

**NJF 422**  
**International Conference**  
**Fostering healthy food systems through organic agriculture –**  
**focus on Nordic-Baltic region**  
August 25-27, 2009  
Tartu, Estonia

Organised by:  
Nordic Association of Agricultural Scientists (NJF)  
Estonian University of Life Sciences  
Estonian Organic Farming Foundation  
Estonian Ministry of Agriculture

Dear Colleague,

Organic agriculture is growing at a high rate worldwide as well as in Nordic and Baltic countries. Demand for organic products is increasing because of consumers' concern about their health and the environment.

The Baltic and Nordic countries share many similarities when it comes to climate and growing conditions; however, they are very different when it comes to markets and structure of agriculture.

At this conference we want to share experiences of different countries and find solutions for the challenges the organic food systems face – from farm to fork.

It is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the International Conference (NJF seminar 422)

**“FOSTERING HEALTHY FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH ORGANIC AGRICULTURE – FOCUS ON  
NORDIC-BALTIC REGION”**

which will be held in Tartu, Estonia, August 25-27, 2009.

We hope that the Conference will provide opportunities for the exchange of knowledge and further scientific co-operation.

The official language of the Conference will be **English**.

Information about the conference is available on the NJF website [www.njf.nu](http://www.njf.nu)

Welcome to Estonia!

**Scientific programme**

The scientific programme of the Conference is open to all fields of research involved in organic agriculture, the main topics being:

- Soil fertility and nutrient management
- Organic field crop production
- Organic horticulture
- Farming systems and environmental impacts
- Animal health and husbandry
- Food quality and human health
- Marketing, economy and policy

Both oral and poster sessions are included in the programme.

**Preliminary interest**

If you are interested in further information about the Conference, please send the information request before 1.06.2008. We kindly ask you to fill the form (attached).

The further information will be sent personally by e-mail and will be available on the website as well.

## Proceedings

The papers of the Conference will be published in a special issue of the scientific journal Agronomy Research, which is a peer-reviewed international journal (available online at <http://www.eau.ee/~agronomy/>).

## Conference committee

Estonia – Anne Luik and Marika Mänd (Estonian University of Life Sciences), Airi Vetemaa (Estonian Organic Farming Foundation), Eve Ader (Estonian Ministry of Agriculture)  
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## Preliminary interest form

I am considering to attend the International Conference **Fostering healthy food systems through organic agriculture – focus on Nordic-Baltic region**, August 25-27, 2009, Tartu, Estonia

Please send me personalised information about the Conference.

My topic(s) of interest (please mark with X):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Soil fertility and nutrient management
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organic field crop production
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organic horticulture
<input type="checkbox"/>	Farming systems and environmental impacts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal health and husbandry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Food quality and human health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marketing, economy and policy

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am interested in attending the Conference
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am interested in publication of my paper in the journal Agronomy Research
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral presentation
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