

## Advisory Qualification Committee Members

The aim of the AQC is to validate individual applications for Demeter recognised advisors within the International Advisory Quality system. For this task, the AQC evaluates the peer reviewer's assessment using the completed Entry Verification checklist, and the abstract of the portfolio to decide on approval of the peer review process.

The AQC decides on applications preferably by consensus but if not possible, through a simple majority of Committee Member votes. Members have experience with peer reviews but abstain from doing peer reviews (except to renew their own) during their membership on the AQC.

The committee is composed of independent experts with experience in advisory work, certification and assessment in biodynamic agriculture. Members agree to a 3-year term and can be re-nominated. The members act to the best of their knowledge and beliefs, i.e. they are appointed as individual, independent persons responsible for their own actions and not as delegates or representatives of their country. Conference call meetings take place once per quarter, called upon by the coordinator of BFDI when applications are received.

The AQC consists of 5 members in Alphabetical order.

### **Andrea D'Angelo**

I am a trained agronomist and began my biodynamic studies during my training in Brazil. Since 1998 I've been working as preparation-maker as well as cultivating the preparations and medicinal plants. I am researcher on the preparation plants with my current focus on Valerian. I work internationally as biodynamic and Demeter advisor. In Brazil I also promote biodynamics in social projects for the development of small-scale farmers. I am trainer for Biodynamics in different contexts.



### **Erhard Gapp**

I trained as an agricultural engineer in Germany, have 10 years practical experience in biodynamic farming, and am involved in plant cultivation trials at the University of Hohenheim. Since 1996 I have worked in advisory for organic and Demeter farming, giving conversion and preparation courses, lectures and biodynamic events for farmers. Cooperation with Demeter certification. I also provide Demeter advice in the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and Slovakia. For 15 years I have been a part-time inspector for organic and Demeter agriculture. I am currently on the board of Demeter Beratung e.V. Germany, the advisory association for biodynamic farmers.



### **Ian Henderson**

I am a biodynamic farmer in New Zealand, with 302 hectares carrying sheep, beef and arable (cereals with on-farm processing and direct marketing) that has been Demeter certified since 1983. Through this activity, I was drawn into the administration of certification, first as manager of Demeter NZ, and later with Demeter International as a Board member, standards committee coordinator, and certifier with Cornelia Hauenschield in the ICO. Recently I have taken over training of Demeter inspectors. I am an agricultural engineer, but also have teaching qualifications and am a fluent German speaker.



### **Jakes Jayakaran**

I am from India and was trained in Biodynamics by Peter Proctor from New Zealand in the mid 1990's. I have a Demeter certified project growing fruit trees like mangoes, and export fruit juices to Europe. I was formerly the President of the Biodynamic Association of India and am currently actively involved in BD training programs in India and abroad. I have a biodynamic herb garden in India , and have been making all the BD Preparations for 25 years. I have more than 15 years experience in spreading the knowledge of biodynamics in China, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Taiwan.



### **Regina Haller**

I was born in Switzerland and since 1990 live in Argentina. I completed a training in veterinary medicine, as well as postgraduate studies, an M.Sc. in Agroecology and in Homeopathic Medicine. I work practically as a vet for small and farm animals.

I began biodynamic studies in Argentina more than 30 years ago, and have been an active member of the AABDA since its foundation. I also participate actively in the biodynamic international community (Latin America Council, Supervisory Board of the Federation and the Circle of Representatives of the Agriculture Section). I am a teacher on the Foundation Course in Biodynamic Agriculture, AABDA, Argentina. I have conducted a study group for many years, been working as biodynamic advisor since 2001 and participate in the international Advisory meetings.

