

Reviewing process of conference contributions

In order to maintain a high and consistent scientific quality, all contributions to the *Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Cultivation Technique and Phytopathological Problems in Organic Fruit-Growing* were subjected to a peer-reviewing process.

Each contribution was sent to at least two reviewers with expertise in the relevant field of study and in organic fruit production, and their feedback was communicated to the authors by means of a questionnaire addressing the following aspects:

- is the contribution likely to have an impact on the development of better strategies for organic fruit production?
- were the methods suitable?
- are the conclusions correct and appropriate?
- was the paper clearly written in style and language?

Reviewers were also encouraged to make suggestions for changes and corrections in their reports, although it was left to the authors' judgement whether and to which extent these were incorporated into their manuscript.

As is common practice in the scientific reviewing process, the names of the referees were not revealed to the authors.

The editorial decision of acceptance of a paper for inclusion in the conference proceedings was based on the referees' reports.

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