

Editorial

The 3rd newsletter of the ORGANIKO LIFE+ project presents a summary of the project activities for the period October 2016 – March 2017. During this period, the study “Organic diet and children’s health” was initiated in six schools in Limassol. A video was produced by our team with the aim of informing the public about organic farming and its benefits to health and the environment. Three events were organised in Italy; a training course for local authorities and farmers, a legislative and technological workshop and an awareness raising programme. Moreover, an organic market took place at the premises of the university and a live link was organised for the children who participate in the children’s health study.

Read about these and other activities in this newsletter.

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ORGANIKO LIFE+ project

ORGANIKO is a LIFE-co-funded project with duration of 4 years (2015–2019), coordinated by the Cyprus University of Technology jointly with three partners: the Agricultural Research Institute (CY), the Department of Environment (CY) and the Kyoto Club (IT). The ultimate goal of the project is to demonstrate the comparative advantages of organic versus conventional farming and products using indicators of:

- Mitigation efficiency to climate change
- Agronomic and environmental quality
- Decreased children exposures to diet-based pesticides
- Healthy food promotion for better children’s health

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Project Activities

Live link – Study “Organic diet and children’s health”

Around 250 children and parents attended our party on Sunday 26 March 2017, from 5 until 8 at the Tassos Papadopoulos building, at the Cyprus University of Technology. KANALI 6 radio station broadcasted live from the event and the participants had the opportunity to taste organic snacks and beverages. [Read more...](#)



Children who completed successfully the organic phase of the study, received certificates



Nikolas, a 12-year old boy, participating in the study talks about his experience of the study



Children and parents enjoying the organic snacks that were provided during the live link

Organic market at the university

A mini organic market was held on March 7th 2017 in the premises of the Cyprus University of Technology, as part of the project activities. [Read more...](#)



The organic products that were available on the day were oranges, mandarins, bananas, tomatoes and various greens



Around 80 persons of the academic and administration staff visited the organic market (above & right)





The president of AIAB, Mr. Vincenzo Vizioli, explains why organic farming is the sustainable model of farming

2nd Training course for local authorities and farmers in Italy

The 2nd training course for local authorities and farmers took place on March 1st 2017, at the Federbio offices in Rome. Certification and controls in the organic sector, was the theme of this training seminar in order to highlight and to familiarize participants with the procedures and controls necessary to certify the production, processing and trade of organic products in Italy (and Europe). [Read more...](#)

3rd Italian awareness raising programme

The 3rd Italian awareness-raising programme took place in Rome on 17 February 2017. The event was organized in collaboration with Canapa Mundi 2017 and Federcanapa. It's the third edition of the annual event for the promotion of the hemp plant (*Cannabis sativa*) widely cultivated in the past in Italy, before laws banned it 60 years ago and now making a strong comeback. [Read more...](#)



The round-table discussion about hemp, organic agriculture and climate change

2nd Italian legislative and technological workshop

The workshop took place at the Ministry of Economic Development in Rome on 16 February 2017. During the workshop the issues addressed, with the two key-note presentations by Catia Bastioli, Kyoto Club President, Member of the European Commission's DG Research European Bioeconomy Panel and by Gianluigi Angelantoni, Kyoto Club Vice president, were the latest EU legislation on decarbonization and circular economy / bioeconomy and the relevant Italian technological updates on both. [Read more...](#)



The round-table discussion about decarbonization and circular economy

Research study – Organic diet and children's health

The study is one of the ORGANIKO LIFE+ project activities and aims to evaluate the potential benefits of systematic organic diet for children. [Read more...](#)





The Cyprus Agriculture Minister, Mr. Nikos Kougialis, stated the important role of the ORGANIKO LIFE+ project



3rd Workshop in Cyprus

The theme of the third workshop organized in Cyprus by the Agricultural Research Institute, the Department of Environment and the Cyprus University of Technology on October 20, was "Organic Agriculture: Prospects for development, climate change and public health". According to data presented at the workshop, there is limited penetration of organic products in the domestic market and government agencies despite the objectives set by the EU. [Read more...](#)

Lecture – Can bees be used as a pesticide toxicity evaluation model for humans?

Associate professor Dr. Alex Lu from the Department of Environmental Health of Harvard University visited the Cyprus International Institute for Environmental and Public Health within the CUT for a research collaboration. The professor presented his scientific findings which showed, for the first time worldwide, pesticides, especially neonicotinoids, to be associated with the global phenomenon of early bee colony collapse and their premature death especially in winter. [Read more...](#)



The associate professor Dr. Alex Lu explains how neonicotinoids are associated with the global phenomenon of early bee colony collapse

Video on organic farming and its links to climate change and health

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