter 19: Improving organic agriculture in the developing world: Africa in Köpke, U. (ed.), Improving organic crop cultivation, Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing, Cambridge, UK (ISBN: 978 1 78676 184 2; www.bdspublishing.com)
 - Issue 31 No. 2, 2019 – 15th Annual OAPTIN Conference in Nigeria held on Nov. 24-28, 2019.
- d. Dr. Olowe participated in the following ISOFAR events:
 - 5th ISOFAR Science Track at the Organic World Congress in Delhi, India, 2017.
 - GRAB-IT workshop on "Organic farming and agro-ecology as a response to global challenges" on Capri, Italy in June, 2018.
 - 4th African Organic Conference in Saly, Senegal on Nov. 5-8, 2018.
 - 1st EU-NACOA (EU/North-African Conference on Organic Agriculture) scientific conference, 11-12 November 2019 in Marrakesh, Morocco.
 - International workshop, "Combining land-based organic and landless food production: concept for a sustainable solution for Africa in 2100", November 14-16, 2019 in Marrakesh, Morocco.
- e. Dr. Olowe is actively involved in the creation of knowledge sub Hub Centre (KCOA) in Nigeria and participated in a sensitization workshop on February 20, 2020 in Nigeria.
- f. Dr. Olowe was able to recruit 15 new ISOFAR members from Nigeria, 1 from Kenya and 1 from Ghana between 2017 and 2020. Most of the old members paid their annual dues during the period under review.

3.4.7 Jessica Shade, USA

- a. Dr. Shade developed a social media strategy for ISOFAR, initiating a Twitter account and updating the platform regularly. Over the last two years our social media outcomes include:
 - 206 Followers
 - 120 Tweets
 - 77,450 Tweet Impressions
 - Over 700 Profile Visits
- b. Dr. Shade was also on the team that developed and updates the new ISOFAR webpage.
- c. Dr. Shade has attended multiple national and international conferences where she helped gain awareness about ISOFAR.
- d. She also brought a new conference partner to ISOFAR, collaborating with the Organic Confluences Conference, an annual event that occurs in the United States, to ensure an ISOFAR speaker.
- e. Dr. Shade is an associate editor for the Journal Organic Agriculture, and has managed 9 submissions in the last two years.

- f. She also attended in-person ISOFAR Board meetings in Italy and Morocco, and participated in the following ISOFAR-organized events:
 - The 2018 GRAB-IT workshop on "Organic farming and agro-ecology as a response to global challenges" in Capri, Italy
 - The 2019 EU-NACOA (EU/North-African Conference on Organic Agriculture) scientific conference in Marrakesh, Morocco.
 - The 2019 International workshop, "Combining land-based organic and landless food production: concept for a sustainable solution for Africa in 2100", in Marrakesh, Morocco.
- g. Dr. Shade represented ISOFAR to the United States scientific community, sending out emails encouraging U.S. membership to researchers in the organic community.
- h. Dr. Shade is also a member of the Scientific Committee: 20th Organic World Congress-ISOFAR Science Track, 2021, Rennes – France, and has reviewed materials for the committee, including a call for papers and reviews of the papers themselves.

3.4.8 Stefano Canali, Italy

- a. Dr. Canali has promoted ISOFAR at several national and international events.
- b. As President of the Italian Network for Organic Food and Farming (RIRAB), he ensures the connection between ISOFAR and the Italian scientific community involved in organic agriculture. The ISOFAR newsletters have regularly been forwarded to the members of the RIRAB and the ISOFAR Tweets are forwarded to the followers of the RIRAB Twitter account (more than 500 followers).
- c. Dr. Canali is an Associate Editor of the journal Organic Agriculture and has managed 5 submissions in the last few years.
- d. He is also a reviewer of the Journal Organic Agriculture, reviewing 9 manuscripts in the last few years.

