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NJF-organic conference offered new research data and networking

NJF-conference organized in Finland for the first time was closed on 21st June with satisfaction. The conference offered a platform for exchanging the latest research results of conference themes: sustainable organic production, organic food, human health and wellbeing and organics in our societies.

Latest research results were introduced in the conference and interesting discussions took place around the topics. The role of organic farming was the main topic in discussions, research presentations and other presentations. Presentations were divided into four groups: sustainable organic production, organic food, health and wellbeing and organics in society.

The multi-disciplinary presentations, keynote speech and discussions to develop organic research and production emphasized the meaning of co-operation and knowledge exchange.

For example, by distributing the best practices in both research and society level, the organic movement can lead the way into a more sustainable production systems in general, Sari Iivonen the director of the natural resources institute summarizes.

One of the keynote speakers of the conference, professor Gerald Rahmann highlighted on the closing day the role of organics in future's food systems. At the moment professor Rahmann is the president of the board of the International Society of Organic Agriculture Research (ISO FAR). Rahmann concentrates on developing sustainable production systems.

- Our limited resources need to be intensified, more productive and efficient, Rahmann states.

Hence, the food production must be more and more sustainable in general. All farming systems can learn from each other in this job. Both organic and conventional systems have to train and trigger their farming systems on the track of better practices.

The future questions, some of the highly vast, some of them highly detailed, must be solved together with the support of research.

- Organic sector can take the leadership for future innovations to design clear pathways to be more sustainable, Rahmann suggests.

The guests of the international NJF-research conference got to know local organic products, as the first day ended with a buffet gathered from local organic farms. On the second conference day the guests were taken to local organic farms.

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