



The 8th edition of « Les Assises de la Bio » will be held on Thursday, the 24th of September from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bourg-Lès-Valence (Rhône-Alpes), as part of Tech&Bio, the Show for alternative and organic techniques, www.tech-n-bio.com.

This major professional event is organized by Agence BIO as part of the triennial program for information on organic farming and products co-funded by the European Union.

The 2015 edition will feature an exceptional German participation.

Actors of the organic sector will share their vision of the future : Organic Farming 3.0.

Thorough discussions will be organized in the areas of research, education and structuring the organic sector, as well as on the contribution of organic farming to mitigate the climate change with the participation of a representative of the FIBL.

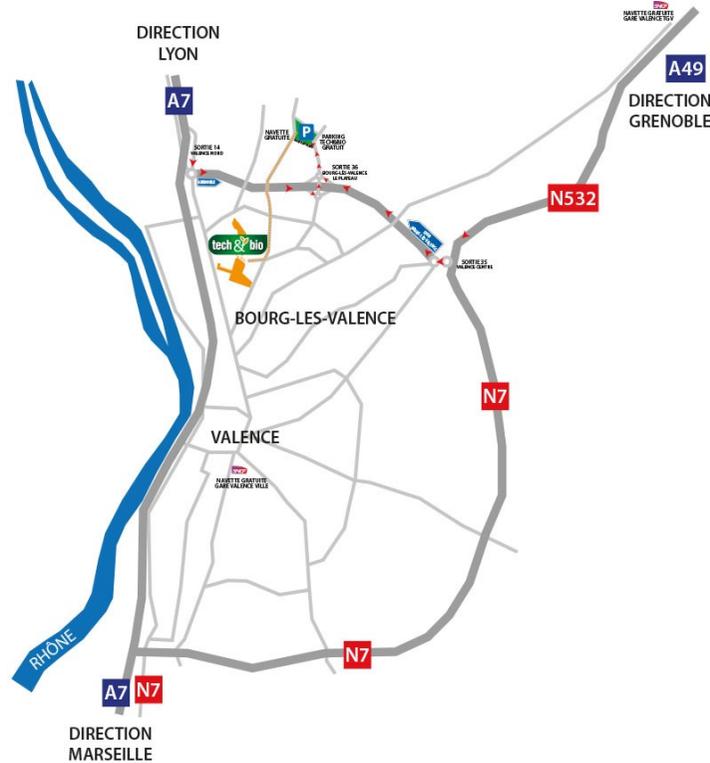
As a conclusion, this professional meeting will enable identifying opportunities for enhanced cooperation between France and Germany and between cross-border regions.

Les Assises de la Bio will be followed by discussions around an organic buffet (organized with the Conseil Départemental de la Drôme) and will continue in the afternoon in the « Structuration des Filières » space.

The 4th edition of « Trophées de l'Excellence Bio », a contest that distinguishes the innovative and exemplary actions carried out by organic actors and organized by Agence BIO and the Crédit Agricole, will be launched on this occasion.

Location and Access:

Tech & Bio
Quartier Genas - 26500 Bourg-lès-Valence



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Thursday, the 24th of September 2015
At Bourg-lès-Valence

*Organic Farming
Tomorrow: what
prospects, what strategies?*



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Program:

9:00 Welcome

9:30 Opening session

by **Didier Perréol**, Chairman of Agence BIO

Landmarks on evolution of Organic Farming in Europe

by **Elisabeth Mercier**, Director of Agence BIO

10:00 Organic Farming in France and in Germany: Ambitions for the future, strategic goals and action plans

with the participation of:

Luc Maurer, Adviser in the Office of the French Minister of Agriculture, Agri-Food and Forestry,

Hanns-Christoph Eiden, Chairman of the Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung,

Felix Prinz zu Löwenstein, Chairman of the Bund Ökologische Lebensmittelwirtschaft,

Didier Perréol, President of Agence BIO,

Olivier Le Gall, Deputy Director General in charge of scientific affairs at INRA,

Jean-Marie Morin, Coordinator of the French Organic Farming Network for Agricultural Education : Formabio,

Christophe Ringeisen from OPABA : Results of the cross-border Cooperation between the French region Alsace and the German Ländern of Baden-Wurttemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate.

11:30 News for regulation and for organic farming and climate change

with the participation of:

Marjorie Deroi, in charge of regulation on Organic Farming in the French Ministry of Agriculture, Agri-Food and Forestry,

Gian Nicolay, Representative of the Forschungsinstitut für biologischen Landbau: Focus on Organic Farming and Climate.

12:15 Debate et Additional contributions

13:00 Closing session followed by the presentation of the organic buffet by the chefs of Drôme's

Speakers' presentation:



Didier Perréol : President of Agence BIO

Son of a farmer from Ardèche, Didier Perréol, has been working for the development of organic farming within several companies for 35 years. He is also committed to numerous professional organizations and associations. He is the Vice-Chairman of Synabio. In 2008, he created the group EKIBIO. On the 19th of May 2015, Didier Perréol was elected Chairman of the Board of Agence BIO.



Elisabeth Mercier : Director of Agence BIO

Agence BIO is the French national platform for the promotion and the development of organic farming. As a public interest group, it gathers representatives from legal authorities (Ministries in charge of agriculture and ecology) and professional bodies (FNAB, APCA, Synabio et Coop de France).



Luc Maurer : Adviser in charge of the common agricultural policy, rural development, property sharing, installation of new farmers and organic farming in the office of the French Minister of Agriculture, Agri-Food and Forestry



Marjorie Deroi : She is in charge of the regulation on organic farming at the French Ministry of Agriculture, Agri-Food and Forestry



Olivier Le Gall : Deputy Director General in charge of scientific affairs at INRA

Olivier Le Gall is an Agronomist and a Doctor in Biology. Since 2006, he has been directing the "Plants' health and environment" Department before being appointed, in 2003, as Deputy Director General in charge of scientific affairs.



Jean-Marie Morin : Coordinator of the French Organic Farming Network of the Agricultural Education : Formabio

Former farmer, Jean-Marie Morin has been coordinating Formabio since 2007.



Hanns-Christoph Eiden : Chairman of the Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung - BLE (Federal Office for Agriculture and Food in Germany)

Dr. Hanns-Christoph Eiden has been the Chairman of the BLE since 2010. This office is responsible for control measures in the sectors of agriculture and fisheries and for the implementation of research and communication programs, especially the federal program for organic farming and other kinds of sustainable agricultures. Previously, he held several functions within the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, such as Director of European and International Affairs and German Spokesman at the Special Committee for Agriculture.



Felix Prinz zu Löwenstein: Chairman of the Bund Ökologische Lebensmittelwirtschaft - BÖLW (Federation of associations of organic producers, food processors and distributors)

Dr. Felix Prinz zu Löwenstein is an Agronomist and an organic farmer. He graduated from the Technical University of München. After working three years for the development of Haiti, he took over the farm and the lumbering of his parents. He is a member of Naturland.



Gian Nicolay : Representative of the Forschungsinstitut für biologischen Landbau - FiBL

After working for Agridea, la FAO, Helvetas and Grisha Agro Design GmbH, Gian Nicolay has been working at FiBL since 2009. He is in charge of promoting organic farming and sustainable farming in Africa, of managing and coaching programs and projects, of doing institutional analyses and of developing technological and institutional solutions.



Christophe Ringeisen : Professional Organization of Organic Farming in Alsace - OPABA

This trade union gathers organic and biodynamic farmers from Alsace. It is also open to organic processors and distributors in Alsace.