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– ongoing and future research

- Workshop at  BioFach 2004
- Nuremberg, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004



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# Welcome to the Workshop

- About FQH
- Are organic food better ? – a literature review
- A food quality concept for organic nutrition
- New methods for food quality analyses
- Organic food and human health – KOALA study
- Outline of the FQH research programme
- Discussion

# About FQH

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- **Consumers, industry, trade and politicians ask for scientific data on the effect of organic food on human health**
- **FQH aims to establish a network of research institutions focussing on the topic of food quality and health**
- **FQH aims to develop a common conceptual framework for scientific research projects on the topic of food quality and health**
- **A committee monitors the scientific quality of collective research projects and publications**

# About FQH

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- **International Research Association on FQH**
  - implements joint research projects to enhance more efficiency and effectiveness (samples, staff, money)
  - focussing on standardisation and validation of new complementary methods for quality assessment
  - combines different methods to assess the influence of food on human health
  - keeps up active interaction with the organic food business and consumer groups
  - is running a website and newsletter ([www.organicfqhresearch.org](http://www.organicfqhresearch.org))
  - organising international workshops and scientific conferences on organic food quality and health

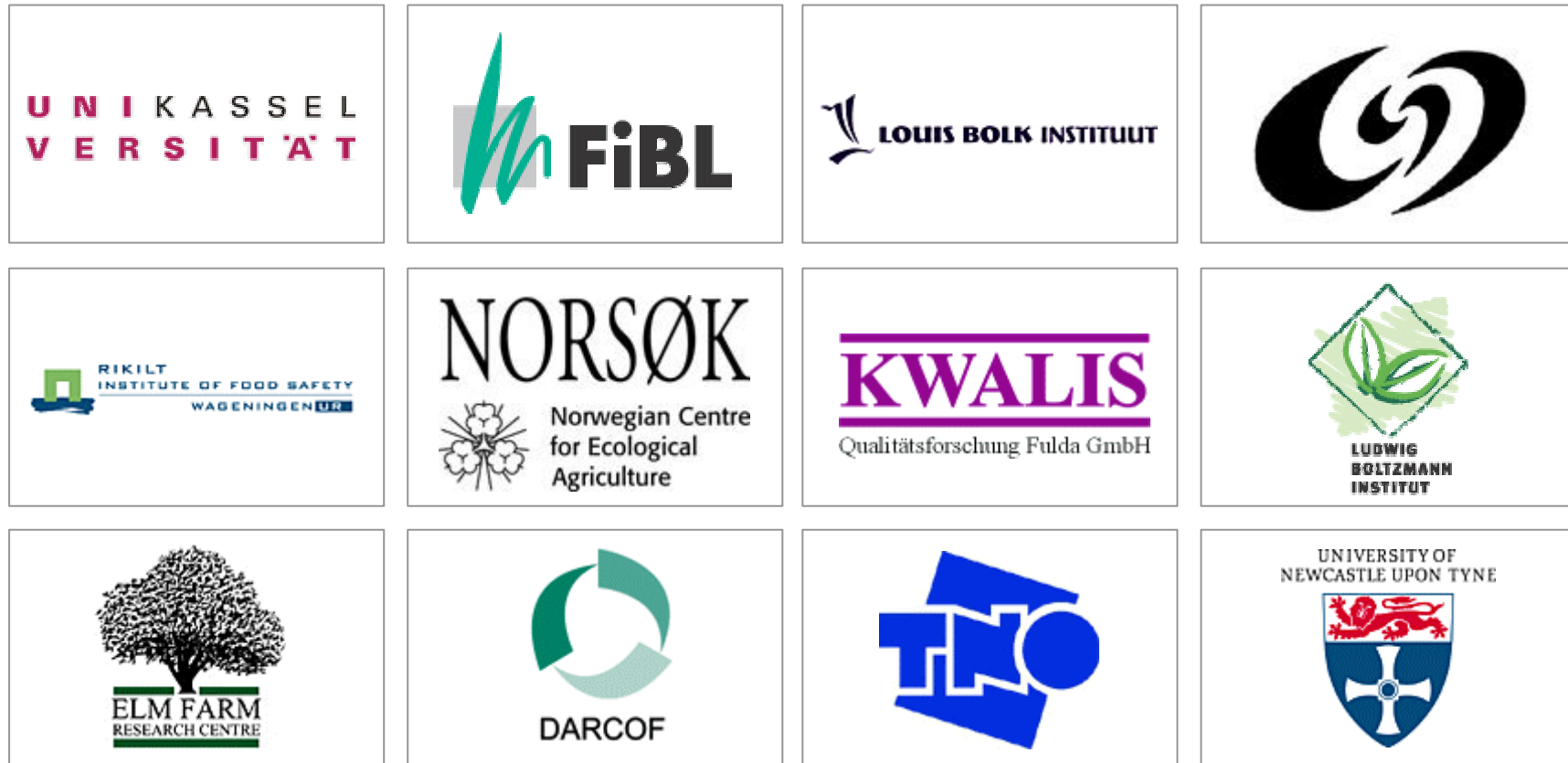
# Members

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- **Founding members:**
  - **Biodynamic Research Association (BRAD), Denmark**
  - **Louis Bolk Instituut (LBI), the Netherlands**
  - **Research Institut of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)**
  - **University of Kassel (UniK), Germany**
- **Supporting members:**
  - **Eosta, the Netherlands**
  - **Lebensbaum, Germany**
  - **Organic Farm Foods, GB**
  - **Soil Association, GB**
  - **Triodos Bank, the Netherlands**

# Members

- FQH – 12 Research Institutes in Europe



# Supporting Members