3.4.9 Mahesh Chander, India

- a. Dr. Chander presented an invited paper at Global Organic Convention-2019, September 15-17, 2019, Nagpur, India which was supported by FiBL among several other Indian organizations. <https://www.basu.org.in/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Global-Organic-Covention-2019.pdf>
- b. He presented invited paper at Regional symposium on “Organic agriculture: Youth engagement and enterprise development”, organized by ICIMOD & Government of Bhutan, 18-20 December, 2019, Paro , Bhutan. <https://www.icimod.org/event/regional-symposium-on-organic-agriculture-youth-engagement-and-enterprise-development/>
- c. He organized and found funding for IAHA Pre-Conference on Organic Animal Husbandry during 7-8 Nov. 2017, linked to the Organic World Congress 2017 of IFOAM in India 9-11 November 2017.
- d. He trained the inspectors of certification bodies like ROCA & Aditi for certification of organic livestock holdings as also the Field Veterinarians of Sikkim state were trained by him on organic animal husbandry. He organized a Collaborative Training Program on Organic Animal Husbandry, in collaboration with MANAGE, 24-31 October 2018 at Division of Extension Education, IVRI, Izatnagar, UP, India, during 24-31 October, 2018
- e. Dr. Chander attended the ISOFAR International workshop, “Combining land-based organic and landless food production: concept for a sustainable solution for Africa in 2100”, November 14-16, 2019 in Marrakesh, Morocco. A paper, Landless animal and

poultry production prospects: an overview on feeding and sustainability with special reference to fruit and vegetable wastes (FVWs) was presented. This is published in ISO FAR Journal, Organic Agriculture. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13165-020-00292-5>

- f. Dr. Chander serves as the Steering Group member of IAHA - Animal Husbandry Alliance, a sector platform of IFOAM
- g. He is also a member of the IFOAM Organic Standards Committee appointed since May 2018.
- h. He is Serving member of Several committees constituted by Indian government for organic Products.
- i. Dr. Chander is an Associate Editor for the journal *Organic Agriculture*. He is also a reviewer of the Journal Organic Agriculture, reviewed 7 manuscripts in the last few years.
- j. He served as the member of Course Curriculum Development Committee constituted by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for the new degree programme being Introduced i.e Master's in Organic Agriculture. Also, he is serving member of National Accreditation Body (NAB) for organic products which is apex body on matters concerned with organic agriculture especially certification in India.
- k. He is serving as Member, International Advisory Board of Organic Plus: EU Horizon 2020 project (2018-22), comprising 25 partner organizations (Universities, NGOs and other research institutions from 9 EU & 3 Non-EU countries). Attended its launch Meeting at University of Padova on June 14-16, 2018. He made a presentation, which is available in Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpyjiRONdKc&list=PLvjHiw2S9PdWjeuLopFvI47N-jrGZpDBf&index=16>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLK92R_q3UI&list=PLvjHiw2S9PdWjeuLopFvI47N-jrGZpDBf&index=10

<https://organicplusnet.files.wordpress.com/2018/12/Organic-PLUS-newsletter-1-Dec-2018.pdf>

3.4.10 Khalid Azim, Morocco

- a. Dr. Azim was a member of the scientific committee of the 5th ISO FAR Science Track at the Organic World Congress in Delhi, India in 2017. He also participated in the oral communication "Recovery of organic tomato residues through vermicomposting for organic vegetable production" (https://www.researchgate.net/publication/342165292_Recovery_of_organic_tomato_residues_through_vermicomposting_for_organic_vegetable_production)
- b. Dr. Azim participated in the world board meeting if ISO FAR in Capri (Italy) and presented a poster at the GRAB-IT workshop on "Organic farming and agro-ecology as a response to global challenges" in Capri, Italy in 2018 titled "Different crop management affects differently soil fertility by long term organic amendment: case study of sandy soil in southwestern of Morocco"
- c. He is a member of the scientific committee of the 4th African Organic Conference in Sally, Senegal (2018) and also presented a talk titled "Composting of tomato wastes and sheep manure: An eco-friendly waste valorisation for enhancing the environmental sustainability in Souss Massa region (Morocco)" (<https://orgprints.org/32792/>)
- d. Dr. Azim was the conference chair of the 1st EU-NACOA (EU/North-African Conference on Organic Agriculture) scientific conference 11-12 November 2019 in Marrakesh, Morocco, where ISO FAR was the main scientific partner of INRA Morocco. He delivered

an oral presentation titled “Effect of organic amendments on soil fertility and the production of organic green bean” and co-authored 3 other oral presentations and 4 posters. He is also the editor of the book of abstracts of the conference (<https://orgprints.org/36867/>).

- e. Dr. Azim also gave an oral presentation at the Workshop on "LandLessFood" in Marrakesh, Morocco. Oral presentation: “Optimization of solid phosphate sludge composting by integration of horticultural waste” published in Organic Agriculture Journal (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs13165-020-00302-6>).

