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ISO FAR Board Report 2021 – 2024

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1 Introduction

This report documents ISO FAR activities between 2021 and 2024. Due to the CoVid-pandemic, ISO FAR activities have been down in 2021 and 2022. After the pandemic, several workshops have been organized by ISO FAR, and conferences (online and in-person) have been attended. ISO FAR represented the global network of Organic Agriculture scientists in those events. Recently, there are regular 133 scientists are members of ISO FAR, which have free access to the ISO FAR journal ‘Organic Agriculture’.

This report shall be discussed hybrid with ISO FAR members on 1st December 2024 (General Assembly). The invitation with the agenda was sent out in June 2024 to all members. This report was sent to all members in mid November 2024.

2 Board Membership

At the last General Assembly on 7th September 2021 in Rennes (France), the following ISO FAR members were elected for the Board for the term 2021 - 2024:

- **Rahmann, Gerold (Germany) (President)**
- **Shade, Jessica (USA) (Vice-president)**
- **Neuhoff, Daniel (Germany) (Treasurer)**
- Olowe, Victor (Nigeria)
- Ardakani, M. Reza (Iran)
- Zanolli, Raffaele (Italy)
- Mayer, Jochen (Switzerland)
- Zikeli, Sabine (Germany)
- Khalid, Azim (Morocco)
- Sassi, Khaled (Tunisia)
- Chander, Mahesh (India)
- David, Wahyudi (Indonesia) s

The board has worked on behalf of the members and in line with the statutes of ISO FAR. Jessica Shade (USA) had to step down from her e-board position as vice president in 2022, because she started a new job position in a governmental organization, which does not allow additional work in associations.

During the three years term, the board met twice a year online and in-person in 2022 in Korea. Minutes of the meetings can be found in the member area of the ISO FAR website (<http://www.isofar.online/Member-area/Minutes-of-meetings/>).

3 Board Activities

The board members working on a voluntary basis have supported ISO FAR in

1. Organizing events and representing ISO FAR in international and local events/meetings
2. Develop and manage the Journal ‘Organic Agriculture’

3.1 Events

ISO FAR has organized and supported the following conferences and workshops. Click on the links below for additional details on the events:

