



# 3RD INTERNATIONAL BIODYNAMIC RESEARCH CONFERENCE THE WHOLE AND ITS PARTS

Royal Agricultural University  
in Cirencester · United Kingdom  
31 August – 4 September 2025

Sunday  
31 AUGUST

Monday  
1 SEPTEMBER

Tuesday  
2 SEPTEMBER

Wednesday  
3 SEPTEMBER

Thursday  
4 SEPTEMBER

09:00

Arrival

Accommodation  
Check-in

16:00

Conference  
Registration

19:00

Welcome  
Reception

8:45

Tuning-in Exercise

9:00

Keynote

Binita Shah  
Julia Wright

Understanding the  
Holistic Nature of  
Biodynamics

10:30

Coffee Break

11:00

Talks

12:30

Lunch

14:30

Workshops

16:00

Coffee Break

16:30

Talks

18:00

Break  
Festive Dinner

6:30

Sensing the Landscape (30 mins)

8:45

Tuning-in Exercise

9:00

Keynote

David Martin  
Eduardo Rincon

Embracing the Different  
Dimensions of  
Biodynamics

16:30

Poster Presentations

17:45

Break  
Outing to Ruskin Mill

9:00

Keynote

Regina S. Dass  
Cyrille Rigolot

New Paths of  
Biodynamic Research

16:30

Talks

18:00

Break  
Cultural Evening

9:00

Closing Session

10:30

Departure

Start of  
Excursions

# Speakers

## Regina Sharmila Dass

Keynote Presentation

Associate Professor of Microbiology at Pondicherry University, India, and experienced trainer in biodynamic agriculture. Has worked with over 10,000 farmers and is currently researching soil microbiology in BD and non-BD systems across India.

## Patrick Holden

Guest Lecture

Founder and CEO of the Sustainable Food Trust and long-time organic dairy farmer in Wales. Former Soil Association Director, global advocate for sustainable food systems, and patron of the UK Biodynamic Agriculture Association.

## David Martin

Keynote Presentation

Professor at the University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany, and expert in pediatric medicine and integrative healthcare. Founder of the Medical-Agricultural Study Year (MeLaS), exploring connections between farming and human health.

## Cyrille Rigolot

Keynote Presentation

French transdisciplinary researcher in livestock systems, with international

experience in Australia, Africa, and Japan. Focuses on knowledge co-creation with farmers and biodynamics as a source of scientific and personal inspiration.

## Eduardo Rincón

Keynote Presentation

Biodynamic farmer, biologist, artist, and educator with roots in Mexico and now co-leader of the Agriculture Section at the Goetheanum. Merges plant biology, art, and anthroposophy through education, installations, and farm-based research.

## Binita Shah

Keynote Presentation

Organic and biodynamic farming pioneer in India, founder of SARG India. Influential in policy, training, and sustainable livelihoods, impacting over 100,000 farmers and promoting BD preparations and products.

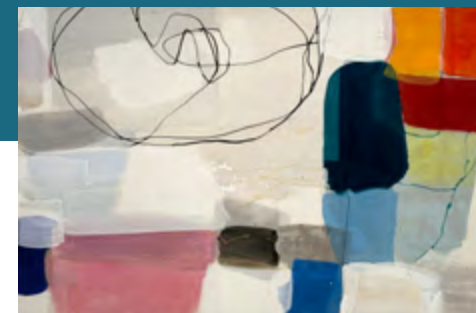
## Julia Wright

Keynote Presentation

Associate Professor at Coventry University, UK, with a background in agroecology and international development. Co-developer of Subtle Agroecologies, exploring supersensible and energetic dimensions in farming systems.

# Tickets

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Charles Blockey



## Conference Venue

Royal Agricultural University (RAU)  
Cirencester · United Kingdom  
[www.rau.ac.uk](http://www.rau.ac.uk)

## Formats

The list of Workshops, Talks, and Poster Presentations can be found here: [www.biodynamic-research.org/programme](http://www.biodynamic-research.org/programme)

## Tickets

	No lodging	Single room*	Shared room*
Regular	390 €	590 €	510 €
Reduced	190 €	390 €	310 €

## Registration

Please register at [www.biodynamic-research.org](http://www.biodynamic-research.org)  
Inquiries: [biodynamic.research@goetheanum.ch](mailto:biodynamic.research@goetheanum.ch)

## Excursions

Departure on 4 September at 10:30 from RAU Campus.

Tour of Ruskin Mill £ 70

Tour of Highgrove Farm & Organic Practice £ 125

Tour of Rothamsted Research £ 110

Tour of Tablehurst – Emerson – Plaw Hatch £ 70-210

Avebury Stone Circle – led by Chris Park £ 130

Trip to Penmaenmawr £ 200

## Host

School for Spiritual Science  
Section for Agriculture · Goetheanum  
Hügelweg 59 · 4143 Dornach · Switzerland

## Conference Partners

Biodynamic Association  
United Kingdom  
[biodynamic.org.uk](http://biodynamic.org.uk)

