

## Letter from São Paulo

### Gastronomy and Sustainability

At a time when economic and political forces are unable to provide continuity to the demands made by society for actions that provide guidance for agricultural and industrial development and consumption and services in favor of:

- Decreasing gases that cause global climatic changes;
- Decreasing and treating residues;
- Maintaining and managing hydro resources;
- Recovering and sustainable management of forest resources;
- Preserving and valuing diversity, including the gastronomic culture of local communities;
- Protecting and using the bio-diversity in all of its biomass sources;
- Training and financing family production and including it in the appropriate chains.

Inspired and motivated by local and international initiatives, aimed at guaranteeing human civilization on a planet that can accommodate and sustain growth, the following citizens who have professional, educational, cultural, social and hedonistic interests in gastronomy, have met to develop and disclose to everyone worldwide, the commitment of their intentions towards individual and collective responsibilities based on the following **Principles**.

1. Know the food that we buy, process and eat.
2. Conserve the means and conditions that give rise to the food.
3. Preserve, enhance and promote the natural qualities of food, and its healthy use.
4. Use all of the food that we acquire.
5. Remunerate fairly the producers of food, including the environmental services provided to society.
6. Apply knowledge and innovative technology to enhance the diversity and quality of ingredients, and their uses.
7. Honor and respect daily the act of eating and preparing food.

The definitions and amendments to the above **Principles**, and the development of **Criteria** that provide guidelines for complying with each principle will be suggested and discussed by the below signed, and progressively included within this document, in the forums in which this dialogue will continue, open to new participants.

October 28<sup>th</sup> , São Paulo, 2010.

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