3.4.11 Khaled Sassi, Tunisia

- a. Dr. Sassi participated in the 1st EU/North-African Conference on Organic Agriculture (EU-NOCOA), Marrakech (Morocco), by an oral presentation “Organic Agriculture Development in Tunisia : 20 years of experience” (10-13 November 2019).
- b. He also participated in the workshop for preparation and issuance of the Arab Guide for Organic Agricultural Technologies, Republic of Sudan, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development. December 08-12, 2019 & February 02-06, 2020.
- c. He was invited by the IFOAM Academy to serve as a trainer in the Organic Leadership Course of the OM4D project in Togo (September 02-04, 2019).
- d. He was also invited by a City of Sciences(Tunis) to a Seminar to participate by an oral presentation "Composting and recycling of organic waste". World Earth Day(April 22, 2018).
- e. Dr. Sassi regularly served as reviewer at the International Canadian Journal “Sustainable Agriculture Research” (ISSN 1927-050X).
- f. He has promoted ISO FAR at multiple national and international conferences.
- g. As a General Manager of the Technical Center of Organic Agriculture (CTAB), Dr. Sassi organized several organic meetings in all regions of Tunisia (information days, training sessions, installation of research trials among farmers, etc.).
- h. As a CTAB Coordinator of the International Project (NAOKH)"North Africa Organic Knowledge Hub" (2020-2022), he is actively involved in the creation of knowledge sub Hub Centre (KCOA) in Tunisia.
- i. As a Coordinator of the International Project (PEER-USA)" Developing organic soil management technologies to enhance carbon capture, climate adaptability and sustainability of smallholder farms in Tunisia" at the National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia (2018-2020), Dr. Sassi organized 3 information days in 3 regions in Tunisia to disseminate to organic farmers the research achievements of the project.

3.4.12 Jaako Nuutila, Finland (resigned in 2019)

Resigned as board member in 2019

3.4.13 Ewa Rembialkowska, Poland (co-opted)

- a. Dr. Rembialkowska has participated in several international conferences on organic / sustainable food and farming in last few years (Belgium, Austria, Netherlands, Estonia, Lithuania, Sweden, Italy, India, Morocco) and has represented ISO FAR in these places.
- b. She is a member of the steering committee of OFSP (Organic Food System Program) which is endorsed as one of 8 core initiatives of UN-10YFP Sustainable Food System Programme. The OFSP has 8 deliverables and together with prof. Susanne Bügel from Copenhagen University, Denmark, they are responsible for

the deliverable of diversity of training and education tools (text book and handbook materials, website, e-learning) for different target groups (stakeholders, consumers, schools, public, policy makers etc.).<https://organicfoodsystem.net/the-ofsp-programme/>.

- c. Dr. Rembialkowska is a member of the Science Board for OWC 2021 in France, Rennes. She has prepared several reviews of the abstracts and full papers submitted to the Science Forum.
- d. She is also leading an association, Forum of Organic Agriculture named M. Górný in Poland (<http://forumrolnictwaekologicznego.pl/>), which is a platform for exchanging information and opinions in the organic farming sector. The Forum RE works intensively with at least 2 meetings each year. The result of the RE Forum is the consolidation of the stakeholders dealing with organic farming in Poland, the formulation of official positions on important issues for the country, such as the development of agricultural policy, GMOs and directing these positions to decision-makers. In addition, an important result of the Forum RE is the exchange and dissemination of the results of current scientific research in the field of organic farming, as well as practical aspects of the implementation of legislation.
- e. Dr. Rembialkowska is an Associate Editor of the journal Organic Agriculture. She has conducted 9 cases of manuscripts in the last few years.
<https://www.springer.com/journal/13165/editors/>

4 Headquarters

4.1 Offices

ISO FAR has a volunteer office which helps organize ISO FAR activities and shares the critical workload of the board members. The official headquarters of ISO FAR is in Germany, at the Thünen-Institute, where president Gerold Rahmann is the director. This allows ISO FAR to have a postal address for bank and legal issues.

4.2 Website

ICROFS (Denmark) has generously supported ISO FAR in hosting our web and conducting webmaster work free of charge. However, the ISO FAR website had become out of date and several components (such as dues payment) were no longer functional. Due to overload in ICROFS staff's workload and the need for flexibility in the management of the website, the ISO FAR board developed a committee to use a low-cost platform that allows for use of free templates and simple management. The new website is viewable at www.isofar.online, where members can find all ISO FAR documents and information, with the additional benefit of a translation function from Google Chrome into many languages. This will make the website work, management, and updates much easier for the future. The new email is for all requests and communication isofar@isofar.online.



