

DARCOF II midterm evaluation

Wednesday 23rd of October 2002

The main purpose of the evaluation meeting is to give an evaluation of *DARCOF II as a whole* with respect to its stated goals and, if necessary, suggestions for adjustments

9.00 Welcome

Welcome by Thomas Hartung, chairman of the board of directors for DARCOF

9.05 Introduction

Introduction to the evaluation of DARCOF II as a whole, including the background for today's program. Erik Steen Kristensen, head of centre

9.30 Bricks to a whole

DARCOF II is presented by way of selected projects:

- Crop rotation systems: Organic crop production systems in the long run - possibilities and restrictions on the production of cereals and pulses. Jørgen E. Olesen. Project IV & I.3 (relations to projects I.4, I.7, I.8, I.13, I.15, I.16).
- Vegetables and catch crops: The interplay of crops – possibilities and restrictions. Kristian Thorup-Kristensen. Project I.10 (relations to projects I.5, I.6, I.11).
- Livestock production and bioactive crops: Production process and product quality – possibilities and restrictions. Stig M. Thamsborg. Project II.3 (relations to projects II.1, II.2, II.4, II.5, II.11, II.12).
- Analyses of the future development of organic farming: Organic agriculture in society – possibilities and restrictions. Søren Frandsen. Projekt III.2 (relations to projects III.1, III.7, III.8, III.9).

10.30 Break

11.00 Project presentations continued

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Evaluation of DARCOF II as a whole – strengths that can be utilized and weaknesses that needs to be addressed

The evaluators will present their evaluation of DARCOF II as a whole. The following themes have been picked so that they correspond to the remit of DARCOF II:

- What does DARCOF II contribute to the development of a rational organic production – and could it be done better by changing the way research is done?
- What does DARCOF II say about the organic process qualities of organic products (environment, nature quality, animal welfare, and the organic principles) – and what can research say?
- Does DARCOF II give better animal production and products? Can inherent qualities (nutrient composition, food safety, product quality, etc.) be secured through the production process?
- What does the remit of DARCOF II mean for the role of organic agriculture in society? Are there important aspects that are not included in the remit?
- Strengths and weaknesses of the research effort in DARCOF II – in light of the international development.

14.30 Break

15.00 Evaluation of DARCOF II as a whole – discussion in plenum

16.30 End