

Biodynamic, Vegetable, Fodder and Dairy Management Workshop for Organic Farm Systems 12th – 19th January 2014

Holistic and Sustainable Organic Farming System

Peter Proctor, the doyen of Biodynamic farming, once quoted that if there is the best biodynamic farm existing, it is the Bhai Kaka Krishi Kendra in Anand, Gujarat. At this very center as part of the Organic Gurukul a workshop will be held between **January 12th and January 19th 2014**.

Peter Proctor and Rachel Pomeroy will also be one of the few well known resources in this workshop and provide a wonderful opportunity to interact and learn from them directly. Most of us are aware of the pioneering work that Peter did to introduce Biodynamics in India. To those of you who are new to Biodynamics, Peter is considered the Father of Modern Biodynamics. His tireless work that saw many many farms & farmers in India adopt Biodynamics, is beautifully documented in the world acclaimed documentary 'One Man, One Cow, One Planet'. Incidentally the Bhaikaka Krishi Kendra is featured prominently in the well acclaimed documentary "One Man One Cow One Planet" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIit0GMATQWw>)



Biodynamic & Organic Farming Training Workshop

Dates:

12th January to 15th January, 2014 –Workshop On Biodynamic Farming

16th to 18th January, 2014 –Workshop On Vegetable, Fodder and Dairy Management

Note: The farm will also host the Biodynamic conference under the aegis of the Biodynamic Association of India from 9th January to 11th January, 2014. If participants wish to register for this conference, watch out for the details and registration process at <http://www.biodynamics.in>.

Venue:

Bhaikaka Krishi Kendra, Ravipura [Anand-Sojitra Road], District Anand, Gujarat, Pin Code - 388440.

Website:

www.organichutbkk.com

Contact:

Ravi Koushik (Phone#:9886655015) (ravikoushik@yahoo.com)

Seats:

25, on first-come basis. Preference will be given to participants registering for entire workshop

Accommodation:

I) Tents - Rs. 300/- per night per person on a sharing basis (two in the camping type tent and four in the cottage tent).

Note: This is very rustic/basic but clean tent accommodation on the farm itself with shared toilets. This is not recommended for elderly participants. Bedding will be provided. Please do bring mosquito repellent. This type of accommodation is available for only 15 people on a first cum basis.

II) Dormitories on the Farm & nearby Farms – Rs. 350/- per night per person.

Note: Transportation (shared auto rickshaws/taxis) will be arranged for one time early morning pick-up & night drop each day.

III) Rooms on the Farm & nearby Farms – Rs. 650/- per night per person on a sharing basis (two or three based on the room size).

Note: There is limited availability for this type of accommodation. Preference will be given for the elderly or the infirm. Transportation (shared autorickshaws/taxis) will be arranged for one time morning pick-up & night drop each day.

IV) Hotels – Hotels in neighboring towns of Vallabh Vidyanagar & Anand

Note: Participants will have to make their own booking and transport arrangements. For the list of hotels see the 'Hotel Information' page.

General Notes:

- a) If trainees have registered for the BDAI conference & wish to avail the accommodation, please inform in advance and pay the additional appropriate per person per night accommodation charges.
- b) All participants are advised to arrive on the previous evening i.e. 11th January for the first workshop and 15th January for the second workshop. People who have opted for non-hotel accommodation are requested to arrive before 6:00 p.m. on the farm on those days. Dinner will be provided. People arriving after 6:00 p.m. will have to make their own arrangements for that night in one of the listed hotels and come to the farm the following morning after 6:00 a.m.

Workshop Director:

Sarvdaman Patel

Workshop Instructors:

Sarvdaman Patel

David Hogg

Briony Young,

Dr. Regina Sharmila Dass

Workshop Resource People:

Anjali Rudraraju

Ashish Gupta

Dhaval Patel

Jnana Shetty

Ravi Koushik

For additional information on the instructors, see the 'Profiles' page.

Workshop Summary:

Workshop On Biodynamic Farming – The four days (Jan. 12th to 15th) cover the basics of organic & biodynamic farming with many intensive hands-on sessions.

Workshop On Vegetable, Fodder and Dairy Management – The three days (Jan. 16th to 18th) cover the art & science of growing Vegetables, Dairy & Fodder Management. This workshop will be conducted by Sarvdaman and his senior apprentices Ashish, Jnana & Ravi

Note: See the 'Workshop Structure' (pages 5 and 6) for the detailed workshop content.

How to Register:

Print and fill out the 'Registration Form'. Make the required payment by Bank Net Transfer. Please send the duly filled registration form to the following address –
Attn.: Ravi Koushik,
Voluntary Nature Conservancy,
101, Radha Darshan (Behind Union Bank)
Vallabh Vidyanagar 388120
District Anand,
Gujarat, India
Mobile: [+91 9898142170](tel:+919898142170)

Fees:

Rs. 8000/- For Workshop On Biodynamics (12th to 15th January)

Rs. 7000/- For Workshop in Vegetable, Dairy & Fodder Management (16th to 18th January)

Rs. 13000/- If registered for both workshops

This is inclusive of workshop fees, study material, all meals & additional activities but does not include accommodation and transportation.

Note: A need based discount of up to 30% on the registration fees can be availed by small and marginal farmers. Limited to 3 on a first cum basis.

Payment:

Please pay 100% in advance through Net Transfer only. Do not send DDs or Checks. The accommodation charges may be sent in advance along with the registration amount or paid in cash on arrival. The payment should be made as per the details below –

In Favour Of: **Sarvdaman Patel**

Place: **Vallabh Vidyanagar or Anand**

Bank details: **Bank of Baroda, Branch: Vallabh Vidyanagar, A/c No:**

07550100005899

IFSC Code: **BARB0VALLAB**

Or simply email the same details to ravikoushik@yahoo.com with subject line 'BD_BKK_JAN_2014_REG'.

You will receive an email/phone confirmation upon receipt of the registration form and the payment.

Last date for registration is 12th December, 2013

Refund Policy:

Before 12th December 2013 – Full refund minus administration charge of Rs. 200/-

Before 28th December 2013 – 50% refund

No refund after that

Getting to the Venue:

The training centre, Bhaikaka Krishi Kendra, is located at Ravipura village (opposite to Kashiya Kuva Bus stand , on Anand-Sojitra Road, 13 kms from Anand (well known for

AMUL – the milk brand). Anand is well connected by train on Ahmedabad – Mumbai rail line. From Anand railway station catching an auto will be the best option. Charge should be about Rs. 150/- to 250/-. See the ‘Transportation Information’ page, for phone numbers of auto drivers who know the venue.

See <http://www.organichutbkk.com/contact-details.html> for map etc.