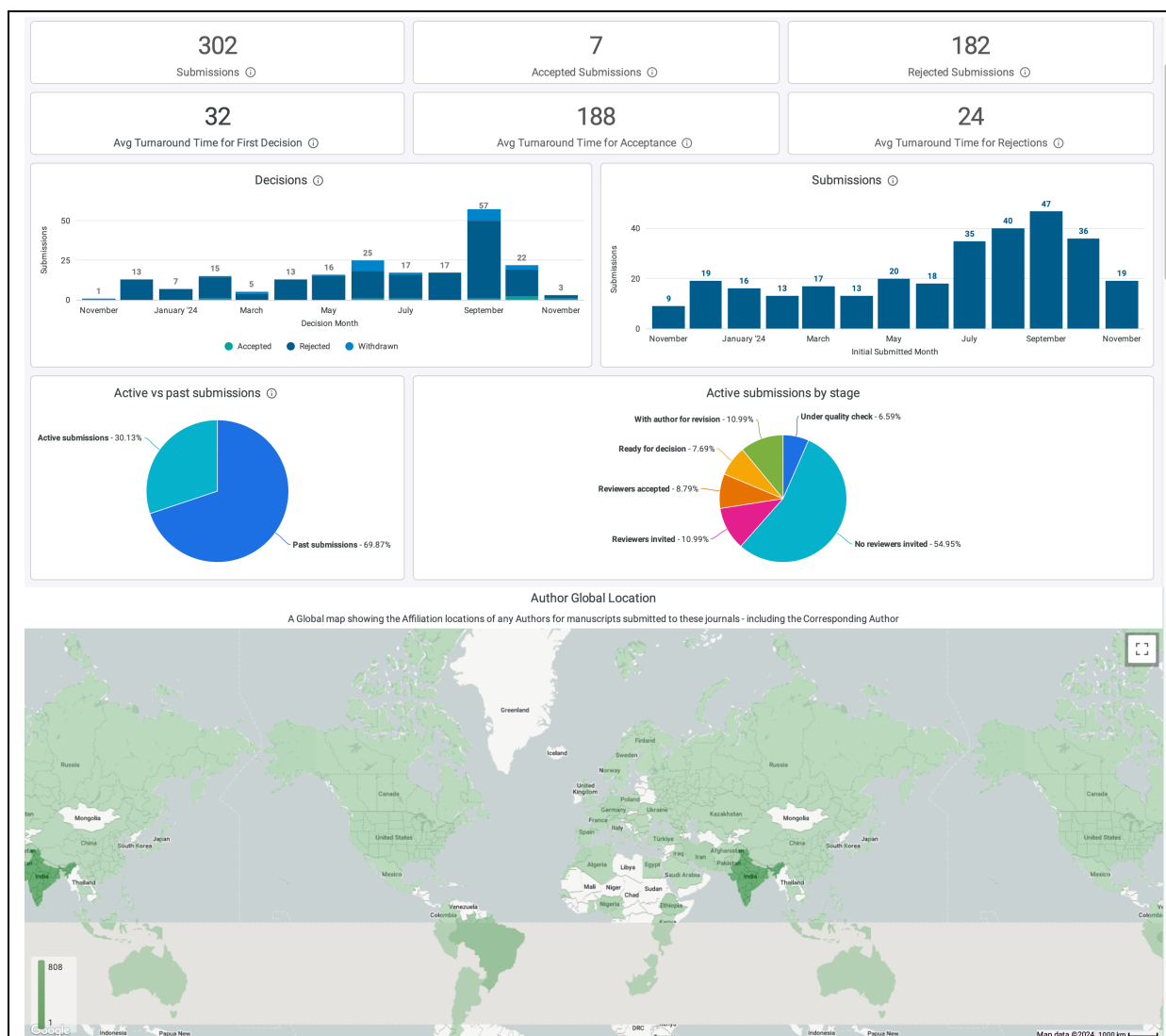
- 2022 (May): The 4th International Conference on Organic Agriculture in Mediterranean Climates which took place in Izmir, Turkey and ISO FAR board members (Prof. Rahmann, Prof. Ardakani, Dr. Chander and Dr. Azim) participated as invited keynote speakers. [ISO FAR - 2022: ABM conference in Izmir](#)
- 2022: ISO FAR has organized five scientific workshops at the IFOAM / ISO FAR organic conference - who has celebrated their 50th anniversary with the Expo – from October 1-3, 2022 in Goesan, Korea. About 51 scientists from 27 countries have discussed in five ISO FAR workshops the future challenges in "Scaling up organic, novel food, food systems, climate smart organic agriculture and research for para-organic. [ISO FAR - 2022: ISO FAR workshops for 2nd Organic Expo in Korea in Sep 2022](#)
- 2023 (January): The International Green Week in Berlin (Germany) in which the ISO FAR president has represented ISO FAR. [ISO FAR - January 2023: International Green Week](#)

- 2023 (February): Invitation of Pakistan Organic Farming association to ISO FAR board members (Prof. Rahmann and Dr. Neuhoﬀ) to visit Pakistan. Several keynotes were given at the universities of Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Vehar and Faisalabad and promoted the ISO FAR network. ISO FAR - February 2023: Organic Pakistan
- 2023 (November): RySS (Natural Farming association) in India has been visited by ISO FAR President and discussed on the research agenda. ISO FAR - May 2023: Natural Farming India
- 2023 (June): The 6th Asian Organic Congress which took place in Kauswagan, Philippines 4-10 June 2023 and at same time in 9th ALGOA (Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture) & 4th GAOD (Global Alliance of Organic Districts) Summits have been actively supported by ISO FAR board members (Dr. Mahesh Chander, Prof. Sassi, Prof. Ardakani and Prof. David) as invited speakers or session moderators. ISO FAR - June 2023: Philippines, IFOAM Asia conference
- 2023 (September): 1st International Conference on organic agriculture in Deserts and Drylands, in Inner Mongolia (China), in which the ISO FAR board members (Prof. Sassi, Prof Chander and Prof. Wahyudi) attended actively as invited speakers.
- 2023 (September): The Organic Scientific Conference at the China Agricultural University, in Suzhou (China) in which the ISO FAR board members (Prof. Rahmann, Dr. Chander and Prof. Wahyudi) attended actively. ISO FAR - September 2023: CAU symposium OA in Suzhou, China
- 2023: The 4th IOIS Organic conference Organic Life – Healthy diet with Vitality (China) in which ISO FAR participated as invited keynote speakers. ISO FAR - September 2023: 4th IOIS in Xichong, China
- 2024: IFOAM Asia Organic Industry and Product Market Development Conference in Conjunction with 7th Organic Asia Congress (ISO FAR Board Dr. Wahyudi David as invited speaker and Prof. Sassi as a panelist). Handan Heibei, China 19-21 June 2024

