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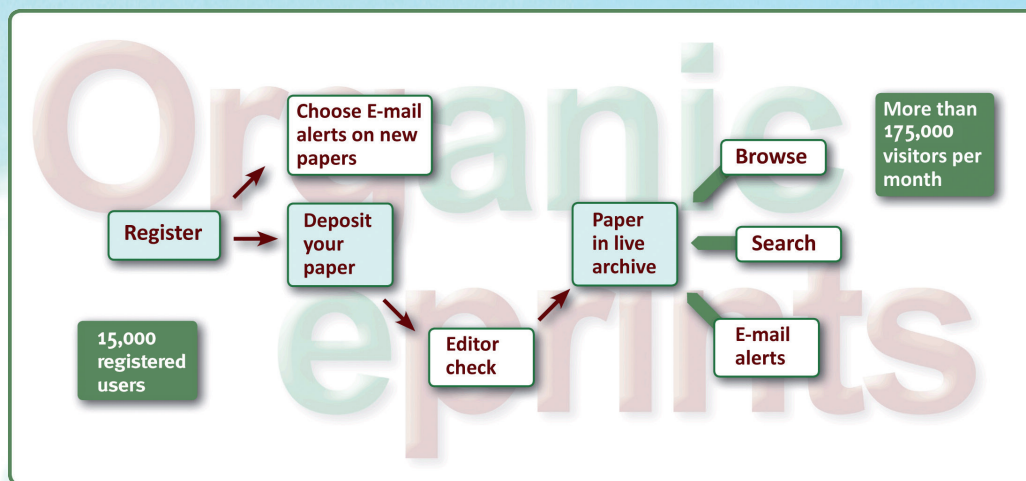
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As a registered user, you can get email alerts about new publications in subject areas of your interest. You can also deposit your own publications in the archive to increase their visibility and availability. Each deposit is checked by an editor for their relevance to research in organic agriculture and bibliographic data accuracy.

Individual researchers from all over the world register and deposit their own publications in the archive. By making their research publications openly and freely available on the internet, they can increase research impact and the speed of research communication.

Organic Eprints is for:

- ▶ Researchers
- ▶ Advisors
- ▶ Policy makers
- ▶ Media workers
- ▶ NGO activists
- ▶ Consumers

The main objectives of Organic Eprints are

- ▶ to facilitate the communication of research papers and proposals related to organic food and farming
- ▶ to improve the dissemination and impact of organic research findings
- ▶ to document the organic food and farming research effort

To fulfil these objectives the archive is designed to facilitate international use and cooperation.

The screenshot shows the Organic Eprints website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: home, about, browse, search, latest, help. Below this is a login section with 'Login | Create Account'. The main heading is 'Welcome to Organic Eprints version 3'. A descriptive paragraph states: 'Organic Eprints is an international open access archive for papers related to research in organic agriculture. The archive contains full-text papers in electronic form together with bibliographic information, abstracts and other metadata. More about the archive.' There is a link 'See the latest additions.' Below this is a 'Browse' section with a dropdown menu for 'Browse all eprints in the archive by:' with options: subject area, country, organization and project, other browse views. A 'Search' section contains input fields for 'Keyword(s):', 'Name(s):', and 'Date(s):', with a 'Search the archive' button. A note says 'More search options on the simple and advanced search pages.' At the bottom, there is a 'Register' section with the text: 'As a registered user you can deposit your papers in the archive and subscribe to email alerts on new papers. Go register.' The footer includes logos for ICROFS, FiBL, and BÖLN, along with the text 'auf deutsch' and 'contact us supporters'.

- Get easy access to thousands of papers on organic food and farming

Participate in developing Organic Eprints – for organisations

Organic Eprints is established as a key source of organic research communication in Europe, and it is used worldwide.

Organic Eprints is for:

- ▶ Research programmes & projects
- ▶ Research institutions & organisations
- ▶ Research funding bodies
- ▶ Research or agricultural ministries
- ▶ International conference organisers

More formalized collaboration can include

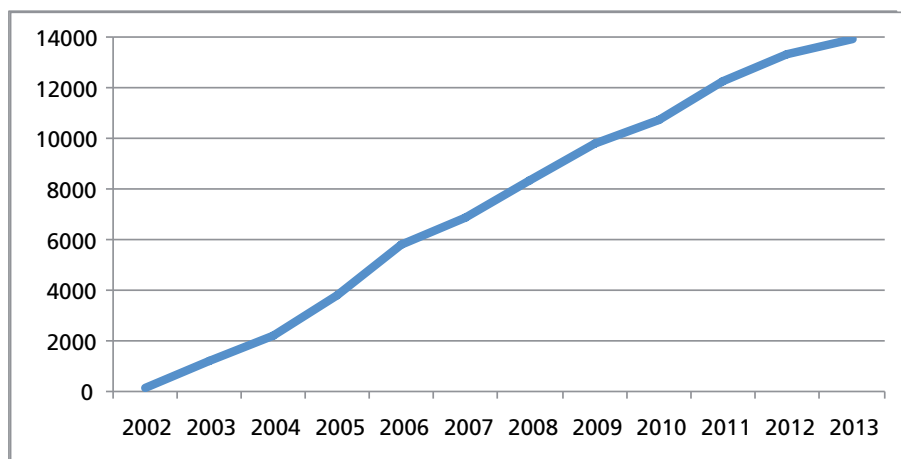
- ▶ being specifically mentioned in the archive browse structure
- ▶ having an editor in the editorial board
- ▶ getting opportunity to influence the future development of the archive.

Such collaboration has the benefits of

- ▶ greatly increasing the visibility and impact of research
- ▶ augmenting the documentation of the research effort.

Organisations can link to their section in the archive or to customized searches in the archive, thus making their research production directly available for overview and download.

For international conferences, Organic Eprints can be used for upload of papers and after approval the papers of a conference can be made available online.



The graph shows the evolution of the total number of records in Organic Eprints from the start in 2002 until 2013.

– Share your own papers: 200,000 visits every month

Organic Eprints background

Organic Eprints was established in 2002, and since 2003 there are three partners who are responsible for running the archive, The International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems (ICROFS) from Denmark, the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) and the Federal Organic Farming Scheme (BOEL) from Germany.

Since 2002, several international organisations, EU projects and researchers from countries across the world have deposited publications in the archive. Additionally, international conferences, including the IFOAM/ISO FAR organic conference, have used the archive to make their conference papers more widely available.

Under the auspices of the ERA-Net project CORE Organic (www.coreorganic.org) Organic Eprints has been used as the organic research archive for all partner countries, which offered their services as national editors within the archive. Until the end of 2010, the eight CORE Organic research projects have deposited almost 200 items about their research in the archive. CORE Organic II with 26 partners from 21 countries (<http://www.coreorganic2.org/>) will also use Organic Eprints as the tool for dissemination of project information and results.

Contact information

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