



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

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Campus of the National Agrarian University La Molina

Lima, Peru



Second Call

The International and National Organizing Committees announce the *V Latin American and Caribbean Meeting of producers, experimenters and researchers in organic agriculture* and the *V Fair of the Latin American and Caribbean Organic Producer*. In the International Year of Biodiversity, the event this year is dedicated to enhance the contribution that ecological agriculture delivers to climate change mitigation and adaptation, for promotion of agricultural biodiversity, improved water and soil management and, in general, for food sovereignty, rural development and living rural areas.

The meeting and fair is intended to be a space for dissemination, reflection and exchange among the diverse stakeholders of the organic food chain, highlighting the on-field trials carried out by farmers' families, their organizations as well as the results and actions carried out by research centers, companies and several institutions either public or private. It is also meant to connect Latin American and Caribbean stakeholders with the last developments in ecological agriculture practice and promotion in Peru among which are gastronomy linked to organic smallholders' organizations, participatory guarantee systems and local fairs, as well as use and conservation of genetic resources.

The Agroecological Consortium of Peru has created the national organizing commission headed by the National Association of Ecological Producers (ANPE), where also participates the Peruvian Government represented by the Ministries of Agriculture and Environment as well as the **National Agrarian University La Molina UNALM**.

The V Meeting and V Fair will be carried out in previous days of the Gastronomic Fair of Latin America, Mistura Fair, expecting to celebrate the alliance among small farmers and cooks.

The Meetings and Fairs have their origin in year 2003, with the organization of the Central American Meeting in Costa Rica. After that, similar events were held in Cuba (2004) and Mexico (2005). The first Latin American meeting was held in Nicaragua (2006), followed by Guatemala (2007), Bolivia (2008) and El Salvador (2009), having being involved several organizations from Latin America and Europe (Switzerland).

OBJECTIVES

To foster ecological agriculture as a strategy to improve environmentally sound life quality, through the exchange of experiences between producers and researchers and other agroecological stakeholders from Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as to bring closer Latin American small farming to the citizens of Lima city:

1. To gather and document experiences and promote exchange in Latin America and the Caribbean in issues related to production, processing, trading and research of organic products.
2. To analyze reality, expectations, and trends in organic production in Latin American countries within the environmental context and global economic policies.

3. To strengthen research and knowledge exchange in ecological agriculture and rural development, as well as methodologies for promotion.
4. To disseminate achievements in family agriculture promotion and rural cultures, as well as territorial development, quality seals, fair trade, intellectual property and other mechanisms.
5. To analyze national and international institutional support on research and promotion of organic production and related public policies.
6. To foster dialogue among agroecological networks such as MAELA, GALCI, INOFO, SOCLA, RAPAL; international organizations such as IFOAM, FAO, IICA, Andean Community of Nations; donor agencies and organizations for development such as HIVOS, SECO, ICCO, COSUDE; and other like-minded organizations of several sectors such as bio-commerce, gastronomy, ecotourism, and fair trade.

ACTIVITIES

1. Academic Activities

The Latin American and Caribbean Meeting of Ecological Agriculture is organizing several keynote speeches which will open a series of parallel meetings for reflection and dialogue. The main activities will be:

- Keynote speeches
- Oral presentations of experiences among farmers
- Research sessions
- Thematic work groups
- Forums and workshops
- Posters sessions
- Field visits, previous and after the event

2. Field Visits

The event includes field visits from the 8th to the 9th of September of 2010. Limited vacancies will be given for each option in order to guarantee an appropriate number of participants. See options for itineraries.

3. V Latin American and Caribbean Fair

The Fair will be organized at the UNALM. It includes sales of national and international organic and fair trade products; Business and Biocommerce roundtables; Fair of Knowledge; Exhibition of Seeds in charge of the national agrobiodiversity guardians and tasting.

4. Gastronomic Fair and Big Market

Next to the dates of the Meeting, it will be held in Lima, the Gastronomic Fair Mistura organized by the Peruvian Society of Gastronomy (APEGA) and this year they will celebrate the Alliance between small farmers and cooks to promote conservation and wise use of biodiversity for poverty alleviation. This Fair has planned a Big Market of Products where organized farmers of ANPE Peru will participate to highlight ecological agriculture contribution to gastronomy and quality food. Further details: www.apega.com.pe

5. Tourism

Touristic activities will be coordinated accordingly to the request participants can make. An organizing committee will provide assistance to those who want to explore the natural and cultural wonders of Peru, a megadiverse country. Further information, please visit PROMPERU's web site: <http://peru.info>

TOPICS

The V Meeting has the objective to analyze the diverse key aspects for the future of agroecology and ecological agriculture in Latin America and the Caribbean, which have been organized in three central themes.

Contributions for the Meeting should be related but not limited to these themes. Upon request of the participants, the organizing committee will evaluate suggestions of other themes.

FIRST DAY:

There will be three keynote speeches in the first day followed by a panel to discuss and analyze. In these panels, organic farmers and professional experts will participate. The issues developed in the keynote speeches and the panels, will bring elements for further discussion on the following days.

- Keynote speech 1:** Agro biodiversity, climate change and food sovereignty
Keynote speech 2: Promotion of ecological agriculture
Keynote speech 3: Organic / Ecological Production and Market Access
Keynote speech 4: International technical cooperation perspective for capacity building of family ecological agriculture in the region.

