



OFC is now 5 year old!

Time flies when you're having fun! Our sector is still growing and gaining recognition as a success story within the food system – one that is here to stay. But we have a long road ahead of us and need to continue to work hard to protect what we've accomplished.

The organic industry must organize itself effectively in order to protect the core values of working with nature, sustainability and health. The expansion of scale that accompanies wider recognition is already threatening to water down these values. The farmer has really driven this movement, in concert with an awakened, health conscious consumer. We need to be vigilant and not let control slip into the hands of commercial interests who are motivated primarily by profit.

Organizations like the Organic Federation of Canada or its provincial member organizations are representing a broad base of organic operators; they are our only vehicle for resisting the natural evolution of organic farming into a slightly more benign version of the industrial method. We are much more than that – we are champions of an alternative paradigm that the world desperately needs and so we have to fight to maintain our integrity.

I invite all Canadian organic operators and consumers to persevere in multiplying fertile organic land where food that is good for us is grown without polluting our environment!

Ted Zettel

President of the Organic Federation of Canada

To highlight OFC 5th anniversary, we are posting some of the best articles and communication prepared by OFC during these years. The posters, interviews, articles and films describe the Canadian organic sector issues, challenges and successes. Lets hope that the next assessment in 5 years from now will show a continued growth of the organic production and consumption.

**Nicole Boudreau
OFC Coordinator**

Interviews



Ted Zettel

The Organic Federation of Canada is entering its fifth year of existence. [Click.](#)
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Michel Saumur

Meshing organic ideals with a regulatory framework
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Dave Lockman

A Canadian CB speaks his mind
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Suzie Miller

Organic Value Chain Roundtable Co-Chair hands over the reins
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Organic Science Cluster



Martin Entz

Martin Entz co-chairs the first Canadian scientific organic conference
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Martine Dorais

Organic Greenhouse Production to Feed the Planet
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Andy Hammermeister
**Why is Canada is such a
Unique Country for Producing
Organic Food**
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Frédéric Jobin-Lawler
**The Projects of the
Organic Science Cluster
Answer Producers' Needs**
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Gordon Braun
The apple tree immunologist*
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Stephen Fox
**A Canadian Wheat
Breeder***
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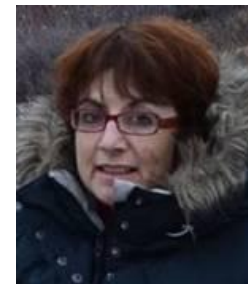
Louise Nelson
**Having new trees thriving
in organic orchards***
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Rod MacRae
**Canadians need greater
help when transitioning
to organic farming**
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Jennifer Mitchell Fetch
**Maybe you ate an oat
variety crafted by Jennifer
Mitchell Fetch***
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Chantal Hamel
**Soil microorganisms are
at the heart of the new
green revolution***
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Miles McEvoy

**NOP Deputy Administrator
in Guelph to Promote
Organic Integrity
from one Country to the Other**
[click](#)
January 2011

*commissioned by OACC

Submissions to the Standing Committee on Agriculture

By Ted Zettel

March 1st 2011 – The Canadian Organic Sector and the GMO challenge - [click](#)

November 18 2011 – Background on the Organic Sector in Canada- [click](#)

General Interest

Organic Acronyms* [click](#)

Equivalency for Organic Trade* [click](#)

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again – Interpreting the Standards* [click](#)

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Press releases

December 19 2011 - Canadian Policy to Manage GMOs has to be reconsidered to Prevent Contamination of Organic Agriculture and Reassure Consumers - [click](#)

December 8 2011 - **NO CAUSE FOR ALARM IN CFIA FINDINGS SAYS ORGANIC FEDERATION OF CANADA**
“Traces of pesticide residues persist in the environment.” [click](#)

October 14 2011 - **The Organic Federation of Canada celebrates Organic Week** - [click](#)

The films



An Organic Field of Dreams [click](#)

Organic is a Science [click](#)

At the Canadian Organic Science Conference

The Impact of Research on Organic Agriculture [click](#)

Organic Researchers in Canada and United States [click](#)

Organic Knowledge for the Future [click](#)

Organic Farmers and Researchers Sharing Knowledge [click](#)

Some milestones



June 30 2009

Organic Products Regulations are Implemented

September 1st 2010

**Canada's Organic Sector receives \$6.5 million for research in
announcement of Canada's Organic Science Cluster**

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NSAC Co-President, Dr. Bernie MacDonald; OACC Founding Director, Dr. Ralph Martin; Nova Scotia MP for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, Scott Armstrong; Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Gerry Ritz; and President of the Organic Federation of Canada, Ted Zettel



December 9 2009

**First meeting of the
Canadian [Standards Interpretation Committee](#)
in Ottawa**

G rard Bouchard, Matthew Holmes, Ted Zettel, Jean Duval, Dag Falck and Laura Telford (Members of the first Standards Interpretation Committee).



