



CONCLUSIONS OF THE 54th CROATIAN AND 14th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AGRICULTURE

17-22 February 2019, Vodice, Croatia

The 54th Croatian and 14th International Symposium on Agriculture was held in Vodice, Croatia, in the period 17-22 February 2019. It was jointly organised by the Faculty of Agriculture (University of Zagreb), Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences Osijek (Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek), and Balkan Environmental Association (B.EN.A.).

The symposium hosted about 350 registered attendees from the following eleven countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Kosovo, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and, Slovenia, who gave 264 oral and poster presentations, of which 6 plenary lectures. All papers and abstracts accepted by the Scientific Committee were published in Proceedings and Book of Abstracts.

The opening ceremony was held on Monday, 18 February 2019. Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture in Zagreb, Prof. Dr. Zoran Grgić welcomed distinguished guests, as well as domestic and foreign participants. In the opening speech he emphasized that Symposium is among events marking the centennial anniversary (1919 – 2019) of the Faculty of Agriculture in Zagreb.

In addressing on behalf of the B.EN.A. International Executive Board, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Siniša Ozimec (Liaison Office B.EN.A. Croatia) congratulated to organisers of the Symposium, and presented recent activities within B.EN.A. community. He pointed out that continuous support to the Symposium given by B.EN.A. is lasting fourteen years, for which we are expressing our deep gratitude to the late Prof. Dr. Fokion Vosniakos, the founder and former President of B.EN.A.

Further speeches were given by Prof. Dr. Dragan Kovačević, Vice-president of the Croatian Chamber of Economy, and Mrs. Darija Puljić, Deputy Prefect of the Šibenik-Knin County.

The final speaker was Mr. Tugomir Majdak, State Secretary and an envoy of the Croatian Minister of Agriculture, who declared symposium opened.

The keynote speakers presented six plenary lectures. An overview on the Croatia's agriculture and sustainable bioeconomics was presented by Prof. Dr. Zoran Grgić. Sustainable bioeconomics means production from renewable biological resources and conversion of products and waste materials into food, bioproducts and bioenergy. Research, innovation and education will play an important role in the complex transition process of the society towards bioeconomy.

The scientific programme was arranged in thematic sections, listed below:

- Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology (17 oral and 4 poster presentations);
- Agricultural Engineering (12 oral and 4 poster presentations);
- Agroecology, Ecological Agriculture and Environment Protection (14 oral and 22 poster presentations);
- Animal Husbandry (16 oral and 20 poster presentations);
- Field Crop Production, Genetics, Plant Breeding and Seed Production (16 oral and 20 poster presentations);
- Fisheries, Hunting and Beekeeping (32 oral and 11 poster presentations);

- Pomology (12 oral and 12 poster presentations);
- Vegetable Growing, Ornamental, Aromatic and Medicinal Plants (14 oral and 16 poster presentations);
- Viticulture and Enology (9 oral and 7 poster presentations).

Two round tables were organized:

- Hunting management from the perspective of agronomical science and profession;
- Mathematical modelling in plant production.

It can be concluded that this successfully held Symposium brought together representatives of government and local authorities, national and international academic community, scientific and professional associations, agricultural producers and other stakeholders concerned with agriculture in general, as well as specific topics in the environment protection and sustainable development.

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