



MEETING REPORT

The meeting location and topic

The eighth MOAN meeting was held in Paris on June 06-10, 2016. This meeting coincides with the 10th anniversary of the institutional network establishment. The main focus of the gathering was to present and discuss the Document developed by the MOAN secretariat on the network's mission, activities, and governing rules.

As accustomed, it was a three-day gathering (Annex 1), it included a one and a half day dedicated to the organic sector of the hosting country and a technical visit, a half day presentation session on possible synergies with MOAN and other entities and/or projects and one day for the internal Network meeting.

This meeting gathered thirty four (34) participants: twenty (20) country representatives from MOAN countries, the four (4) members of MOAN secretariat (2) international speakers five(5) speakers from Agence Bio as well as three (3) observers (Annex 2).

The meeting major facts

Day 1 - Organic agriculture in France

The previewed programme of the day was modified due to a national strike of transports that inhibited the speakers to come to Paris. An alternative programme was set up by the French group and introduced by *Valérie Pieprzownik* from the French Ministry of agriculture Agrifood and Forestry.

Florence Aillery the MOAN representative of France introduced and explained the programme of the Ambition Bio 2017, its steps and discussions.

Subsequently, *Michel Lorenzo* and *Eva Lacarce* from Agence Bio exposed and explained the French statistics system for the organic sector. *Michel Lorenzo* the financial and administrative manager at Agence Bio listed and explained the role of the organizations involved in the organic statistics. *Eva Lacarce* the project manager of the Observatoire at Agence Bio detailed the organic certification process and the production and market data collection showing the latest statistics.

After the lunch break, *Cécile Bel*, project manager for communication at Agence Bio presented the information and communication measures implemented by the latter and their related events and professional meetings, the media and digital activities, the actions of information and communication as well as the press relations and public actions.

The BioVallée initiative in the Valle de Drôme, a regional rural project to integrate farming and sustainable development was introduced and explained with testimonials by *Hugues Vernier* agriculture manager of the initiative.

Jacques Pior on the behalf of the Permanent Assembly of Chambers of Agriculture concluded the working day by presenting the professional show on organic and alternative farming techniques, the Tech and Bio initiative, with a focus on 2015's track records, stressing on the international importance of this agriculture exhibition.

Day 2, morning - Technical visit

The technical visit started early morning before sunrise to the international market of Rungis at 20 minutes from Paris. Rungis market is the principal food market of Paris and the largest wholesale agricultural food market in the world.

The guided visit started with the fish Pavilion, and continued to the meat and then the cheese and processed milk products one, these pavilions have very limited quantities and types of organic products. After the "animal" products, the next stop was at the vegetables and fruits pavilion that encloses a wide variety of fresh products from all over the country. The visit ended with the newly established organic pavilion, a 5.648m² surface, entirely dedicated to the organic products from local and foreign origins.

Day 2, afternoon - The presentation session

The greetings addresses of the SG of CIHEAM *Cosimo Lacirignola*, the International Deputy Director in the General Directorate of economic and environmental performance of companies at the French Ministry of Agriculture , Food and Forestry and French delegate at CIHEAM Governing board *Marie-Hélène Le Henaff*, and deputy director of CIHEAM Bari *Maurizio Raeli* opened this working session.

Alberto Dragotta, an international officer at CIHEAM Bari, presented the different schemas of the Cooperation projects and the potential synergies with the MOAN activities and needs.

Eduardo Cuoco, the Director of IFOAM EU presented the European vision and strategy for transforming food and farming, elucidating the IFOAM Global Action Network and the IFOAM EU's strategic pillars as well as the possible opportunities of MOAN contribution and interaction.

All MOAN country representatives presented each a brief update on his country's organic statistics and latest news related to the organic sector.

Day 3 - MOAN internal meeting

The internal reunion consisted of an entire day round table discussion and exchange on the Document for the network's mission, activities and governing rules proposed by the MOAN secretariat.

Lina Al-Bitar the coordinator of the Mediterranean Organic Agriculture (MOA) Master Course at CIHEAM Bari, intervened by giving an overview of the trainings and Master course schedule with relative possible coactions and participation of MOAN General Assembly members to these activities.

After the debate and integrations brought to the proposed text, the future arrangements for the next meeting hosting country candidature and the coming actions to be done were agreed.

It was settled that MOAN secretariat and MOAN General Assembly will engage to achieve their part as follow:

Two countries proposed to host the 9th MOAN meeting in 2017 and are Greece and Lebanon. Both country representatives engaged in getting formal approval for the meeting and will communicate them to the MOAN Secretariat by June 30, 2016. Details will be finalised and communicated to MOAN General Assembly as soon as the proposed hosting countries give feedback.

MOAN Secretariat will send to the MOAN General Assembly:

- the 8th meeting report;
- the list of participants to the 8th meeting (Annex 2);
- the English revised version of the Document for the network's mission, activities, and governing rules (Annex 3a) and its translation in French (Annex 3b) as requested by some representatives (Algeria, France, Morocco and Tunisia);
- the table of possible participation as expert/beneficiary within the Mediterranean Organic Agriculture Master course held in Bari by topic (Annex 4).

MOAN General Assembly members will:

- i) reply to MOAN Secretariat by giving feedback on:
 - the English and French versions of the revised Document for the network's mission, activities, and governing rules after one week of its reception to allow MOAN Secretariat to finalise it;
 - the table of possible participation as expert/beneficiary within the Mediterranean Organic Agriculture (MOA) Master course held in Bari according to the proposed topics, by June 1st, 2016;
 - the names of possible candidates to the MOA Master course at CIHEAM Bari for the year 2017-2018, by July 1st, 2016;
- ii) consult their Minister or relevant authority and/or their national CIHEAM delegate when relevant, for the approval of the Document for the network's mission, activities, and governing rules and communicate with MOAN secretariat on the outcome, by September 2016.