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## Contact Organics Announces Global Advisory Board

Contact Organics is pleased to announce its global advisory board composed of world-renowned regenerative farming experts, leading scientific advisors, experienced business leaders and environmental educators.

The advisory board has been established to provide strategic and technical advice to the Contact Organics Board. It will guide Contact Organics' R&D as well as its international business development with a particular focus on the US and regenerative farming markets.

Contact Organics Managing Director, Dr Frank Glatz said "We are delighted to announce the Contact Organics Advisory Board. We have assembled an outstanding team of world-renowned regenerative farming experts, leading scientific advisors, experienced business leaders and environmental educators to share their experiences and guide the company over the next phase of our growth. We are very grateful to them for their contribution and support of Contact Organics and welcome them to their advisor roles."

The following Advisory Board members have been appointed:

### Regenerative Farming Advisory Board

**Gabe Brown** is a leading regenerative farming pioneer of the current soil health movement which focuses on the regeneration of our resources. Gabe has been named one of the twenty-five most influential agricultural leaders in the United States. He recently authored the book, "Dirt to Soil, One Family's Journey into Regenerative Agriculture." Gabe presented at Tedx Talks <https://youtu.be/QfTZ0rnwcc> and WWF International [https://youtu.be/N\\_NtNyyOyRM](https://youtu.be/N_NtNyyOyRM). He is a partner in Understanding Ag LLC and an instructor for Soil Health Academy, which focuses on teaching others the power and importance of healthy functioning ecosystems.

**Ray Archuleta** is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist with the Soil Science Society of America and has over 30 years experience as a Soil Conservationist, Water Quality Specialist, Conservation Agronomist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Ray founded Understanding Ag, LLC, and Soil Health Academy, to teach Biomimicry strategies and Agroecology principles for improving soil function on a national scale.

**Dave Schwartz** is the Executive Vice-President of Sales at Verdesian Life Science. He is also the co-owner of Independent Inputs a Distribution Partner of Pioneer Seed Distributing Soybean Seed Treatments and seed treating equipment to 1250 Pioneer Seed Dealers in the US since 2006. He advises Contact Organics on business development, sales and distribution channels in the US agricultural input markets.

## Scientific Advisory Board

**Don M. Huber** Ph.D. is the Emeritus Professor of Plant Pathology Purdue University. Dr Huber's agricultural research has focused on the epidemiology and control of soilborne plant pathogens with emphasis on microbial ecology, cultural and biological controls, nutrient-disease interactions, pesticide-disease interactions, physiology of host-parasite relationships and techniques for rapid microbial identification. Dr. Huber is a past Chairman of the USDA-APS National Plant Disease Recovery System; a member of the US Threat Pathogens Committee; former member of the Advisory Board for the Office of Technology Assessment, U.S. Congress; and Global Epidemiology and Quadripartite Medical Working Groups of the Office of the US Surgeon General (OTSG). He is author or co-author of over 300 journal articles, Experiment Station Bulletins, book chapters and review articles; six books, and 84 special invited publications; and an active scientific reviewer; speaker; consultant to academia, industry, and government; and international research co-operator.

**Robert Kremer** Ph.D. is an adjunct professor of soil science in both the Division of Plant Science and the School of Natural Resources. He retired in July 2014 from USDA-ARS after serving as a research microbiologist for 32 years with the Cropping Systems and Water Quality research unit in Columbia, MO. Specific research interests include assessment of microorganisms and insects for biological weed control and integration of these organisms with cultural practices such as cover cropping and allelopathy; dynamics of weed seeds in soils and interactions with soil microorganisms; weed seedling ecology and pesticide fates in soil; and impacts of transgenic crops on soil ecology and biological processes. He teaches Environmental Soil Microbiology and co-teaches Advanced Weed Science and Advanced Sustainable Agriculture.

**Reid Smeda** Ph.D. is the Professor Plant Science & Technology, University of Missouri. Dr. Smeda's research focuses on: Development of alternative weed management systems for corn, soybean and vegetables. Identification of resistance mechanisms in herbicide-resistant weeds. Biology and control of invasive weeds in roadside and other non-crop areas. He teaches Principles of Weed Science and co-instructs a graduate course on Weed Science Research Principles and Techniques. He also serves as the Director for Undergraduate Programs in the Division of Plant Sciences. As the education coordinator for the National Railroad Contractors Association, Dr. Smeda arranges annual training for a pesticide certification exams. Dr. Smeda joined MIPN's board in October of 2017.

## Environmental, Communication, Education Advisory Board

**Kelly Ryerson** is an environmental health writer, speaker, and public health advocate who works at the intersection of pesticides, nutrition and health. Currently writing on her website Glyphosate Girl, Ms Ryerson previously worked in investment banking, private equity, and NASA technology commercialization. She has a BA from Dartmouth College, an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, and completed training in integrative health coaching at Duke Integrative Medicine.

**Kathleen Hallal** has been guiding community efforts to eliminate toxic pesticide exposures in public spaces for over a decade. She spearheaded the adoption of Irvine, CA's Organic City Policy with the support of scientists and medical professionals. She served as Head of Climate and the Environment on the Mayor's Advisory Council, and she was a recipient of the CA State EPA Department of Pesticide Regulation IPM award for Irvine's successful program. Ms. Hallal is an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional (AOLCP) by the Northeast Organic Farming Association, and her focus is on methods that support soil health. She is an original co-founder of Non Toxic Communities. Kathleen earned her M.A. from the University of Southern California.

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## About Contact Organics

*Contact Organics develops and manufactures proprietary, high performance, non-toxic weed management products that are beneficial to soil microbiology and fertility. The company holds a strong patent portfolio, and its growth is fuelled by the global trend towards environmentally sustainable weed management and agriculture. Contact Organics markets its Weed Terminator products to its target markets of home and garden, landscaping, municipality and commercial, regenerative farming, vineyards, specialty horticulture, crop desiccation, glyphosate resistant invasive weed control. Established in Australia in 2015, the company Headquarters are in Melbourne. Contact Organics USA business is located in Maurice, Iowa. Contact Organics products are manufactured in Bangkok, Thailand, and Atlanta, USA, and distributed through a network of leading distributors throughout Australia, New Zealand and USA.*

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