Ted Zettel (OFC) and Alain Rioux (FBQ)

December 2011
**Quebec Announces Adoption of
 Canadian Organic Standards**



The First
Canadian organic Science Conference
 is a resounding Success



October 15 2012
**OACC receives more than 100 applications
 for the Organic Science Cluster II**

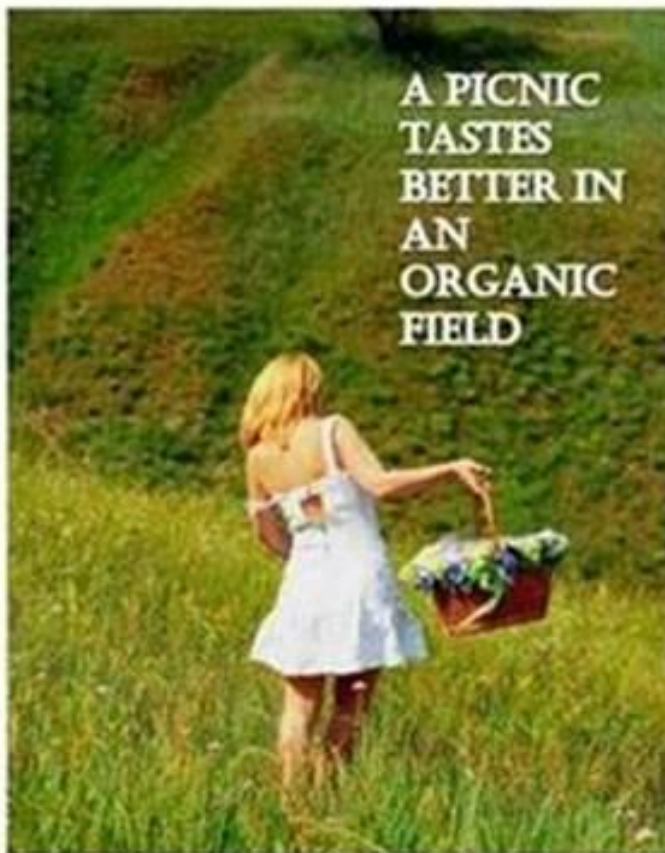
October 23rd 2012
**A third Successful Parliament Day
 organized
 by COTA & COG**



Posters & Slogans

One picture is worth a thousand words





For a more organic future!

Organic Federation of Canada

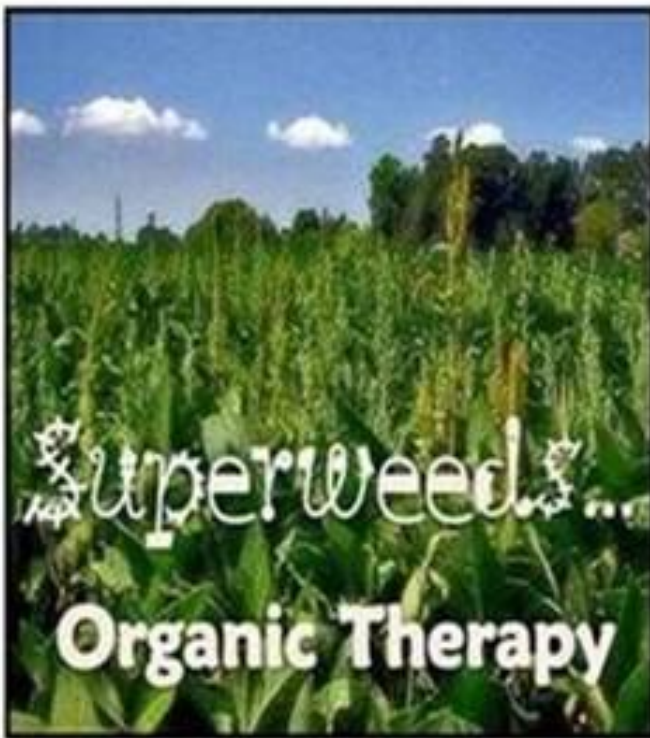
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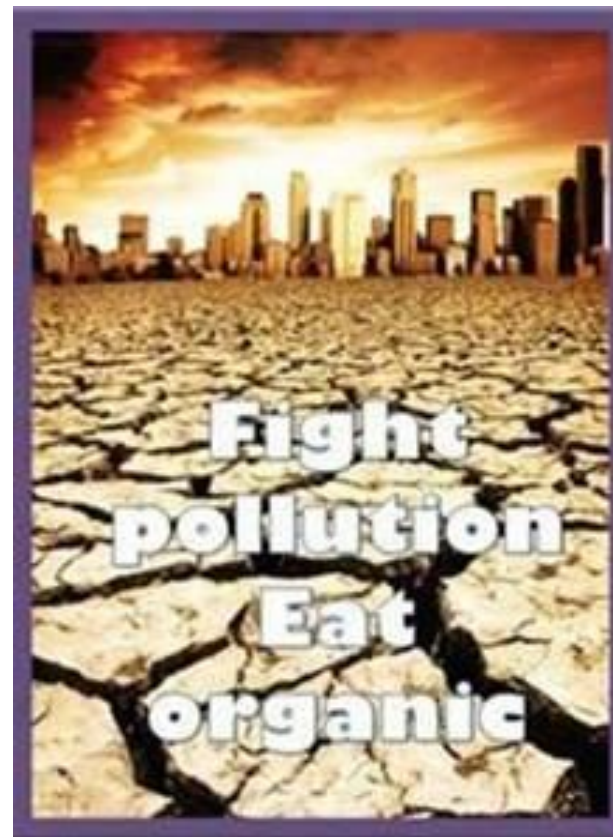
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**Keep the doctor
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from the apple**

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...and over 60 InfoBio, including the Notes from the COO Liaison Committee.

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working to develop sustainable agricultural practices in Canada!



Click on <http://organicfederation.ca/ofc-voting-members>
to view the list of the Canadian organic associations
supporting the implementation of organic agriculture in Canada!

November 2012