

## Organic Standard (Ukraine) and IMO (Switzerland) celebrating 5 years of fruitful and successful cooperation

2007



In the year 2007, the certification body “Organic Standard” was set up within the framework of the project “Organic certification and market development in Ukraine” funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and implemented by the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL). **From the very beginning of the project, the Institute for Marketecology (IMO Switzerland) has been the main strategic partner for Organic Standard.**

2008



Within the last five years, IMO has constantly contributed to the professional formation and sustainable development of Organic Standard through numerous theoretical and practical trainings, common workshops and seminars as well as documentation and knowledge exchange through maintaining personal and everyday contact. Such a close collaboration has enabled the leading small, medium, and large Ukrainian organic enterprises to have access to affordable organic certification according to different Standards (EU organic regulation, NOP, JAS, Bio Suisse).

2009



Due to the lack of a comprehensive Ukrainian national standard the EU organic Regulation 834/2007 is considered to be the most prevailing standard for organic certification in Ukraine. Applicants interested in organic certification can freely choose the certification body with which they want to obtain organic certification: Organic Standard is independently internationally accredited since the year 2009 for EU organic Regulation 834/07. IMO is one of the first and most renowned international agencies for inspection, certification and quality assurance of eco-friendly products, accredited for EU, NOP and JAS organic regulations. Today about 100 different clients within Ukraine are inspected by Organic Standard and certified either by IMO or by Organic Standard.

2010



Both companies are proud about such a mutual success story, and are planning a joint future. In order to strengthen the further collaboration, a **new long-term collaboration contract** was signed at the BioFach 2012. This partnership guarantees considerable added value for all clients and opens new opportunities for both companies not only in Ukraine, but also in other Eastern European and Central Asian Countries.

2011

