

## MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN 2016



# URGENCI

THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR  
COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

### > CSA is A TOOL FOR RESISTING!

Many consumers fully understand the importance of eating locally grown food and implementing alternative economic projects based on fair trade. Yet the tide of multinational corporate globalisation has yet to turn. One of the main roots of the current food crisis, as well as of social unrest in general, is that farmers have been shouldering the risks of the increasingly ruthless global market alone. This has forced millions of them to leave the land.

CSA is a way of contributing to greater solidarity between urban and rural communities. Those initiatives are equally empowering for both the community and the farmers, and they offer one of the most hopeful alternatives to the current downward spiral. This is also the **only model of farming in which consumers deliberately agree to share the risks and benefits of agriculture with farmers.**

*"We believe that the more we can learn from and support one another, the faster we will move toward local food sovereignty, sustainable agriculture and peaceful communities."*

Elizabeth Henderson, Pioneer CSA farmer, Urgenci's President of Honor.

> **URGENCI**, the CSA international network, has for main objective to build a **space for sharing, discussing and analysing the Community Supported Agriculture practices and strategies.** Its leading activities consist in **connecting initiatives, formalizing the CSA hand-on experiences and developing an appropriate advocacy work.**

Indeed, **THERE ARE THINGS ONLY AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK CAN DO!**

The international CSA network is the **most appropriate space** to:

- Promote the CSA concept as widely as possible;
- Facilitate exchange between existing partnerships and share best practices;
- Increase the mobilisation of local networks, share tools and strengthen their viability;
- Coordinate actions at international level and facilitate global coherence of the project;
- Develop dialogue with public institutions.

**The more we are, the stronger we get!** The international CSA network clearly needs to be backed up by local initiatives to be consistent in its action and coherent in its advocacy role. Participating in its official business gives us all a strengthened voice and a clearer status for defending CSA as a powerful alternative, united in diversity!



Credit: Shi Yan- Share the Harvest farm.

**Now is the GOOD time to join us!**

**> Get involved!**

Is there a specific issue that particularly interests you? Please, [contact@urgenci.net](mailto:contact@urgenci.net) !

**> Pay your membership fee :)**

Increasing membership is a crucial challenge for an organisation like URGENCI: apart from the financial dimension of this support, large membership is a precondition for designing efficient advocacy actions. Becoming a member offers a range of rights: participation in dissemination missions, financial support for/free access to URGENCI's events.

- Type 1 members, **partnerships**, contribute 10€/year;
- Type 2 members, **local/regional/national networks** contribute 100€/year;
- Type 3 members, **supporting organizations**, give a 100€-support/year;
- Type 4 members, **individuals**, support with 10€/year.