



The Association for Biodynamic Agriculture was founded in 1947 in Rome by the initiative of key figures in the Italian culture of the time. Among the most famous names were **Mario Garbari**, **Giacomo Feltrinelli**, and **Nello Aprile**. From the headquarters in Turin in the late 1970s, the headquarters moved to Milan thanks to the active contribution of **Giulia Maria Crespi**. Since 2022 the headquarters has been in Florence.

HOW IS THE BIODYNAMIC IMPULSE ALIVE IN THIS ORGANISATION?

Since 2014 a strong impulse organized by our association with the 32nd International Conference of the association in Florence has seen a strong leap in quality, in participation that has involved the entire organic movement and produced historic changes in the philosophy of the movement that has gone as far as changing and producing better laws for farmers.

STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 800 members
- 18 regional offices with 64 board's members
- 11 thematic sections with 34 board's members
- 2 national headquarters: Florence and Milan
- 7 national board's members. President: **Carlo Triarico**

SUPPORT FOR FARMS

INDIVIDUALIZED TRAINING PROCESS

Visits by tutors (farmers, technicians, experts) that organize together with the farm the basic road map to begin to build their own evolutionary agricultural organism towards the concretization of its agricultural individuality

VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR ACCESS TO THE LABEL DEMETER

From 2018 to 2023, an intensive and innovative pre-brand verification service with at least one annual visit to 351 farms with access to the label for 134 of them.

A service that has minimized the entry of problematic farms.

FARM COACHING for 2024 with a service free of charge in 10 Italian regions thanks to a project won by the Association and funded by the Ministry of Agriculture.

TRAINING

- From 2 to 4 national basic courses per year
- Regional courses organized by regional and thematic branches
- In-depth seminars for farmers
- In-depth and updated thematic webinars and local study groups
- Ad hoc courses for companies or groups of companies
- Master's courses in universities
- Two-year professional course in biodynamic agriculture

RESEARCH

- Research projects in partnership with universities (Florence, Naples, Salerno, Pisa, Basilicata), with public research organizations
- Two three-year research projects are currently in place:
- DIFFER Three-year research on the agroecological effects of biodynamics
- CIRCULAR MODELS Three-year research to validate systems multifunctional in agro-zoo-forestry environments.
- Since the turn of the century, many other scientific research projects have revealed the exceptional effectiveness of biodynamic agriculture
- Participation in the Federation for Organic Research FIRAB.
- Foundation of AGRIFOUND - Giulia Maria Crespi Fellowship
- Foundation of the Italian Biodynamic Sciences Society SISB

COMUNICATION

- 38 International Biodynamic Agriculture Conferences over the past 40 years. Since 2014, our conferences have been considered a guide and vanguard for the entire Italian organic farming movement. Attendances of 800 people and 3,000 streaming viewers with hundreds of high-profile speakers, researchers, entrepreneurs, farmers, public administrators, representatives of the world organic, scientific, environmental and associative witness the role of the Biodynamic Association in the Italian context.
- Carlo Triarico has been present at conferences at the two chambers of the parliament of the Republic, at scientific congresses in medicine, agriculture and the associative world, realizing in 20 years a wide, capillary and solid network of relationships that sustains us.
- Articles in newspapers and magazines, presence in television and radio broadcasts
- A monthly digital newsletter BIODINAMICA NEWS that reaches 20,000 people
- The historic bilingual TERRA BIODINAMICA - BIODYNAMIC LAND magazine resumed publication in October 2023 after 28 years .

WHAT ARE THE SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN ITS DEVELOPMENT?

1947 Birth of the Association

1980 Birth of the first magazine on biodynamic agriculture: Terra Biodinamica

1982 Recognition by the Presidency of the Italian Republic

1995 1st course in biodynamic agriculture financed by the European Social Fund

2002 1st university master's degree in organic and biodynamic agriculture University of Florence

2004 1st PhD in biodynamic agriculture University of Florence

2014 32nd International Conference on Biodynamic Agriculture: Alliances for a New Agricultural Model. A national success story

2017 Birth of the Research Committee for Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture

2018 Start of the Preliminary Iter for access to the Demeter label in close collaboration with Demeter Italy

2022 Approval of the new law on organic and biodynamic agriculture

2023 Accreditation by the State as a Social Promotion Association

WHAT IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE EXIST?

On agricultural method:

- Consolidate, deepen, improve biodynamic management on farms for real and rapid agroecological results
- Intensify actions to protect biodynamic quality and the landscape

On the level of relationships:

- Broaden and strengthen alliances with the genuine organic world, the world of ecologism, the free scientific world
- Protect biodynamic farms from maneuvering and interests of corporations and economic-financial aggregations
- Consolidate anthroposophical cognitive foundations among farmers and technicians: an evolutionary biodynamics for new generations