3.2 The Journal of Organic Agriculture

The scientific journal *Organic Agriculture* is one of the main ISO FAR products. In 2024, the journal received the first ISI impact factor from Clarivate (Web of Science). We achieved 2.0, an excellent start. Now, the Journal is well established and has all required scientific benchmarks. The access to the Journal is free for ISO FAR members.

(see <https://www.springer.com/journal/13165>)



4 Headquarters

4.1 Financial report 2021 – 2024 (planned, result)

Like the last terms: ISO FAR is not wealthy but healthy. Because there are only very little fix costs, the network is running without big financial risks. The bank account is in Germany at:

ISO FAR financial report and plans 2021 to 2024								
plan/result	plan	result	plan	result	plan	result	plan	result
year	2021	2021	2022	2022	2023	2023	2024	2024 (Sept)
Members (paid)	100	110	100	51	100	45	100	54
average fee/member paid	50,00 €	36,27 €	50,00 €	34,12 €	50,00 €	34,56 €	50,00 €	37,06 €
Income	10.000 €	12.705 €	10.000 €	7.364 €	10.000 €	5.890 €	10.000 €	7.070 €
per member:	100 €	116 €	100 €	144 €	100 €	131 €	100 €	131 €
Fee	5.000 €	3.990 €	5.000 €	1.740 €	5.000 €	1.555 €	5.000 €	2.001 €
Springer	5.000 €	8.715 €	5.000 €	5.624 €	5.000 €	4.335 €	5.000 €	5.069 €
others	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0 €
Expenditures	15.100 €	11.343 €	22.100 €	15.223 €	17.100 €	4.201 €	22.100 €	173 €
per member:	151 €	103 €	221 €	298 €	171 €	93 €	221 €	3 €
Conference support	4.000 €	2.989 €	10.000 €	7.825 €	5.000 €	302 €	10.000 €	
PayPal								
Bank account costs		60 €		54 €		56 €		44 €
Tax claim costs	600 €	1.214 €	600 €	785 €	600 €	- €	600 €	- €
other costs	- €	34 €	1.000 €		1.000 €		1.000 €	
ORGA	7.500 €	6.420 €	7.500 €	6.420 €	7.500 €	3.558 €	7.500 €	- €
Promotion/headquarter	3.000 €	137 €	3.000 €	138 €	3.000 €	285 €	3.000 €	129 €
Board meetings		489 €		- €		- €		- €
Money:								
Bank accounts 1.1.:	39.073 €	39.073 €	40.435 €	40.435 €	28.335 €	32.688 €	21.235 €	34.377 €
Bank accounts 31.12.:	33.973 €	40.435 €	28.335 €	32.688 €	21.235 €	34.377 €	9.135 €	41.274 €
Diff 1.1.-31.12.	- 5.100 €	1.362 €	- 12.100 €	- 7.747 €	- 7.100 €	1.689 €	- 12.100 €	6.898 €

Bank name:

Sparkasse Holstein, Address: Hagenstraße 19, 23843 Bad Oldesloe

IBAN: DE11 2135 2240 0189 9174 20

BIC: NOLADE21HOL

4.2 Offices

ISO FAR has no staff and does all work on voluntary level. The official headquarters of ISO FAR is in Germany, at the Thünen-Institute, where president Gerold Rahmann is the director. This allows ISO FAR to have a postal address for bank and legal issues. The website is managed by the headquarter.

4.3 Membership

Some years ago, the board has decided to clean the membership list and kick out unreliable or non-paying members. This clean up has resulted in a clear reduction of the number of members to 133 in autumn 2024. This procedure was necessary because ISO FAR must pay for the subscription of the journal 'Organic Agriculture' an annual fee of 25 € per member. During the reporting period some ten new members have joined ISO FAR, but an equal number has also left the society, mainly because of retirement. All members are kindly invited to recruit new members, which will have cheap individual access to 'Organic Agriculture'.