

Dear Members,

Please be informed with the following topics.



Annual General Meeting

All members are invited to attend online the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 22 April 2021.

Programme

AGM

- 10.00 hrs. Welcome and opening by the President of NOFOTA
- 10.05 hrs. Discussion of the agenda topics
- 10.15 hrs. Speech by the new elected President

Arbitrators Meeting

- 10.30 hrs. Welcome and opening by the Chairmen of the Appointment Committee
- 10.45 hrs. Discussion of the agenda topics
- 11.00 hrs. End of the meetings

The meeting can be followed online via MS teams with the following link:

[Click here to join the meeting.](#)

Join with a video conferencing device

teams@meetingroom.mvo.nl

Video meeting id: 125 669 685 2

The agenda and supporting documents will be send to the members about one week prior to the AGM.

The arbitrators will receive the agenda in a separate e-mail.

[We would appreciate it if you register for the meeting.](#)

Review: Webinar Organic raw materials; developments and challenges

On 25 March, the webinar ‘Organic raw materials; developments and challenges’, under guidance of Prof. Dr. Bernd van der Meulen, a number of interesting speakers were willing to share their views on the future of organic production.

Bavo van den Idsert, who works as an association manager at OPTA and director of Bionext, kicked off with a presentation in which he gave insight into the expected developments of the organic market in the (near) future. You can find the presentation of Bavo van den Idsert here.

Subsequently, Diederik Samsom, cabinet chief of EU vice-president Frans Timmermans, called in from Brussels and gave the latest status regarding the future of organic products via a live connection. He cited, among other things, the Organic Action Plan recently launched by the EU Commission. It sets out how 25% of all agriculture growth will be organic by 2030, this compared with the current 8%.

In between the presentations, the participants were asked to answer a number of poll questions, so that, among other things, it became clear what the public opinion is on the ambitions of the Farm to Fork strategy and the expectations regarding the market share of organic in 2030.

Van Traa Lawyers Silvia Gawronski and Marc van Maanen, specialized in food law, spoke about the challenges and the prevention of liability regarding (de)certification, which they both eloquently call the “jungle”. You can find their presentation here.

All in all, a successful webinar that was participated by almost 300 people from inside and outside

the industry.

You can watch the full webinar [here](#).

Dairy dates

15 April	NOFOTA Council Meeting
22 April	NOFOTA AGM and AGM for Arbitrators
18 May	Start MVO Course 'Oils and Fats - Basics Technology, Applications and Food Safety'

Non-business days 2021

27 April	King's Day (Tuesday)
13 May	Ascension Day
24 May	Whit-Monday
24 December	Christmas Eve (Friday)*

(*) Half NOFOTA Non-business day as from 12.00 hours Dutch local time

We hope to have informed you sufficiently.

Best regards,



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