

# **1<sup>st</sup> International Conference of Wheat Landraces for Healthy Food Systems**

**13 - 15 June 2018 – University of Bologna, Italy**

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the International Organizing Committee and the local host, the University of Bologna, we cordially invite all wheat landrace researchers, growers, processors, nutrition specialists, and those who are interested in discussing the link between the use of wheat landraces, including ancient and heritage wheat, for food and positive effects on health to participate in the **1<sup>st</sup> International Conference of Wheat Landraces for Healthy Food Systems**.

Therefore, we invite you to join other leaders from throughout the world in attending this groundbreaking inaugural conference. This conference is designed to be a solutions oriented event. We look forward to welcoming you to Bologna, Italy. The origins of the University of Bologna go way back, and it is considered to be the oldest university in the Western world (founded in 1088 AD). Its history is intertwined with that of the great names of science and literature, it is a keystone and a point of reference for European culture. **For more information on the University of Bologna please, [click here](#).**

Looking forward to your joining us for a one of kind conference experience - sincerely yours,

Dr. Robert M. Quinn, President, Kamut International – Conference Chair

## **Organizers**

IFOAM - Organics International – Bonn, Germany – International Organizer

Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna – Bologna, Italy – Local Organizer

Kamut International, Ltd. – Missoula, MT, USA and Kamut Enterprises of Europe bvba – Oudenaarde, Belgium – Organizer

## **The Scientific Committee:**

Prof. Giovanni Dinelli – (IT) Scientific Committee Chair (full professor in Agronomy - University of Bologna)

Emanuela Simonetti – (IT) Scientific Committee Coordinator (Research Director - Kamut Enterprises of Europe)

Prof. Stephen Jones – (USA) (wheat researcher – Washington State University)

Prof. Valery N. Krasilnikov – (Russia) (Director General, Protein Plus Co Ltd.)

Dr. Bruce Pearce – (UK) (Landrace developer, Organic Research Centre)

Dr. Robert M. Quinn – (USA) Conference Chair – ex-official member of scientific committee (President - Kamut International)

## **Purposes and Objectives of the Conference**

1. To bring together researchers from all parts of the world who can report their findings from studies of the nutritional and health benefits of wheat landraces including ancient and heritage wheat and wheat

developed for its nutritional properties or developed for regenerative organic systems. Production and processing methods which enhance these health benefits will also be discussed. This purpose as well as the next two could also include similar discussions concerning other cereal grains.

2. To provide a forum for discussing, understanding and solving the sensitivity problems inherent to modern wheat and its possible connections to chronic disease due to changes made to it via modern plant breeding and industrialized production and processing procedures.

3. To discuss new methods of breeding and selecting nutritious wheat, as well as discussing the promising production and processing methods which might be used to preserve and enhance the nutrition of the grain and in the end enhance and improve health and reduce chronic disease. The economic implications of these systems will also be discussed.

4. To establish an organization which can carry on the goals and vision of the conference. This could include promotion of the themes presented in this conference and create a general mission statement, name and goal of such an organization and official recommendation of some definition of terms: landrace wheat, ancient wheat, heritage wheat, modern wheat, etc. to be added to conference proceedings

**Please consult our web site, <http://wheat-landraces.ifoam.bio> for a complete description of the preliminary program of activities, abstract submission and publication criteria, conference venue and accommodations, registration procedures and fees, opportunities for accompanying persons, local transportation, visa support, Sponsorship & exhibition opportunities**

**Please, circulate this letter among those who may be interested in participating in the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference of Wheat Landraces for Healthy Food Systems! We are anticipating the conference delegate slots to fill up quickly so please register early so you will not be disappointed.**

*We look forward to welcoming you in Bologna!*