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## PRESS RELEASE

### The World of Organic Agriculture to Meet in Adelaide – Register Now

**Bonn, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2005 – *The 15<sup>th</sup> IFOAM Organic World Congress will take place from September 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2005 in Adelaide, Australia. An event that happens only once every three years, the Congress features a diverse program, including over 300 presentations and workshops examining the state-of –the-art in the organic sector, the 8th International IFOAM Organic Viticulture and Wine Conference, the International Scientific Conference on Organic Agriculture, for the first time organized in cooperation with the International Society of Organic Agriculture Research (ISO FAR), and the IFOAM General Assembly.***

The 8th International IFOAM Organic Viticulture and Wine Conference will bring together the world's experts on organic wine from all over the planet to facilitate the further development of markets and products, and to discuss challenges and opportunities for moving forward and conquering mainstream markets.

The International Scientific Conference on Organic Agriculture will delve into the latest research and technical advances in organic agriculture. Organized by ISO FAR ([www.isofar.org](http://www.isofar.org)), the newly established global scientific research authority for organic agriculture, the conference will facilitate global cooperation in research, methodological development, education and knowledge exchange.

An Organic World Exhibition will be held in conjunction with the Congress to showcase and promote organic international organic companies and organizations, and the Go 2005 Organic Festival will highlight the wide range of organic food and beverages available to consumers and visitors in South Australia.

The extensive list of Congress tours, from the wet tropics to Australia's dry outback, will provide a hands-on experience for those who participate. The tours feature Australia's unique flora and fauna and include the important aboriginal culture and traditions that have shaped the continent over the past 40,000 years.

An impressive list of high profile keynote speakers will address diverse and relevant issues to the organic sector. Dr. Vandana Shiva, recipient of the prestigious Right to Livelihood award, author of acclaimed works such as *Water Wars* and *Stolen Harvest*, will open the congress plenary and set the tone for a landmark event. Dr. Tim Flannery, the world-renowned conservation scientist who's work included the discovery of the tree kangaroo and saving Bulmer's Fruit bat from extinction, is another in a long list of exciting speakers who are making great contributions to achieving a more sustainable world.

The IFOAM General Assembly, the democratic decision making forum for IFOAM, will take place immediately following the congress. Important decisions that will affect the future of the organic industry will be made, including the adoption of the revised Principles of Organic Agriculture, the election of the IFOAM World Board and the consideration of wide-ranging motions, all monumental decisions for the booming \$26 billion market for organic products.

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Taking place during the height of spring, Jan Denham, the congress organizer, notes “the fascinating city of Adelaide combined with renowned Australian hospitality create a setting that will bestow an unforgettable experience on all participants. Additionally, the favorable price structure and currency exchange rate in Australia will help to make participation in the congress affordable.” With over 11,300,000 hectares of certified organic land, comprising 43% of the world’s total, Australia is the perfect destination for anyone involved in or interested in organic agriculture.

Gerald A. Herrmann, IFOAM Executive Director, emphasizes “don’t let this opportunity to experience and enjoy the diversity and spirit of the organic movement, like only the IFOAM World Congress can offer once ever three years, pass you by.”

For further information, visit the congress website: [www.nasaa.com.au/ifoam2005](http://www.nasaa.com.au/ifoam2005). One may also request printed brochures from the IFOAM Head Office (Charles-de-Gaulle-Str. 5, 53113 Bonn, Germany). More details about IFOAM can be found on IFOAM’s web page [www.ifoam.org](http://www.ifoam.org). Further information about the congress may also be requested from the IFOAM Head Office (Charles-de-Gaulle-Str. 5, 53113 Bonn, Germany, phone +49-228-92650-10).

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