

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFO

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PRESENT POSITION

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Academic qualifications: She is MSc. in Environmental Biology and MSc in Agronomy

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lizzie Melby Jespersen has been scientific officer in ICROFS (International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems) an expansion of the former DARCOF (the Danish Research Centre for Organic Food and Farming) since January 2004. Since then she has worked on “organic” EU research projects in FP5, FP6 and FP7 as scientific and/or administrative coordinator, WP manager and/or scientific expert in the EU research projects, “Harmonised and standardised procedures for evaluation of plant protection products, fertilizers and soil conditioners for use in organic agriculture”, www.organicinputs.org (FP5), “European Information System for Organic Markets”, www.eisfom.org (FP5), “Research to support the revision of the EU Regulation on organic agriculture”, www.organic-revision.org (FP6), the ERA-net, “Coordination of European transnational research in organic food and farming” www.coreorganic.org (FP6), and “Economic analysis of certification systems for organic food and farming”, www.certcost.org (FP7), which started September 1, 2008.

She started her career as environmental consultant in organic waste management and recycling in the private environmental consultancy branch as project leader and later director and part owner of a company. She has been actively involved in regulation of organic farming and policy since the beginning of the 1990ies, and she was the Danish representative in the IFOAM EU regional group from 1995 to 1999. From 1998 to 2003 she worked in the central administration of the Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences (DJF) (now the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Aarhus) working as the coordinator of the scientific advisory service towards the Ministry for Food Agriculture and Fisheries, the Danish Contact point towards the European Environmental Agency on agriculture and international project advisor with special focus on the EU Framework Programmes for research. Since 1988 she has lived on a small organic farm.