20th Anniversary Celebration
Cultivating integrity and trust across the organic community

1992, The IFOAM Accreditation Programme implemented an interim IFOAM Accreditation Programme Board (IAPB) appointed.

1993, the first Certification body application filed.

1997, twelve certification bodies accredited and the IFOAM World Board of Directors and the IAPB establish a separate legal entity the International Organic Accreditation Service (IOAS).

1998, Establishment of an accreditation committee.

1999, 4 of the 5 IOAS Staff members in 2002 continue to work with the IOAS today. Over half of the current members of the Board or the accreditation committee have served for over 10 years, while some Board members have served from its inception in 1997. Over the course of the first 20 years only 7 people have filled the three seats on the Executive Board.

2003, the IOAS offers the ISO/IEC Guide 65 accreditation programme.

2005, the IOAS works with 36 certification bodies.

2009, The CFIA approves the IOAS as a Conformity Verification Body (CVB) and the IOAS offers COR, GOTS programmes and EU Equivalence reports.

2010, the IOAS offers TE programme.

2012, the IOAS offers COSMOS programme.

2015, IOAS offers NATRUE programme.

2017, IOAS works with 51 certification bodies issuing 136 accreditations and recommendations.

The IOAS thank you for your support over the last twenty years. Over the next twenty years we will continue to provide internationally recognised assessment and accreditation to certification bodies. Our goal remains to increase the use of organic and ecologically sound methods of production which respect the environment and the rights and welfare of all participants all over the world.