

# ORGANIC INTEGRITY NETWORK FORMERLY A.F.I. (Anti-Fraud-Initiative)

## History:



- \***End 1980s.** Lima Belgium, Euvita/Aldis Italy and Urtekram Denmark work out an initiative of Loek uit het Broek to create a private world-wide guarantee system. Boudewijn van Elzakker joins later. The initiative is abandoned in favour of an IFOAM approach (cfr IOAS)
- \***BioFach February 2007.** Boudewijn van Elzakker & Carol Haest discuss the fraud problem.
- \***Bonn, May 2007** Hosted by the Bundesministry and facilitated by FiBL, AgroEco and GfRS 17 stakeholders meet and found the AFI.
- \***Frick (Zürich), October 2007** Hosted by FiBL 60 stakeholders continue the AFI initiative. A Code of Conduct is seen as the ultimate goal.

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11.02.08 AFI Traders' meeting Amsterdam signing of declaration of intent called **DECLARATION OF AMSTERDAM** that must lead to a **Code of Conduct** or of **Good Practice** for traders (and for certifying bodies).

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**\*November 2008 Hamburg.** **7 Principles of Integrity** are worked out and signed (DECLARATION OF HAMBURG).



**\*February 2009 BioFach.** The Code on the basis of the principles is signed. The CB's Code is a fact.

**\*September 2009 Bologna.** Work is continued; the name AFI is abandoned. Alexander Beck (AOEL), Bo van Elzakker (Louis Bolk Institute), Beate Huber (FiBL), Bavo van den Idsert (VBP), Jan Wicher Krol (EOCC) and Jochen Neuendorff (GfRS) coordinate with Udo Buerk (BioTropic) in a strong supporting role. The name AFI is abandoned. Coming soon: [www.organic-integrity.org](http://www.organic-integrity.org)

**Code of Conduct  
for Certification Bodies**

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## **The Declaration of Amsterdam**

Maintaining credibility of the organic industry is a core value of the sector. To maintain the high credibility established, we need to fight fraud. We aim to protect the responsible operators as well as the consumers.

Therefore the underwriting parties have agreed to:

1. Work out a code of best practice for organic traders & processors for individual as well as collective responsibilities and actions;
2. Support the establishment and implementation of a code of best practice for organic certifying bodies;



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## Anti Fraud Initiative 2

The international workshop took place in Hamburg on November 25 and November 26, 2008.

It was the follow up meeting to the Declaration of Amsterdam on a Code of Conduct to reduce fraud & irregularities in organic trade.

### Purpose of the workshop

Agreement on Code of Good Practices: Get more buy-in into the process, share information on how to improve, individually and as groups, agree on the Codes of Good Practices and develop consensus on the next steps.

Program of the Workshop

### Report of the workshop

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The report contains summaries of the presentations and results from workshops.

### Codes of conduct

During the Biofach 2009 the initiative presented the two codes of conduct. The code of conduct for certification bodies was signed by 21 certifiers (17 in Europe, 2 in the USA, 1 in Argentina and 1 in Israel).

The code of conduct for trades was presented by Bavo van den Idbert. The trading and processing associations will continue the elaboration of the code. At the Sana fair in Bologna (10-13 September 2009) the complete code with practical toolboxes should be presented.

Detailed information of the european certifiers council .

# Organic Integrity

An international network originally started as „AFI – Anti Fraud Initiative“, presented at the IFOAM Trade Forum by Carol Haest

Some Supporters from the trade:

AOEL, Ariza, BD-Totaal, Biotropic, BÖLW, Brio, DO-IT, Eosta, ForesTrade Europa, Heimatsmühle & Biokorn, Kloth & Kohnken Teeimport, Krücken Organic, Natudis, Naturland, Organic Flavour Company, Rapunzel Naturkost, REWE, Ernst Rickertsen, Synabio, tegut..., Tradin, Tuchel & Son, VBP, Urtekram, Waren-Verein Hamburger Börse, W.B.T. SRL, Alfred L. Wolff...

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