Organic agriculture in marginal lands and environmental respect

“Badlands are not so bad “ - “I calanchi non sono così male”

Seven days of Organic Agriculture
September 2-9 2009
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING AND ITS MAIN ISSUES

The initiative promoted by the Regional Reserve of the Calanchis of Atri (together with E.N.O.A.S. - European Network of Organic Agriculture Students and AVALON) will treat organic agriculture in marginal lands respecting the environment. Among students, technicians and workers, a series of meetings over biological agriculture will be directly linked to the farm.

Past ENOAS Meetings include the following:

2003 - Germany - University of Kassel – Witzenhausen - «Agricultural Transformation»

2004 – Italy - University of Ancona - Quality of the food in the Italian biological production.

2005 - Poland - Agriculture University of Warsaw - biological agriculture in Poland, the example from the farm to the dish «Organic farming in Poland as example of organic farming in EEC countries-from farm to plate»

2006 – Hungary - Relationships between biological Agriculture and protection of the nature «relation between organic Agriculture and nature’s protection»

2007 - Holland – There are organizations on a big and small scale able to have space in an particular country with a high energy requirement «How small scale and large scale organisations can all have their place in an expensive, full, intensive, rational and humid country»

2008 – Greece - Biological Agriculture and maintenance of the terrestrial and sea ecosystems - Organic Agriculture and Conservation of Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems

As previewed in the subtitle, agriculture in marginal lands will be the main focus, a long consequence of anthropic activity already addressed by many economists like Thomas Robert Malthus (inspirer of the well known J.M. Keynes and D. Ricardo).

Reserve of “Calanchi di Atri” wants to improve the representation of our region, Abruzzo, rich of agricultural traditions updated in a continuous evolving market.

In conclusion this meeting will be a concrete opportunity to learn something more about our organic products and a chance to discover great natural and historical wonders.

The theme Sustainable growth in the marginal lands will be explained through meetings over European examples of biological legislation and techniques, stressing the importance of cooperations between producers. The Reserve of the Calanchi will represent Abruzzo and Italy in an European market continuously evolving, in this way farms and operators will have a concrete opportunity to discover new techniques and market channels. During the week farms taking part to the event will expose to sell their own products in the beautiful garden of the Ducal Stables of our Town (we’ve still to chose the day as to be more secure about weather, the day will be decided 10days before the meeting).

The meeting will be sponsored by Avalon, an international not for profit organisation, established in 1991 in the Netherlands and active in the field of organic agriculture and
sustainable rural development. Avalon supports rural communities in the Central and Eastern European region and beyond in building sustainable rural societies, thus strengthening nature and the environment, social conditions and the local economy. In cooperation with local organisations, governments, universities and associated experts Avalon has activated a wide range of projects on the cutting edge of organic agriculture and nature conservation, always in close cooperation with local partners.

Over the years Avalon’s activities contributed to the promotion and strengthening of organic farming, agri-environmental policy and market development in more than twenty five countries. Another result is the establishment of a vast network of over 120 actors in the field of organic agriculture, nature conservation, biodiversity and sustainable rural development. This network links people who are active in Avalon projects with each other and with professionals on EU and international level. Avalon facilitates this network by providing communication and capacity building tools, and by (co-) organizing and supporting a variety of international events and trainings (including this ENOAS event). The Network Programme is financially supported by the EU-DG Environment. (see www.avalon.nl)
Activities and Week-Plan
The subscription fee which includes local transportation, accommodation and food is 150€ per person

Day 02.09.2009 Welcome day
Arriving in Atri (Teramo - Abruzzo)
Visit of the old town

Day 03.09.2009 - Crops and Cultures over the Calanchi of Atri

Morning
Azienda Cerniero - Milk and cheese production
Azienda Cacciatore
Lunch

Afternoon
Guided tour of Natural Reserve area

Evening
Journey in the historic centre
Dinner

Day 04.09.2009 – Milk and cheese, Atri

Morning
Azienda Forese - Milk
Lunch on the beach

Afternoon
"La transumanza” – Ancient Shepherd ways

Evening
Dinner on the beach

Day 05.09.2009 – Cereals, Pineto (Teramo - Abruzzo)

Morning
Azienda Candelori – A Mill sample
Pastificio Rossi&Tascioni – Pasta producers
Lunch – Azienda De Ascentiis “pizza time”

Afternoon
Visit of Cape Cerrano Marine Reserve, discovering the P. Halepensis Pinewood and its Roman past

Evening
Dinner on the beach

Day 06.09.2009 - Donkey farm

Day 07.09.2009 - Project Cogecstre - Agriculture and Biodiversity

Morning
Departure from Atri to Anversa degli Abruzzi Reserve – Also called “the hearth of Abruzzo”
Visit of a Donkey Breeding Farm – Asinomania

Afternoon
Journey along the river Sagittario canyon
Meeting between local agricultural associations

Evening
Dinner

Day 08.09.2009 – Olive and medicinal plants

Morning
Organic-medicinal plants in the Garden of Propezzano (Notaresco - Teramo) – A collection of medicinal plant species linked to a monastery
Visit and lunch in S.Giacomo di Atri – A small rural village of the territory of Atri

Afternoon
Visit Az. Agricola “Antonio Capanna Piscé” - Olive oil production
Azienda Vitivinicola “Il poeta” – Wine production
Final considerations – Meeting among authorities

Evening
Dinner
Farewells and final day
ATTENTION
Deadline is established on 20 August 2009

For students, payment of 150€ must be directed to:
   Soc.Coop. Pacha Mama
   Cassa di Risparmio della Provincia di Teramo
   Agenzia di Teramo Stazione
   Codice IBAN: IT14J0606015301CC0580014996

For external farmers and enterprises coming for the exposé day, price comprehending 7 nights in B&B, lessons, and stand (already mounted by our municipality) is 200€. It's supposed in this case to provide product and information to get the stand place.
How to reach us:

We’ve a travel support to buy ticket and get in Atri please call: +39-339-1592242

You can plan your travel alone by considering these points of reference:

**Terrestrial ways:**

By highway A14: exit Atri-Pineto / A24 from Rome

By train: Pescara Railway Station (Pescara-Atri by bus)

**Airways:**

Airport of Pescara (20km from Atri)
Airport of Ancona (130km from Atri)
Airport of Rome (250km from Atri)
Airport of Bologna (350km from Atri)
Airport of Bari (350km from Atri)

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