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World Board election 2021 - IFOAM Organics Europe Board voting recommendations

Dear IFOAM Organics Europe Council Members, Dear Members of the interest groups,

I hope this email finds you well. IFOAM Organics International GA is approaching fast. Next week you will be asked to vote for the composition of the new world board.

As you may recall I, Marian, have been a member of the Nomination Committee of IFOAM Organics International and helped to find European candidates for the IFOAM OI World Board election in 2020. We mentioned this in "[Making IFOAM EU Fit for the Future](#)" the report on organizational development 2018/2020 presented by the Board in the GA 2020. During the IFOAM Organics Europe GA 2021 the topic was on the table again.

Being part of the IFOAM Organics Europe Board, together we took action and identified and supported three candidates (Sarah Compson, Marco Schlueter and Paul Holmbeck) with excellent knowledge of the European organic sector, and expertise that is valuable for the World Board. **IFOAM Organics Europe will vote for them and the IFOAM Organics Europe board recommends that you/your organization also vote for Sarah Compson, Marco Schlueter and Paul Holmbeck as World Board members.** We are sure they will help to further develop IFOAM Organics International and its Regional Bodies. There are, for sure, other good candidates from or living in European countries. Our support is based on the analysis that a strong world organization can only

grow and blossom if it is rooted in the regions and that preferably votes are not split among too many candidates from the same region. The board discussed it again after the GA 2021 and confirmed the recommendation.

We also consulted with other regional bodies, on that basis we have drawn up the following voting list:

Name	Country / Region /(Regional Body)
1 Sara Compson	UK / Europe (IFOAM EU)
2 Marco Schlueter	Germany / Europe (IFOAM EU)
3 Paul Holmbeck	Denmark / Europe (IFOAM EU)
4 Miyoshi Satoko	Japan / Asia (IFOAM Asia)
5 Bablu Ganguly	India / Asia (IFOAM Asia)
6 Shamika Mone	India / Asia (INOFO)
7 Julia Lernoud	Argentina / Latin America (IFOAM LA)
8 Karen Mapusua	Fiji / Oceania
9 Jennifer Taylor	USA (IFOAM NA)
10 Fortunate Nyakanda	Zimbabwe / Africa (IFOAM SAN)

Finally, as Andre Leu, long serving IFOAM OI president once said: “the voters are always right”. So please go and vote and make this IFOAM Organics International World Board a great board!

Have a nice International GA,

On behalf of the IFOAM Organics Europe board

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IFOAM Organics Europe (previously IFOAM EU) represents almost 200 member organisations in the EU-27, the EU accession countries and EFTA. Member organisations span the entire organic food chain and beyond: from farmers and processors organisations, retailers, certifiers, consultants, traders and researchers to environmental and consumer advocacy bodies.

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