

## **IFOAM EU Group seminar in Romania: Multifunctional agriculture in Europe – the role of organic food and farming and its political framework**

### **Timeline of the seminar and seminar related events:**

The provisional agenda of the seminar as well as the events related to it looks as follows:

**- April 22, 11 am: Pre-seminar press conference in the ministry of agriculture in Bucharest**

Francis Blake is going to present the work of IFOAM EU Group and the seminar contents, representatives from the Romanian agriculture ministry will present their perspective on organic farming and Ion Toncea will speak about organic farming in Romania

**Participation is open to everybody upon registration by April 1 (see registration form)**

**- April 23-24: SEMINAR in Bucharest** (more info below)

**- April 25 (morning): Board meeting**

**- April 25 (after board meeting) to April 26: Excursion** (more info below)

<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>	<b>Thursday, April 23</b>	<b>Friday, April 24</b>	<b>Saturday, April 25</b>	<b>Sunday, April 26</b>
<b>11 am: press conference in the agricultural ministry in Bucharest</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Board meeting</b>	<b>Excursion</b>
		<b>Public presentation of seminar results</b>	<b>Excursion</b>	

**Seminar Location:**

In the Romanian Agriculture Academy in Bucharest ([www.agro-bucuresti.ro/](http://www.agro-bucuresti.ro/)):  
B-dul Mărăști 61; sector 1 - București

**Seminar Accommodation:**

In the hostel of Agriculture University in Bucharest, just beside the seminar location:  
B-dul Mărăști 59, student hotel - camin 4, sector 1 – București

The IFOAM EU Group office will organise the accommodation for you. Please return the registration form with the date of your arrival and departure – by April 1.

**How to get to the seminar location/accommodation from the airport:**

**Between 5.51am - 22.51pm** you can use public transport. The trip by public means of transport from the airport (Otopeni) to the seminar location will take you about 1.5 hours.

**After 22.51 pm** –or if you want to go directly to the seminar location – you can go by taxi, preferably with fly company. Please pay attention that trips by taxi cannot be reimbursed.

**By public transport:**

1. Take the **Henri Coanda train express** (with a transfer bus) from the airport to Nord Bucharest Central Station: **Gara de Nord** (about 40 minutes). There is 1 train/hour and the cost of the train ticket is 6 RON. This ticket can be bought in the airport train ticket office (downstairs from the arrival area).
2. From Nord Bucharest Central Station (Gara de Nord) take the **METRO train** in the Crangasi direction and get off at the second stop at **Crângași**
3. From there, take the **tram 41** in Casa Presei direction and get off at the 5th stop in **Universitatea Agricolă (Agronomia)**.

The cost of the METRO ticket is 2.2 RON (2 rides) and of the tram tickets 1.3 RON (1 ride) or 2.6 RON (2 rides). The tickets for METRO and tram can be bought in METRO station office, respectively tram office (RATB).

**Seminar fees:**

The seminar fee depends on two factors:

- 1) Your travel costs
- 2) Whether your country has raised the minimum membership payment for 2008

Ad 1:

<€ 350 to be claimed for travel costs	Seminar fee: € 95,00
€350 – 500 to be claimed for travel costs	Seminar fee: € 140,00

Ad 2:

You can reduce your above seminar fee by 10% if your country has raised and paid its national minimum membership fee for 2008:

If that is the case, your seminar fee is € 85.50 or € 126.00 respectively.

The countries that have not fulfilled the minimum membership payment in 2008 are the following: Greece, Italy, Portugal, Cyprus, Slovenia, Slovakia, Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria.

**Payment of seminar fee:**

Please indicate your travel costs in the registration form. You will then receive an invoice stating the amount of your seminar fee. That seminar fee needs to be transferred to the IFOAM EU Group bank account before the seminar takes place.

**Excursion (25/26.4.):**

**Provisional programme of the excursion**

**Saturday, 25.4.** (after board meeting).:

- Fundulea/Calarasi: Organic farming research centre
- Mihail Kogălniceanu/Constanta: visit of an eco-milk processing unit
- Stupina/Constanta: Visit of the STEPA eco-farm;
- Tulcea: Discussion with local authorities and festive dinner. Accommodation in Hotel "EGRETA" (<http://www.hotelegreta.ro/index1.html>)

**Sunday, 26.4.**

7.30am: Breakfast;

8.00am: Departure to airport of the participants who have to be back to the airport in Bucharest by 2 pm

8.00-11.00am: Short visit of Danube Delta;

11.00am: Departure to airport of the participants who have to be back to the airport in Bucharest by 6 pm

**Excursion fee:**

The excursion from Saturday to Sunday will cost you €30. If you want to join the excursion register your participation in the registration form and the excursion fee will be added to your seminar fee and be included in the invoice.

**Reimbursement of travel costs:**

Your travel costs will be reimbursed up to a value of €500. Please state your travel costs in the registration form and send in your travel reimbursement claim with all original tickets and boarding passes after the seminar. Trips by taxi as well as parking fees cannot be reimbursed. Trips by car can be reimbursed up to 300 km (return journey) with an allowance of € 0.25 per kilometer.

**Romanian currency:**

You can get Romanian leu (RON) in the airport ATMs in Bucharest as well as from banks in the airport and the city.

Currently the conversion rate is about: 1€ = 4.3 RON



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