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4.3 Financial report 2017 – 2020 (planed, result)

| plan/result | intermediate (31.8.) | plan (GA 2017) | result (tax claim) | plan (GA 2017) | result (tax claim) | plan (GA 2017) | result (tax claim) | plan (GA 2017) | result (before tax claim) | plan (no plan 2017, CoVid19) | result (June) | |
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| year | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2018 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019 | 2020 | 2020 | 2021 | 2021 | |
| Members (paid) | 240 | 300 | 263 | 300 | 150 | 300 | 146 | 300 | 141 | 300 | 19 | |
| Income | 5,381 € | 6,000 € | 7,268 € | 6,000 € | 5,220 € | 6,000 € | 4,988 € | 6,000 € | 22,675 € | 10,000 € | 8,955 € | |
| per member: | 22 € | 20 € | 28 € | 20 € | 35 € | 20 € | 34 € | 20 € | 161 € | 33 € | 471 € | |
| Fee | 5,381 € | 6,000 € | 7,268 € | 6,000 € | 5,220 € | 6,000 € | 4,988 € | 6,000 € | 5,062 € | 5,000 € | 240 € | |
| others | - € | | - € | | - € | | - € | | 17,613 € | 5,000 € | 8,715 € | |
| Expenditures | 1,800 € | 13,300 € | 12,029 € | 11,800 € | 11,601 € | 11,800 € | 10,994 € | 13,300 € | 7,147 € | 15,100 € | 129 € | |
| per member: | 8 € | 44 € | 46 € | 39 € | 77 € | 39 € | 75 € | 44 € | 51 € | 50 € | 7 € | |
| Conference support | 1,500 € | 4,000 € | 2,989 € | 2,500 € | 2,559 € | 2,500 € | 2,293 € | 4,000 € | - € | 4,000 € | - € | |
| PayPal | | | 127 € | | 62 € | | 62 € | | 94 € | | 13 € | |
| Bank account costs | | | 120 € | | 161 € | | 36 € | | 39 € | | 22 € | |
| Tax claim costs | | 600 € | 527 € | 600 € | 690 € | 600 € | 857 € | 600 € | 607 € | 600 € | - € | |
| other costs | | | 686 € | | - € | | 236 € | - € | - € | - € | 95 € | |
| ORGA | | 7,500 € | 7,140 € | 7,500 € | 7,140 € | 7,500 € | 7,140 € | 7,500 € | 6,300 € | 7,500 € | - € | |
| Promotion/headquarter | 300 € | 1,200 € | 303 € | 1,200 € | | 1,200 € | 177 € | 1,200 € | 107 € | 3,000 € | - € | |
| Board meetings | | | 138 € | | 989 € | | 192 € | | - € | | - € | |
| Money: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank accounts 1.1.: | 41,830 € | 41,830 € | 41,830 € | 34,530 € | 37,600 € | 28,730 € | 30,711 € | 22,930 € | 22,938 € | 15,630 € | 39,073 € | |
| Bank accounts 31.12.: | 45,411 € | 34,530 € | 37,600 € | 28,730 € | 30,711 € | 22,930 € | 22,938 € | 15,630 € | 39,073 € | 10,530 € | 47,752 € | |
| Diff 1.1.-31.12./30.06. | 3,581 € | - | 7,300 € | - | 4,229 € | - | 5,800 € | - | 6,889 € | - | 5,100 € | 8,679 € |



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Financial Summary:

ISO FAR is “healthy” but not “wealthy”.

The income and spendings are in balance: in November 2017 (GA ISO FAR, new term of the board) we had 34,530 Euro, in June 2021 the account had 47,752 Euro.

The year 2020 and 2021 were low in costs, because there were no events to be sponsored.

The main annual changes are mainly due to the payments of royalties of Springer (10% of the turnover of papers of the Journal of Organic Agriculture). In 2020 and 2021 we received the money for the period of 2015 to 2020.

The Journal is not only a source of income, it also cost us money. The annual costs are similar to the income (roughly 7000 Euro a year). Other costs are the support of events. The board does decide, which event is supported. Usually, two per year with 2500 Euro each, is the sponsoring. Other regular costs are the tax claim report (600 – 1000 Euro / year).

The headquarter and the work of the board is free of costs. Only bank account costs, licences for software, websites and technical equipment are paid.