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- Livestock husbandry and breeding
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Drawing on systems approaches within Organic Agriculture, the journal welcomes original interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary papers alongside the reports of focussed disciplinary studies that accord with the principles of Organic Agriculture. We also welcome papers which take a critical approach to one or more aspects of organic agriculture and/or initiate critical discussions of the principles on a scientific basis. The journal will also include scientific reviews, invited papers on topical issue, overviews of the status of Organic Agriculture in particular regions / countries and technical notes which draw together the results of a number of research studies in a format suitable for wider application.



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In 2006, FAO estimated that over 31 million hectares of land were under certified organic cultivation. In many countries, despite the global economic downturn, sales of organic food are continuing to grow and new markets are developing as fast as the products to serve them. Researchers studying organic systems are found all over the world and there is an urgent need to provide a platform to share knowledge on all aspects of Organic Agriculture and Food Systems

The journal Organic Agriculture has its origins in discussions between members of ISOFAR over a number of years about the need for a peer-reviewed journal to serve the growing needs of this research community. Early in 2009 the ISOFAR Board members agreed to work with Springer to launch a Journal which is dedicated to all issues related to the development of Organic Agriculture.

Organic Agriculture will therefore be published by Springer with ISOFAR with the first issue appearing in April of 2010

In brief, Organic Agriculture provides a platform for the sharing of knowledge on all aspects of organic agriculture and food systems. Drawing on systems approaches within Organic Agriculture, the journal welcomes original interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary papers alongside the reports of focussed disciplinary studies that accord with the principles of Organic Agriculture. We also welcome papers which take a critical approach to one or more aspects of organic agriculture and/or initiate critical discussions of the principles on a scientific basis.

Articles will principally be in the form of original, refereed papers, providing insights into the science, sociology, economics and policy relating to organic farming and food systems. Other items will include invited review articles on topical issues, overviews of the status of Organic Agriculture in particular regions / countries and technical notes which draw together the results of a number of research studies in a format suitable for wider application.

The Editor-in-Chief welcomes all submissions that are directly relevant to organic farming and food systems. They should be written in clear English and may be illustrated with photographs, diagrams and graphs.