

## APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS MEMBER OF ISOFAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2024

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Personal information (volunteer):	Gender: Male	Year of birth:1961
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ISOFAR member:	Since:2014	Member no.:215
ISOFAR membership paid (mandatory, can be arranged after application but before elections at the GA):	2020:yes	2021:yes
Short CV including up to 5 important projects and 5 publications	<p>For the last five years I was assigned the task of executing different programmes of Government as well as that of the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Director (Center for e- learning), KAU ( Developing and conducting of online certificate courses and MOOC related with organic farming )</li> <li>2. Professor &amp; Head, Training Service Scheme, College of Agriculture, KAU (Organzing &amp; conducting training program for farmers, youths, women and entrepreneurs)</li> <li>3. Chief Executive Officer, Vegetable and Fruit promotion Council Keralam,(VFPCCK) Kochi (Executing of government programmes for the development of fruits &amp; vegetables in the state . This include providing technical &amp; financial support to farmers for production, marketing, certification( PGS) and exporting to Europe)</li> <li>4. State Nodal officer for Kerala “Agri-clinic and Agribusiness center scheme” Govt of India &amp; MANAGE, Hyderabad, India (Training and handholding for young entrepreneurs and helping to set up agri ventures)</li> <li>5. Secretary, Association of British Scholars (ABS), Trivandum Chapter, Kerala (2010-2018) (Social service activities and empowerment of youths to develop their intellectual abilities and academic skills for their future)</li> </ol>	

	<p><b><u>Research projects completed as part of Supervisor of Academic research program of KAU</u></b></p> <p>1.Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Certification for production of organic vegetables in Kerala: an analytical study (2021)</p> <p>2.Post-disaster needs assessment (PDNA) of Homestead farmers of Kottayam district in Kerala, India (2021)</p> <p>3.Organic Farming As a Strategy for Climate Change Adaptation - An Exploratory study.(2019)</p> <p>4.Inventory of Organic farms in Kerala- Project to create a database of organic farms and farmers (KSBB project 2014-16)</p> <p>5.Adoption of organic farming technologies in Banana and vegetable crops in Kasaragode district, Kerala</p> <p>6. Content Development for an Agricultural Expert System on Organic Vegetable Cultivation.( for Kerala farmers)</p>
<p>My reasons to join the ISO FAR Board:</p>	<p>Looking forward to learn, share and work of the regional initiatives on organic farming with different scientists and eminent Professors who are involved in the academic and scientific activities of ISO FAR.</p>
<p>My possible contributions to Board activities:</p>	<p>1. Initiating/ conducting research in the area of product traceability, quality assurance, marketing and export potential.</p> <p>2. Organising seminars/workshop for researchers and scientists on scientific organic agriculture.</p> <p>3.Inter University / research institution collaboration in areas of teaching, research, and extension programme of the participating ISO FAR members or institutions.</p>

By submitting this application, I declare my interest to participate the ISO FAR Board of Directors during the period from the General Assembly in Rennes, France 7 September 2021 until the next GA, in 2024. I am aware that ISO FAR does not pay for services provided by board members to the organization, or any other cost related to the role of being a board member. In exceptional cases, travel costs may be refunded.

I am aware that only people attending the GA in Rennes, either physically or by web-link, are available for elections. All candidates will be given the floor for a BRIEF oral presentation (3 minutes) during the GA.



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Kerala , (South) India :29<sup>th</sup> July 2021;  
Location, date and signature