

SOAR Newsletter

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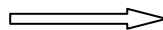
Introduction

In 2010, SOAR has undergone change from a Research School administering funds for PhD studies, to become a research school with the main aim to contribute to education of young researchers and their supervisors within the field of organic agriculture and food systems. At the same time, the physical location of SOAR has moved to AU-DJF, Foulum with the new Head of SOAR Mette Vaarst, and a new way of organisation with a Steering Committee representing the institutions funding SOAR (see below) and a Scientific Panel (also, see below). This is the first Newsletter from SOAR in its new form, sent from the Head of SOAR. We send this Newsletter to all who have shown interest in the activities of SOAR, including the affiliated PhD students.

Organisation of SOAR from 2010

Steering Committee:

- Svend Christensen, LIFE
- Niels Halberg, ICROFS
- Klaus Lønne Ingvarsten, DJF



HEAD OF SOAR: Mette Vaarst
SECRETARIAT: Sofie Kobayashi, LIFE
Mette Holme, DJF



SCIENTIFIC PANEL:

- DJF: Jørgen Eriksen, Sanna Steensfelt
- LIFE: Lene Sigsgaard, Kristian Thorup-Kristensen, Paul Rye Kledal
- DTU Food: Dorte Lau Baggesen
- DTU Risø: Anne-Belinda Thomsen
- DMU: Henning Høgh Jensen

A link to the Co-operation Agreement concerning General Provisions for the Research School for Organic Agriculture and Food Systems (SOAR) will be provided at the website.

First meeting in the Scientific Panel is planned for August 18th in Aarhus.

Next meeting in the Steering Committee is planned for August 30th at Skype.

Website

A new website hosted by ICROFS is under construction. From this website, information about past and upcoming events and courses, networks, PhD students and their supervisors as well as decisions and news can be found. All Newsletters will also be uploaded here. Link and more information in the next newsletter.

Initiatives to collaboration with national and international partners

One of the first activities in the new SOAR will be to explore and link to relevant research institutions and universities to form international as well as national collaboration for high quality PhD courses and seminars relevant for research within organic food and farming systems.

Course to be organized in 2011:

Organic Food and Farming Systems and Climate Change Mitigation. AgroEcology Network, NOVA University Network. Course responsible: Mette Vaarst.

Announcement of events of potential relevance for SOAR PhD students and their supervisors

One day workshop on the 9th November partly funded by Danish Development Research Network about collaboration between research and development in the organic sector when collaborating with countries in the Global South.

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Kind regards

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