SECOND DAY:

The second day will be very active as producers and researchers will split in working groups to make oral presentations of their experiences and dialogue with participants. The debate of the second day will be the main input for the conclusions of the event as well as for the Declaration of Lima, to be signed at the closure of the event. Working groups will be organized by themes of the day before conferences and panels. Upon request, participants or themes can be organized in sub-groups. The fair will be officially opened in this day.

Working group 1: Agro biodiversity, climate change and food sovereignty

- **Role of ecological agriculture regarding climate change:** water, agroforestry, recycling, organic matter management, productive diversification, environmental services, clean energies.
- **Local seeds conservation and exchange for ecological production,** intellectual property, seed banks, GMOs.
- **Organic or ecological production:** Technologies; transition; traditional systems; wild products collection; agricultural, livestock, forestry and aquaculture integration.
- **Knowledge management for agricultural innovation:** local knowledge and new Technologies; experiences and evaluation of farmer to farmer methodology; participatory methodologies for research-action, kamayoq, yachachiq; systematization, analysis and use of information.

Working group 2: Promotion of ecological agriculture

- **Organization and institution-building for family agriculture:** farmers' organizations, associativity, innovations in local and international work of Networks; Business development related to ecological agriculture and agrobiodiversity; small farmers groups' advocacy successful experiences.
- **Implemented promotion policies for ecological agriculture:** legal framework and norms, public-private articulation; experiences of competent authorities on organic production; appropriate funding, credit and insurance for ecological agriculture; decentralization and investment in infrastructure for ecological agriculture.

Working group 3: Organic/ecological production and Market Access

- **Local Market and Export Markets,** seeking for the balance; relation between organic agriculture and other quality seals; traceability, guarantee, fraud prevention.
- **Certification and Guarantee Systems:** third party certification, participatory guarantee systems (PGS), consumers' trust; Group certification of small farmers, beyond the market; internal control system.
- **Value chains and sustainable use of biodiversity:** organic products processing and quality and fair trade, food safety; market trends; bio-commerce; women in organic value chains and fair trade; beyond agriculture: agro ecotourism, environmental services, forestry.
- **Contribution of gastronomy to visualize small farming:** valorization of agro biodiversity from the gastronomy sector; alliances with cooks and producers.

THIRD DAY:

Participants will visit the fair during this day, some group discussions initiated the day before will continue and conclusions are prepared to be presented in final plenary session. Conclusions of each working group are shared in plenary session. The Assembly takes the necessary agreements for the next venue and themes to be developed in the next meeting, and the Declaration of Lima is read.

Parallel to this, specific groups can take the opportunity to gather to make coordinations and analyze specific aspects of their work. Groups that already have requested time and space for their meetings, are:

- Foro Latinoamericano de Sistemas Participativos de Garantía (SPG).
- Foro Gastronomía y Turismo Responsable.
- GALCI, Grupo de América Latina y el Caribe de IFOAM.
- INOFO (Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers Organizations), red de organizaciones de productores ecológicos promovida por IFOAM, abierto a las organizaciones de productores orgánicos.
- MAELA, Movimiento Agroecológico de América Latina y el Caribe
- PROLINNOVA-Andes
- Conclusions of plenary work

FIELD VISITS

1.- Three different itineraries are offered.

- ✓ **Valle de Lurín:** farmers' fields of peri-urban ecological agriculture and Bio Agricultura Casa Blanca.
- ✓ **Valle de Mala:** organic farmers' fields of Bio fruit, Manantial and Instituto Huayuna.
- ✓ **Santa Rosa de Quives-Valle del Chillón:** Agroecological farm HECOSAN

2. Pre and Post Event Optional field trips will be coordinated by the Organizing Committee upon request.

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting is intended to gather a wide diversity of stakeholders of the agroecological movement in Latin America and the Caribbean, highlighting the presence of farmers and experimenters. Organizers are seeking funds for financial support addressed to small farmers and promoters of ecological agriculture from the region.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Technical details to submit contributions to the V Meeting and V Fair will be disseminated in a second call. An international commission to evaluate contributions will be in charge to make a selection for the different categories for the meeting and fair.

Important dates and deadlines:

- First Call: February
- Second call: May
- Deadline to submit contributions: July 31st, 2010
- Communication of acceptance: August 20th, 2010
- Third call and program: late August

VENUE and LANGUAGE

The event will be carried out at the National Agrarian University La Molina (UNALM), located 45 minutes from the main accommodation areas in Lima city, Peru.

Web page: www.lamolina.edu.pe

The official language of the meeting is Spanish although it will be accepted contributions in English. The meeting will try to offer simultaneous translation in case there are oral presentations in English or other languages.

ORGANIZERS

National Committee: comprised by:

Agroecological Consortium of Peru: comprised by Asociación Nacional de Productores Ecológicos (ANPE), Asociación Peruana de Consumidores y Usuarios (ASPEC), Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina (UNALM); Coordinadora Rural del Perú (COORU), Red de Acción en Agricultura Alternativa (RAAA), Red de Agricultura Ecológica (RAE), SlowFood Perú; Grupo Ecológica Perú.



Public Sector: Ministry of Agriculture (MINAG); Ministry of Environment (MINAM).

International Committee:

Comprised by selected organizations of each host country of previous meetings:

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The event has the support of the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) and its Latin American members organized in GALCI (Grupo de America Latina y el Caribe de IFOAM).

Registration and complete information of the meetings and parallel events, available at ANPE's web site www.anpeperu.org

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