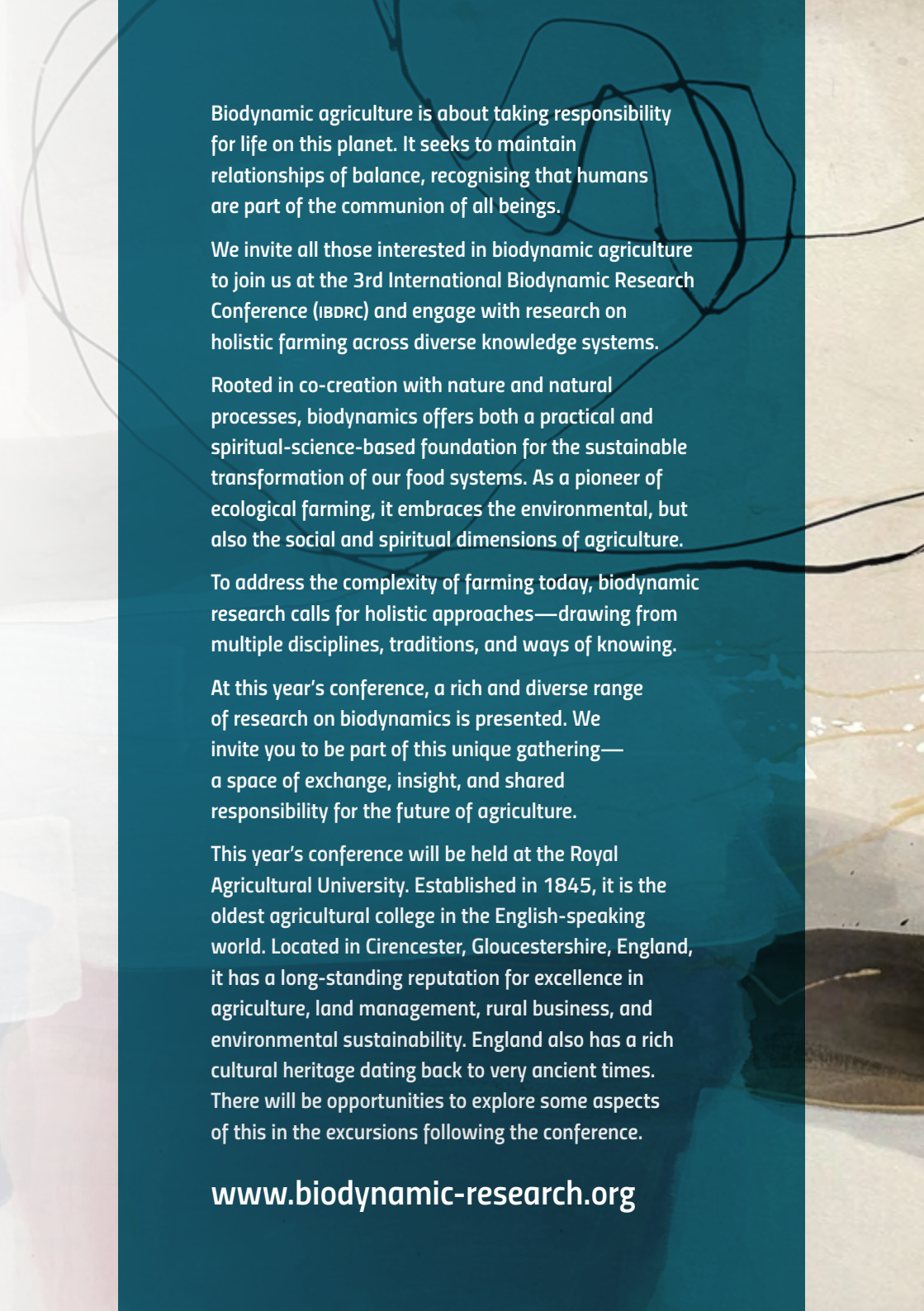
Biodynamic Federation  
Demeter International  
[demeter.net](http://demeter.net)

Forschungsring  
[forschungsring.de](http://forschungsring.de)

Royal Agricultural University  
[www.rau.ac.uk](http://www.rau.ac.uk)

Section for Agriculture  
at the Goetheanum  
[sektion-landwirtschaft.org](http://sektion-landwirtschaft.org)

\* 31 Aug to 4 Sept  
Guesthouse of the Royal  
Agricultural University  
(You can book additional  
nights: mention, you  
are attending the IBDR  
shortstay@rau.ac.uk)



Biodynamic agriculture is about taking responsibility for life on this planet. It seeks to maintain relationships of balance, recognising that humans are part of the communion of all beings.

We invite all those interested in biodynamic agriculture to join us at the 3rd International Biodynamic Research Conference (IBDRC) and engage with research on holistic farming across diverse knowledge systems.

Rooted in co-creation with nature and natural processes, biodynamics offers both a practical and spiritual-science-based foundation for the sustainable transformation of our food systems. As a pioneer of ecological farming, it embraces the environmental, but also the social and spiritual dimensions of agriculture.

To address the complexity of farming today, biodynamic research calls for holistic approaches—drawing from multiple disciplines, traditions, and ways of knowing.

At this year's conference, a rich and diverse range of research on biodynamics is presented. We invite you to be part of this unique gathering—a space of exchange, insight, and shared responsibility for the future of agriculture.

This year's conference will be held at the Royal Agricultural University. Established in 1845, it is the oldest agricultural college in the English-speaking world. Located in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, England, it has a long-standing reputation for excellence in agriculture, land management, rural business, and environmental sustainability. England also has a rich cultural heritage dating back to very ancient times. There will be opportunities to explore some aspects of this in the excursions following the conference.

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