



International Research Network for Food Quality and Health

Seminar October 28th, from 9-10 am CET at ZOOM

Organic food processing. The challenges of a fast-growing sector

The workshop is free of charge, but you have to sign up at shb@nexs.ku.dk, just write FQH as subject and you will receive a zoom link for the meeting

Program:

9.00-9.05 welcome by FQH president Carola Strassner

9.05 – 9.35 Organic food processing. The challenges of a fast-growing sector by Flavio Paoletti



Flavio Paoletti has worked as Senior Researcher at the Research Centre for Food and Nutrition of the Council for agricultural research and economics - CREA, Italy.

He has over 25 years of experience on the study of nutritional and organoleptic quality of organic food. On this topic he has been responsible for coordination of national research projects and participated in national and trans-national research projects. He has coordinated the CORE Organic Cofund project “Code of Practice for organic food processing – ProOrg”.

Founder member of the Italian Network for the Research in Organic Farming, he has been member of the Scientific Committee of the Italian Technology Platform on Organic Farming.

He has been member of the Steering Committee of the Organic Food System Programme. Author and co-author of peer reviewed papers and presentations in national and international congress/workshops/conferences.

9.35-9.55 Discussions in plenum or break-out rooms dependent on number of attendants

9.55-10.00 Wrap-up, presentation of next workshop and goodbye

Abstract

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Abstract: Organic food market is growing worldwide. Although fresh fruit and vegetable category continues to have an important role and often is the starting point for organic food buying, processed organic food are currently a major part of the organic food sold and consumed. The number of references of processed organic food products on the market has increased over the years and this trend is expected to continue in the next future.

The rapid growth of the processed organic food market raises questions on some issues: is the organic legislation sufficiently clear about organic food processing and supportive for the organic food processors in their daily activities? How to evaluate if a technology is in line with the organic principles? What about highly processed organic food? What are consumers expectations towards processed organic food?

The seminar aims to offer some insights on the forementioned issues and on the contribution of the scientific research in terms of analysis, understanding and development of tools that can help organic food processors in their daily practice.