International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems

who we are and what we do

ICROFS coordinates and facilitates user-oriented, high quality research in organic agriculture and food systems at national as well as international level. Our vision is that the principles of organic agriculture become a global reference for sustainability in agriculture and food systems based on research and adaptive management.

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aims at improving and increasing research in organic agriculture. How do we do that?

We lobby for the inclusion of topics of importance to the organic sector in research and development, policies and strategies. We support information flow, dissemination and access to publications.
International activities
ICROFS coordinates and participates in international research activities and research networks. ICROFS also collaborates with various international research institutions on joint seminars, conferences etc. ICROFS also actively contributes to the development of international strategic research agendas, for example through TP Organics, ISOFAR and IFOAM.

Information and publication activities
ICROFS ensures dissemination and sharing of information vital for the development of the organic sector. We publish a broad range of information materials both in print and online. You will find our analyses, reports, books and leaflets at our webpage www.icrofs.org, where you can also sign up for the ICROFS newsletters. If you have material or information on relevant research that you would like us to help disseminate to a wider audience, do not hesitate to contact us. We also organise and participate in workshops and events to strengthen the network between organic research environments and the users in politics and industry.

Organisation
ICROFS was founded by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark. ICROFS is headed by a board of directors with representatives from Danish universities and organisations.

Danish research
The current programme in Danish organic research is Organic RDD, which is coordinated by ICROFS. It presently consists of 22 projects with a total budget of €16 million, and most projects will run till the end of 2018. ICROFS also coordinates or participates in research based projects funded by private or other public funds, e.g. the research project Deep Frontier which is investigating the importance of deep roots in organic cultivation systems.
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European Research
ICROFS has a long track record regarding participation in EU Framework Programme research projects. We coordinate among others the transnational research programme for organic food and farming, CORE Organic. The collaboration is funded by the European Commission, and the research initiated is funded by the national ministries. So far, 23 research projects have been initiated with a total budget of € 24 million. Find out more at: http://projects.au.dk/coreorganiccofund/
ICROFS also participates in EU projects such as OK-Net Arable and OK-Net Feed - projects that gather and disseminated user-oriented knowledge. In other types of projects ICROFS coordinate dissemination and communication of progress and results.

Organic Eprints – our open access archive
ICROFS administers Organic Eprints, which is the largest existing repository specialized in organic food and agriculture. The archive presently contains more than 20,000 publications from all around the world. We encourage you to upload any relevant research documents to Organic Eprints, and we are pleased to help in this process. Organic Eprints is the back bone of a new online platform on organic crop production for European farmers: http://farmknowledge.org/