CURRICULUM VITAE

Bernward Geier

21.6.1953	Born as third of seven children of Erwin Geier and his wife Erna-Maria Married. Four children
1974 – 1976	Peace service and social work (instead of military) for 18 months in the Ghetto of Washington D.C./USA.
1976 – 1977	Study of Spanish language and Latin American cultural history at the National University (UNAM) in Mexico City.
1977 – 1980	Practical learning on various conventional, organic and bio-dynamic farms in Germany.
1978 – 1981	Study of agriculture at the University of Kassel/Witzenhausen (Germany).
1981 – 1987	Scientific research (focus on non-chemical weed control) and teaching at the University of Kassel
1987 – 1993	Partner in an organic farm (120 ha, 60 dairy cows) in Tholey-Theley/Germany.
1986 - 2005	Director of IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture) the global umbrella organisation of organic farming (770 member organisation in 105 countries; web: **www.ifoam.org**).
Since 2002	Running together with wife Birgit a small certified organic farm (12ha) with focus on Icelandic horse breeding.
Since 2005	Director COLABORA –Agency (Communications, Projects & Events)

- Lecturing activities, moderation and seminar experience in about 90 countries

- Since 35 years active in the field of agricultural & environmental politics and policies

- Consultancy, advocacy and lobby experiences include UNO, FAO, UNEP, WTO, OECD and EU - Commission, as well as national governments and ministries.

  - Cooperation activities include Greenpeace, IUCN, WWF and PAN
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  - Advisor for and activist with Slow Food International.

  - Member of the Slow Food Film Academy and Festival Jury

  - Member of the International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ) and for 20 years editor of "Ecology & Farming" magazine.

  - Author of the book "Saving seeds from your own organic garden". Editor and co-author of many books on organic farming and related subjects. Some 100 popular and scientific publications are published.