

## Speaker Information

February 27, 2026 - The Global Landscape of Organic – David Crucefix (UK) and Boudewijn “Bo” van Elzakker (The Netherlands), Alliance for Organic Integrity



**Bo van Elzakker, The Netherlands**

Bo is director of the [Agro Eco – Louis Bolk Institute](#), an independent advisory research development organization active mainly in West Africa. 30+ years of experience in all aspects of organic agriculture: primary production, producer organization, access to inputs, value chain development, conversion & business planning, marketing, and ensuring organic integrity. He chairs the Accreditation Committee of [ASI](#) which is accrediting certification bodies to voluntary standards like [MSC](#), [FSC](#), [ASC](#) and [RSPO](#). He is one of the initiators of the [Anti-Fraud Initiative 4](#), learning from past fraud cases, organizing multi-stakeholder workshops to improve the integrity of organic certification, and doing due diligence audits of certification bodies and for organic buyers. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Tropical Agriculture. He is a member of the board of directors of Alliance for Organic Integrity.



**David Crucefix, England**

David joined the IOAS as Assistant Executive Director in 2000 after an earlier career in development aid working mainly in the Caribbean islands, Africa and Asia followed by a move to organic agriculture as a grower, inspector and finally certifier. IOAS is a non-profit organization committed to upholding the integrity of ecolabel claims in organic and sustainable agriculture, environmental management, textiles, social justice, and fair trade. IOAS was founded by IFOAM in 1997 and operates internationally, monitoring over 77 certification bodies across 75 countries. With IOAS David performed many assessments of certification bodies all over the world. In 2024 David stepped down as Executive Director but stayed on as a part-time business development advisor for IOAS. He has a degree in agricultural sciences and a PhD in plant pathology from the University of London. He is currently working with Alliance for Organic Integrity.

March 6, 2026 - Organic and Biodynamic Winery Q &A (panel)– Pam Sullivan and JJ Mack, winery inspectors, and Stephen Webber, experienced winemaker



**Pam Sullivan, New Hampshire, USA**

Pam has been inspecting full time since 2005. She focuses on crop and processing inspection and completes, on average, 180 inspections a year across US and Canada. Wineries were a specialty until a few years ago when Pam moved from California to New Hampshire. Pam has been an assistant trainer and presenter for IOIA and served on the BOD for five years. In the past Pam also worked part time as a file reviewer for CCOF. She has mentored many new inspectors and developed IOIA's 300-level Winery Inspection webinar.



**JJ Mack, Oregon, USA**

JJ is the Senior Quality Assurance Specialist at Oregon Tilth. Full-time inspector for nearly 20 years, working both as independent contractor and certifier employee; he still occasionally conducts inspections. JJ mentored with Pam Sullivan in 2016 and has reviewed and inspected many vineyards and wineries since then. He is “a firm believer in the power of questions”.



**Stephen Webber, Oregon, USA**

Winemaker who recently left a longstanding position as Head Winemaker for Montinore Estate in Oregon, a winery that has been involved in the production of fine Organic and Biodynamic certified wines since 2008. His professional training includes a Wine & Spirits Diploma from the Wine & Spirit Education Trust, United Kingdom.

Stephen Webber, Head Winemaker

## March 13, 2026 – Inspecting Producer/Grower Groups (EU and NOP) – Kathe Purvis and Luis Brenes

Luis will lead with a brief introductory presentation, focused mostly on the NOP. Kathe will add points specific to the EU, and then they will open for questions. Given the fairly recent inclusion of producer group certification into the NOP regulations and the recent revision of the EU regulations, both in 2021/4, this is a topic where even the “experts” have many questions.



**Luis Brenes, Costa Rica**

An organic inspector and IOIA lead trainer who also dedicates time as a post-grad professor and an organic compliance consultant. With 20 years of experience as an accredited organic inspector, Luis has audited farms and food processing facilities throughout North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Asia. Luis is an agronomist with postgraduate studies in tropical Crop Protection who has served as an organic extension and on-farm research agent. He served as Executive Director of the National Association for Organic Agriculture of Costa Rica, and as an IOIA Board member and Chair. Luis has presented training for IOIA on the Inspection and Certification of Grower Groups.



