The French research institute for organic farming

Connecting farmers and researchers to develop organic farming

NETWORKING ACTIVITIES
To facilitate partnerships and to implement innovation networks & tools

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
To build up and carry out on-farm experiments, national and international projects involving various stakeholders

DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES
To share knowledge and research results through publications, workshops, national and international conferences

ITAB, the contact point on organic applied research in France
ITAB GROUP

ITAB is a non-profit organisation managed by organic farmers and recognised by the French authorities as the national coordinator for organic applied research.

*public and private research organisations (INRA...), farmers and farmer associations (FNAB network, cooperatives), advisors (Chambers of agriculture), training centers and universities, Agence Bio, SMEs...
SKILLS AND THEMES

Some examples of research topics developed by ITAB group

Designing more resilient and sustainable systems
Soil management and fertility
Farming systems’ design
Systems and long-term experiments on arable crops
Agroforestry

Mobilizing genetic resources
Organic plant breeding and agrobiodiversity management

Developing preventive methods in organic plant and animal production
Functional biodiversity & agroecology
Crop rotations and innovative crop management

Developing innovations for plant and animal health in organic production
Animal health and welfare
Copper use reduction
Plant extracts for crop protection
Input regulation & registration

Improving organic food quality and food systems
Methods to assess organic product’s quality
Food processing with care
Food quality
Holistic quality evaluation

Stimulating networks and partnerships for innovation

40 projects implemented during the last 10 years
A national database of experiments, trials & projects
Close partnership with INRA and French technical institutes
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Thanks to its involvement in several EU-projects and consortiums, ITAB developed skills in International partnerships and multi-actor project management.

**EU projects**

→ **FP7**

**Co-Free:** Innovative strategies for copper-free, low input and organic farming systems

**Solibam:** Strategies for organic and low-input integrated breeding and management

**Cantogether:** Innovating mixed farming systems, based on simultaneous utilization of crops and animals

→ **FP6**

**Blight-Mop:** Development of a systems approach for the management of late blight in EU organic potato production

**Repco:** Replacement of copper fungicides in organic production of wine, grapes and apples in Europe

**Orwine:** Development of environment and consumer friendly technologies for organic wine quality improvement and scientifically based legislative framework

→ **Core Organic II**

**Isafruit:** Improve human health through increased consumption of fruit produced in a sustainable way

**Corepig:** Prevention of selected diseases and parasites in organic pig herds

**Cobra:** Coordinating organic plant breeding activities for diversity

**Icoop:** Improved contribution of local feed to support 100% organic feed supply to pigs and poultry

→ **COST actions**

**BioGreenHouse:** Towards a sustainable and productive EU organic greenhouse horticulture

**Susvar:** Sustainable low-input cereal production: required varietal characteristics and crop diversity

→ **Interreg**

**Alcotra:** Network for biodiversity

**Partnerships**

**TP Organics:** Technology Research Platform for organic food and farming

**ECO-PB:** The European Consortium for Organic plant breeding

**ECO-AB:** The European Consortium for Organic animal breeding

**FQH:** International Research Network for Food Quality and Health

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