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Dear readers,

the Organic Cotton Circular's second edition in 2007 brings news from the organic cotton world around the globe. This issue reports about exciting developments on field level, with lots of growth both in terms of farmers and area under organic cotton cultivation.

More organic cotton farmers in Egypt, follow-up projects in Zambia and lots of increase in India: These are the bricks the organic cotton community is happy to see in order to further grow and strengthen the market. Initiatives in Europe, like the Oxfam and the Ethical Trading Initiative in the UK, are contributing their parts in awareness raising to keep organic cotton a hot and exciting issue worth to keep on talking and reporting about. An event, which again will help to maintain organic cotton on the agenda is IFOAM's conference on organic fibres and textiles. Find out more about it in this newsletter edition.

Thank you for your interest,

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News in details

1. India becoming largest producer and supplier of organic cotton?

According to an article in ecotextile news, India is on its way to becoming the largest producer and supplier of organic cotton, with almost every textile mill in India producing at least some amount of organic textiles for the international market.

<http://pan-germany.org/newsletter/deu/news.html?id=570>

2. OIKOS Norway supporting organic cotton project in Zambia

The Norwegian NGO OIKOS is cooperating with OPPAZ (Organic Producers and Processors Associations of Zambia) and KATC (Kasis Agricultural Training Centre) on the ODISSA organic cotton project in Zambia. From 2007 to 2009 the Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation NORAD is funding this project.

<http://pan-germany.org/newsletter/deu/news.html?id=571>

3. New Farmers in SEKEM's network in Egypt

Long-term partnerships between the SEKEM initiative and new customers in Switzerland allow to include more farmers to the bio-dynamic network in Egypt and grow more organic cotton for the ever growing market.

<http://pan-germany.org/newsletter/deu/news.html?id=572>

4. Organic cotton more and more attractive to farmers in Tanzania

More and more farmers are showing interest to work with bioRe Tanzania. Furthermore, the company will collaborate with the first satellite project, the Busgawa Organic Farming Association.

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5. Child labour in cotton production

For two days, experts from all over the world met in London to exchange their ideas and concerns about Cotton and Cotton Production with a special focus on ethical aspects and threads in cotton cultivation. Host and moderator of this round table meeting "White Gold - A

Roundtable for Sustainable and Ethical Cotton" was the Earth Justice Foundation. Child labour was one main focus. Reports of child labour and its different manifestations came from India, West Africa and Uzbekistan.

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6. Organic agriculture contributing to save the world climate

A video-clip which is available online at the US-based organisation Quantum Shift stressed the contribution of organic farming to save the world's climate.

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7. Oxfam and Ethical Trading Initiative are calling for green public procurement in the UK

OXFAM and the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) took the chance to welcome the new British Prime Minister with a call to start a more enabling environment for ethical trade in public procurement.

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8. MADE-BY looking for a business development manager in Germany

MADE-BY, a Dutch based consumer label for sustainable produced fashion, is planning to expand its activities to the German fashion market. Therefore the organisation is looking for a business development manager in Germany.

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9. IFOAM Organic Fibre and Textiles Conference in June 2008 in Carpi, Italy

Within the framework of IFOAM's Organic World Congress, Carpi in northern Italy has been chosen as the venue for the 4th International IFOAM Organic Fibre and Textile Conference in June 2008.

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