**Kathe Purvis, Western Australia**

Kathe has extensive experience in training, facilitation, and auditing. Over the past thirty years, she has specialized in Organic, Fairtrade, and Regenerative certification audits. She is an APSCA accredited auditor for Ethical & Sustainability programs. She serves as a consultant in the field of Environment Social Governance (ESG). She holds tertiary qualifications in Training Design, Development & Delivery, and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and Philosophy. Previously a farmer, she now cultivates her own food using a sustainable urban farming system. Her lifetime of practice includes expertise in organic and sustainable farming as well as nature regeneration. Kathe is a current IOIA Board member and an active participant in the IOIA APC (Asia Pacific Committee). She developed and delivered training on inspection of grower/producer groups both online in webinar format and in-person (Fiji, 2024).

March 20, 2026 - Livestock Feed – Ask Me Anything – Joe Ward, PhD in Ruminant Nutrition, and Kim Pohle, MS in Animal Science and poultry specialist



**Joseph W. Ward, Ph.D., Iowa, USA**

Born in Indiana and raised on a livestock farm, Joe was active in 4-H and FFA, and has a lifetime of livestock experience. He attended Purdue University earning a BS in Animal Science and MS in Ruminant Nutrition, followed by a PhD from Oklahoma State University in Ruminant Nutrition. As an animal nutritionist, he has consulted, published, and lectured in Europe, the Far East, Australia and South Africa, and as an advisor to the state of Iowa's organic certification program. In 2001, he converted an Iowa feed manufacturing plant into a certified organic production facility. He has been especially active in research activities that promote holistic animal health through improved production practices emphasizing certified organic ingredients. Since 2001, he has conducted over 2500 crops, livestock, and processor inspections. He currently serves as Chair of the board of directors.



**Kim Pohle, Michigan, USA**

Kim has bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science from Purdue University. Her experience includes 26 years in laying hens overall; compliance manager at 3 separate organic layer companies; 20 years in auditing; and 13 years in research laboratories. She is currently employed by Herbruck Poultry Ranch as Audit Program Manager. Kim is an IOIA member and trained in crops, livestock and handling as well as HFAC and PAACO trained in animal welfare auditing.

## March 27, 2026 - Inputs - Ask OMRI anything– Peter Bungum and Kelsey McKee, Organic Materials Review Institute



**Peter Bungum, Oregon, USA** – OMRI Research and Education Manager

Since 2014, Peter has helped the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) fulfill its mission to provide expert input material review and industry education. He played an instrumental role in developing a team that has created over 50 technical reports (and counting) on input materials for the NOSB. He attributes his interest in organic farming to his mother, who always appreciated high quality organic produce, even before the creation of a national organic standard. Peter earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biology at the University of Oregon, in Eugene. Before coming to OMRI, he worked as a farm helper, biological scientist, teacher, and metal fabricator. Peter loves to explore the world by engaging in many forms of outdoor recreation, including climbing, skiing, and hiking. He also loves to learn and often picks up new skills and interests (even if he isn't very good at most of them). Peter is a key OMRI presenter for the collaborative OMRI/IOIA webinar inputs series.



**Kelsey McKee, Oregon, USA** – OMRI Review Program and Quality Director

Kelsey oversees OMRI's input review program and its ISO 17065 accreditation. Under her leadership, the review program has grown to a team of 45+ staff managing more than 10,000 OMRI Listed products and 2,500 suppliers. With a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and biophysics from Oregon State University and professional experience in certified organic food production and at an accredited environmental lab, OMRI is at the center of her personal Venn diagram, satisfying her quest for knowledge and passion for holistic food systems. Kelsey loves being part of a passionate team committed to continuous improvement and tries to find awe at every opportunity, whether it be in the simplicity of a creative solution, the bubbles in active sourdough, or taking notice of wild nature everywhere she looks.